



Deborah Ann Horn

August 25, 1959 - January 9, 2025

Debbie Horn

Age 65, of Essex, IL, passed away peacefully at home on January 9, 2025 surrounded by her siblings after a long courageous battle with cancer. Born in Joliet, IL to Arthur and Marlene (Armstrong) Horn. Debbie graduated from Reddick High School. Following high school, she attended Illinois State University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Education. She was a teacher in Virginia, IL and a teacher's aid in Custer Park. Debbie retired from USPS in 2018 after 24 years of service. Member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Bonfield. She loved collecting stamps, flower gardens, watching hummingbirds, decorating for holidays, and interested in family genealogy. She loved spending time on the farm with her family and spoiling all her nieces and nephews. She was a kind hearted generous loving soul who always put everyone she loved before herself. Debbie took loving care of her mother after her retirement while she was able.

Surviving are her mother, Marlene Horn; two sisters, Lawanda (Bruce) Maierhofer and Michele (Mike) Tupper; three brothers, Bill (Nancy Minton) Horn, Gregory Horn, and Jeffrey Horn; and nieces and nephews, Mary (Nate) Anderson, Mike (Natalie) Horn, Jake Wigent, and Megan Horn; and great niece and great nephew, Lily and Brady Anderson. Preceded in death by her father, Arthur Horn; grandparents, Paul and Mildred Armstrong and Henry and Elizabeth Horn; and aunts and uncles. Visitation for Debbie will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Friday, January 17, 2025 from 10:00

a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with funeral service at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in Bonfield, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Uplifted Care of Kankakee, or the Betty Birch Bridgewater Center.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JAN 17. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MT

“ I was just wondering about Debbie and her journey she took after high school. And I have come to figure out, she didn't change a bit. Always with a smile on her face and thinking of others. My sympathy to the Horn family and her friends. She was special. Mary Jane Oelschlager Taylor.

Mary Taylor - February 25, 2025 at 10:52 AM

JK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss my bestie. You were such an amazing person I have ever met. You are so loving, caring, hardworking and very compassionate. You always put other people's need first. Debbie, you always stand up for right and fair. I really enjoyed working with you at aurora post office for almost 20 years. We shared so many happy moments, vent about hurtful things and got so many chances to visit each other's home. We both know our whole family well. Debbie my dear friend, I never forget about the day, you sent me the beautiful flowers at my window on my birthday after I started my job at the window. I asked you why you're spending too much money for the flowers and the most beautiful card. You said when you love someone, you have to give the best gift to that person. You always took time to write and sent mail for each holidays. Debbie, you're the best gift I got by working at the post office. I love you and miss you dearly. You don't have to suffer anymore, enjoy the peace in heaven with your dad. Me and my family will always cherish those good memories forever, my friend. Goodbye until we meet again ❤️❤️🙏❤️❤️

Jancy Koickal - January 17, 2025 at 11:27 AM

JK

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Jancy Koickal - January 17, 2025 at 10:55 AM

JM

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Jancy Moickal - January 17, 2025 at 10:51 AM

KH

“ 4 files added to the album Aurora Post Office



Karen Henry - January 16, 2025 at 06:48 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album *Tribute Wall*



Karen Henry (friend) - January 16, 2025 at 06:28 PM

LI

“ So sorry for your Loss 💔
Heartfelt Sympathy to All of The Horn Family 🙏
From: Doug & Linda Mandat



Linda - January 15, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JS

“ Debbie was such a good and kind friend. She had a beautiful smile and the best laugh! My family and I enjoyed her holiday cards filled with funny jokes! My heart goes out to her dear family. Rest in peace, dear friend!

Jackie Hertz Staab - January 14, 2025 at 09:32 PM

AB

“ I had the pleasure of working with Debbie at the Aurora Post Office and really can't remember her ever being less than pleasant. Days might dim her smile but she continued to smile and give her best to her customers and coworkers.

I always enjoyed the cards with her jokes and puns and will pull them out each year and smile. Rest in Heaven, you have earned your wings!



Anna Braun - January 14, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Horn.



January 12, 2025 at 09:02 PM

CB

“ Carla B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Deborah Ann Horn.



Carla B. - January 12, 2025 at 06:58 PM

TR

“ I’m so sorry to see you go Cousin Debbie, my birthday twin. I know you’re hanging out in heaven with all the rest of the family and your father. Even in our last conversation a couple of weeks ago while she was in the hospital, she was more concerned about how I was doing. Crazy, but that’s the kind of heart she had.

Tami Reece - January 10, 2025 at 07:03 PM

JB

“ Judy Bumpous lit a candle in memory of Deborah Horn



Judy Bumpous - January 10, 2025 at 06:40 PM

MS

“ Deb was hilarious! She always made us laugh! We met at ISU and we lived on the same floor in Barton (as in Dunn Barton which is now the Rex center) Cindy was her roommate, Billie and I (Maureen) roommates Ellen and Diane. We all had so much fun together. We would go dancing at Josie’s (also not there anymore) and just hang out and make each other laugh. Deb was usually so happy. We went through a lot and kind of grew up together as future adults and the first time on our own. Wish I could be there! Prayers are being sent beautiful angel!

Maureen Severinsen - January 10, 2025 at 06:00 PM

CE

“Debbie was my high school friend and also a good college roommate and apartment friend. We kept in touch all of these years and I will miss her jokes she sent a couple times each year. God bless her and may she rest in peace.

Cindy Etz - January 10, 2025 at 05:28 PM

MC

“Debbie was a wonderful person. She was so caring and kind. I am blessed for the friendship we had and the wonderful memories. You will be missed very much. Sending hugs and prayers to the family.

Mary A Clark - January 10, 2025 at 12:04 PM

JH

“My sister was such a wonderful person. She had a heart as big as ever always looking out to help everybody. She always liked to go that extra mile to make anything or anyone to be just right. Wish I would of got here a little earlier but she knows how much I loved her. I will miss you my sweet sister. Love you forever. Jeff

Jeffrey Allen Horn - January 10, 2025 at 10:03 AM

TR

Although we never got to meet in person. Because of Her brother Jeff being the brother I never had. My wife and I to get to know Debbie a little bit. And all of the Horns have become extended family. Debbie always made sure to call or text on birthdays. She would for no reason send us cards with beautiful phrases and her famous jokes. The cards will be missed. She was a blessing to many people and surely missed.

Todd and Michelle Rees - January 11, 2025 at 10:53 AM

GH

When I think of Debbie I think Live Laugh Love 💕 Rest In Peace my friend. Grace Hert

Grace Hert - January 16, 2025 at 06:20 PM