



Debbie Lynn Rhodes-Hodge

July 19, 1957 - March 8, 2024

Debbie Lynn Rhodes-Hodge, 66, of Cape Girardeau passed away unexpectedly Friday, March 8, 2024, at her residence.

She was born July 19, 1957, in Bonne Terre to Pete and Almaretta Rhodes. She is truly and deeply missed by most and for the ones who don't... WHO? Who asked?

Debbie enjoyed her life, her family and her friends. Topping the list of things she didn't enjoy: her daughter's dogs. Unfortunately, she had a few granddogs pass over the years and even in death she can't escape them. (Sorry, Mom!)

She would have wanted everyone to know she had a great day and night before her escape. She made time for herself that day by getting her hair and her nails done and then, after seeing her family that day, she cracked open a cold one, turned on her shows and started on her home hobby. For those of you who knew her well, you will know what that was, and she bought some new items for her hobby that day.

There were only a handful of things she truly loved. She loved her family immensely, or in her words: "With every fiber of my being." She loved her friends the same, as well as God, Miller Lite, Donald Trump and Florida! Rest assured, she's with God, enjoying a Florida beach with her mom and her

Grandma Hanson, drinking a Miller Lite, still voting Trump and laying next to her granddogs. She was truly one of the most beautiful and compassionate people. She was loving, kind, funny and one hell of a woman.

Debbie wasn't exactly ready to go. The curlers she just bought were sitting in the bathroom ready to go, her coffee was waiting to be brewed, and her clothes were set out for her day to start. Plus, she didn't "Snap me" on snapchat. She would have never let her 1,163-day streak end. She was loved, and she loved us all so much. She honored everyone, without judgment (okay, maybe a little).

Let us honor this amazing, selfless woman on this day. Let us not mourn, but celebrate who she was in every way.

Survivors include her father, Pete Rhodes; daughter, Hali Lynn (Rich) Hutter; brother, Eddie (Valorie) Rhodes; stepmother, Carol Rhodes; two stepsons, Ricky (Lisa) Hodge and Kevin Hodge; three best friends, Lori Clippard, Jean Montgomery and Deb Rhodes (the other Deb Rhodes); three grandchildren, Kalayah Lynn, Kastiel and Anjali; several cousins, nieces and nephews; and don't forget the dogs.

Debbie was preceded in death by her mother, Almaretta Hanson Rhodes.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 15, at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 15, at the funeral home, with the Rev. Donny Ford officiating

The scattering of her cremated remains will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, keep your hard earned money and please cast your vote for Donald J. Trump, 2024.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1313
info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com
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Funeral Ceremony

MAR 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TM

“Pop A Top Again” 🎵 song by Jim Ed Brown...BEST version done by 🎤 Debbie Rhodes!! How we loved you singing that song, what a time we had Karaoke EVERY Friday night for years!! Best times, my favorite memories...and those tribute to the stars show-Hali being Shania(THE BEST) We never got a chance to do The Judds(you being Wynonna of course)...what extreme heartbreak to lose you so soon..❤️ Hugs to Pete, Hali & Rhodes Family❤️. Rest easy Deb & keep singing the songs!!



Tina (Snider) Metje-Mason - March 15, 2024 at 03:17 PM

LK

“Dear Hali, I remember your big hearted Mom soo well! She came with you to our home, happy to help, happy to chat! She truly was complete while in the company of her family! We laughed over the old joke about “Good news is, you’ve got family in town....Bad news is, you’ve got family in town”! It’s the first obit I’ve read that made me actually feel joy for a life well lived rather than sorrow for the loss. Of course there will be plenty of days ahead where you’ll be covered up in sorrow and missing her helping hands, but may comfort arrive, with the blessed assurance of her well deserved entry into His kingdom....where there just might be a few extra dog beds! ❤️🙏. Lori Ann

Lori Ann Kinder - March 15, 2024 at 09:21 AM

JP

“ God blessed you and your family. My prayer are with you all. I love Debbie and so glad to have met her Mom and Dad and Hali, Deb was as my other daughter. I am Jean's Mom. Rest in Peace, my sweetie.

Jane Perling - March 14, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ Deb was PERFECT. She made a beautiful family and supported them with love, joy and crabby humor. I will miss seeing her every day. She could mend hearts and mended mine several times - she could listen and come back with something so wise and filled with raw humor you couldn't help but crack a smile and just get over it!. She is absolutely irreplaceable and forever loved!!! - Lauren, Frank & Beans

Lauren Cole - March 13, 2024 at 09:58 PM

PG

Gene and Patti Garrison loved Debbie very much? She was always welcoming with a big smile and a hug! You had an awesome mother for you and grandmother for your children! Always here for you Hali! Love, Hugs and many Prayers for you and your.

Patti Garrison - March 14, 2024 at 11:50 AM

BD

I will always miss you my friend .

Bob Duckworth - May 27, 2024 at 10:09 AM

PF

“ Ploeger Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Debbie Lynn Rhodes-Hodge.



Ploeger Family - March 13, 2024 at 03:55 PM

PF

“ Ploeger Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debbie Lynn Rhodes-Hodge.

Ploeger Family - March 13, 2024 at 03:55 PM

KK

“ Where to start? Every.single.time. She shared and listened and laughed and cried and more....every.single.time. What a void this world has without her in it. We will rejoice together one day but in the meantime I'll miss every next time. RIP sweet friend.

kathy & Greg Kraemer - March 12, 2024 at 08:26 PM

HE

“ Unfortunately we only had a short time together in Germany. We had known her as an authentic and lovely woman. Because of social media we could take a little part in her life. We are very thankful about that. The pain you feel because of that tragedy loss we would like to share with you. Our thoughts are with you. All love to you Heike and Andreas

Heike - March 12, 2024 at 12:01 PM

JK

“ Jean and Karen purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Debbie Lynn Rhodes-Hodge.



Jean and Karen - March 12, 2024 at 11:51 AM

DW

“ I did not know Debbie in school even though we graduated in the same year. I got to know her at our 40th class reunion. She really impressed me with the way she carried herself. Laughing, caring, and just flat out enjoying life. RIP Debbie you will be truly missed.

*I'm glad we became friends,
Love and prayers to the family*

Dave Wilson

Dave Wilson - March 12, 2024 at 07:43 AM

JW

*I am so very sad to learn of Deb's passing. There are so many moments in my life that Deb shines through. So many high school moments, too many to count. They bring moments of great joy that make tears streak down my face. (They say, "I didn't know looking back on the laughter would make me cry", so true.) She brought great joy, way back then! I was with her when you were born. A great moment in her life. She was so scared and so full of love and (I think) the greatest joy she ever knew. Every time we saw each other, we relived that time. So much love... She truly was a wonderful woman. Full of life. Full of joy. And yes, loved her family, God, and friends with every fiber of her being. My heart and prayers are with you as you journey on without her, keeping her memory alive.
Jana Barnes Wolfe*

JANA BARNES WOLFE - March 12, 2024 at 09:30 AM

PE

Debbie was my neighbor about 4 years ago she was so nice she would knock on my door when she made extra food and offer me some. She always had a smile on her face. We would sit on the porch and talk for hours while she watered her plants. She really was a sweet person I will always remember her as one of the best neighbors I EVER!!! Had .

Perry - March 12, 2024 at 10:03 AM

NA

It was so great to see her last year during our USA trip ! She was such a lovely and heartfelt woman! First met at our Jamaica vacation. She will always be in our hearts. Love, hugs, energy, power to her family. We mourn with you and our minds are with you. Love Nadine and Nicole

Nadine - March 12, 2024 at 11:40 AM

KB

*Saddened by the loss of Mrs Deb. I looked forward to her coming to Florida every year. Sweet, smart and a sincere woman! I will miss her dearly. I will be holding all family and friends in prayer. Till we see each other again. Love you Mrs Deb!
Karen*

Karen Berth - March 12, 2024 at 11:59 AM

LH

Rick or "Ricky" as she called him and I were so shocked and saddened to hear of her passing. Our family keeps getting smaller but so thankful that the brothers and sister bond grows stronger. Debbie was a special unique person who had the ability to make you feel like you had known her forever after meeting her for the first time! She welcomed me into the family years ago and always made me feel so comfortable and loved! She will be missed by so many! Love and prayers for the family as they learn life without a bright ray of sunshine that she was!

Lisa Hodge - March 12, 2024 at 08:43 PM

LF

Debbie...what can I say that others haven't already? You were truly one of a kind and I say that in the best way possible. Your heart, smile and zest for life will truly be missed. I wish I could've talked to you more back in October at the mini class reunion but know that I will always remember you! Linda Farrar

Linda Farrar - March 13, 2024 at 11:30 AM

WS

I am sadden to learn, just now, of Ms Debie's passing. She was the most friendly and joyful person I met during my times in Cape Girardeau. I never saw her without a smile on her face. Prayers to you Pete and your family. LCDR Willie J. Stigler.

Willie J. Stigler - March 17, 2024 at 09:21 PM