



Debra Sue Wolsey

April 7, 1954 - August 21, 2025

Debra Sue Wolsey, 71, of Chaffee, Missouri died Thursday, August 21, 2025 at Missouri Baptist Hospital in Saint Louis, Missouri.

She was born April 7, 1954 in East Saint Louis, Illinois to Tunnie Lindy and Thelma Susan Modglin Hitchcock.

She and Jerry D. Wolsey were married August 2, 1975 at Pocahontas, Missouri. He preceded her in death on September 17, 2015.

She was a 1973 graduate of Collinsville High School.

She worked in sales at JC Penney for 15 years. She loved working at JC Penney and developed many friendships with coworkers that lasted a lifetime.

She loved the City of Chaffee and all that came with "The City With A Smile." Go Red Devils!

Survivors include two sons, Jimmy Wolsey (Amy) of St. Charles, Missouri and Jerry (Amy) Wolsey II of Benton, Missouri; a brother, Terry Hitchcock of Jackson, Missouri; and three grandchildren, Avery, Harper and Julian Wolsey. She is also survived by Brother and Sister in law Terry (Becky) Wolsey of Cape Girardeau and several nieces/nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Visitation will be 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will follow at 12:00 pm Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Patrick Nwokoye officiating.

Entombment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Mid-America Transplant.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

CN

“ My dad was a deputy sheriff serving with Jerry when I was a child. We used to barbecue and spend time with Jerry and Debbie. I would speak to her over the years at JC Penny. She came to my moms funeral when she passed away from cancer. Such a wonderful person. My condolences to the family Jerry and Jimmy.

Cindy Niswonger - August 25, 2025 at 11:03 AM

NK

“ Natalie, Jordan and Jayson Kinder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra Sue Wolsey.

Natalie, Jordan and Jayson Kinder - August 22, 2025 at 04:30 PM

NK

“ Natalie, Jordan and Jayson Kinder purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Debra Sue Wolsey.



Natalie, Jordan and Jayson Kinder - August 22, 2025 at 04:30 PM

CH

“ Chief purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Debra Sue Wolsey.



Chief - August 22, 2025 at 03:11 PM

CH

“ Chief planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra Sue Wolsey.

Chief - August 22, 2025 at 03:11 PM

JB

“ Dear Jerry & Jimmy and all family members.

I first met Debbie in 1975 (I think) It has been many years ago. We were both married to Policemen and had a little boy.

During our years together, we each had another baby boy. They were both close in age and apparently some of our husbands Police Buddies thought we had a competition going! LOL

We had a lot of fun taking care of business as young Moms. Taking the best care of "Our Boys" going to the laundromat, shopping trips to Wal-Mart and visiting (no we did not gossip) and we cooked some together. One of our shopping trips found us in Cape. She was driving and we were on the interstate headed home. Of course we were "chatting" and the next thing I knew, she said a couple "angry words" and then she started giggling. She said "Well I missed the exit, so we're going to Sikeston before we go home"! We had to laugh a little more. I will always remember Deb for her laugh, that beautiful smile and that little temper she had. I've seen her "Get fired up" at Jerry (for silly husband stuff) and he'd laugh and tease her, calling her "Red" and she'd giggle and they'd laugh and hug! (The first time I heard him call her "Red", I remember thinking "Uhoh Jerry, you're making things worse") But it was their thing!

As people often do, we drifted apart and only saw each other in passing, but we always had things to catch up on. She was so Proud of each of her Boys and when they were married, she was proud of their wives. When Avery was born I didn't think she could smile so big! She showed me pictures of Jimmy's 2 little ones a few months ago. I could feel how much she loved them too! I am so grateful that we got to speak one last time. You see, we did love each other. Thank you boys for making that happen.

Oh what a Lady your Mom was! The world will be a little "less happy" with her gone, and that is to be expected. BUT, we all know Deb would want you to remember her with love and joy and that makes it ok to laugh again.

Love Janeene (Payne) Cunningham Bates

Janeene Bates - August 21, 2025 at 08:30 PM

DM

“ Dennis and Cathy Wolsey, Michigan purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Debra Sue Wolsey.



Dennis and Cathy Wolsey, Michigan - August 21, 2025 at 08:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Debra Sue Wolsey.

August 21, 2025 at 07:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Debra Sue Wolsey.



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