



Deborah Lee Rush Joerger

October 18, 1957 - June 11, 2017

Deborah L. Joerger, of Mountain View, unexpectedly passed away Sunday, June 11, 2017 while at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield, MO. Born on October 18, 1957 to Roland and Sonia (Richards) Rush, she was 59 years old.

Having grown up in Brunswick, Maine, Debbie attended the local schools and graduated from Brunswick High School. She later went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from the University of Southern Maine. It was in Brunswick where she met her future husband, James. They fell in love and later purchased land near Sims Valley, where they decided to build a life. They were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Willow Springs, MO by Father Sherman Wall in 1991. To this union, two children were born. Debbie had worked at numerous places, but most recently for Linda Carter of Keller Williams Real Estate in West Plains as an office manager.

Debbie had many enjoyments in life. She loved to travel, and especially loved vacations with her family. She had a great love for animals, but couldn't bear to see them hurt or wounded. James taught her how to shoot, and she became an expert shot. She even had her own tree stand for deer hunting that no one else was allowed to use. Her other hobbies included tatting and crocheting, but her real passion was baking. She was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where she was the coordinator for the CCD

class, and was the bookkeeper for many years. She always had a big heart and loved to help her community and others in need. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

Debbie is preceded in death by her father.

She is survived by her husband, James; her daughter, Jennifer Joerger of Brunswick, ME; her son, Xavier Joerger and his wife, Whitney of Fenton, MO; and her mother, Sonia Rush, also of Brunswick, ME.

The Rosary will be recited Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the Willow Funeral Home. Visitation/family night will commence immediately following at 6:00 pm to 8pm. The Funeral Mass will be held Friday, June 16, 2017 at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in Willow Springs, with Father Sherman Wall officiating. Burial will be held at a later date at St. John Cemetery in Brunswick, ME. Memorial donations may be made in Deborah's name to: Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri at 424 E. Monastery Street, Springfield, MO 65807 www.ccsomo.org/ways-to-give/ Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home and Stetson Funeral Home in Brunswick, ME. On-line condolences may be made at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. John Cemetery

Pine Street
Brunswick, ME 04011

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 15. 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Willow Funeral Home, LLC
106 E 3rd St
Willow Springs, MO 65793
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Visitation

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Tribute Wall

NS

“ *My sincere condolences to Debbie's family. My heart goes out to you all. The Rushes were our neighbors. Natalie Yates Smith*

Natalie Smith - June 16, 2017 at 10:53 AM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Deborah Lee Rush Joerger.*



June 15, 2017 at 03:40 PM

TR

“ *My sincere sympathies to you all; James, Jen and Xavier. Deb was a wonderful gal and a friend to many people. We will all miss her smiling face and generous heart.*

Teresa Romans - June 15, 2017 at 12:53 PM

AC

“ *Accelerated Care Center purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of Deborah Lee Rush Joerger.*



Accelerated Care Center - June 15, 2017 at 12:08 PM

BD

“ I always enjoyed Debbie when we worked together. Always appreciated her. Sorry for your loss. :(

Bruce Dyck - June 14, 2017 at 11:38 PM

RP

“ Rusty Pyatt lit a candle in memory of Deborah Lee Rush Joerger



Rusty Pyatt - June 14, 2017 at 01:57 PM

SS

“ James and family, Praying for peace and healing during this time. Deb was a wonderful lady. I enjoyed getting to know her when you were up in Minnesota for visits. She was always joyful and enjoyed helping others.

Sandi Stalmer - June 14, 2017 at 10:11 AM

MM

“ Mary Sue Meal lit a candle in memory of Deborah Lee Rush Joerger



Mary Sue Meal - June 14, 2017 at 09:24 AM

MM

“ *Debbie was a sweet lady, I met her an James an the kids when they came into MFA, Debbie loved her farm, an all that went with it. I know she will be missed by Jim an the family. Once again I am so sorry for your Loss. Mary Sue Meal*

Mary Sue Meal - June 14, 2017 at 09:23 AM

BL

“ *Bob&Donna Lietke lit a candle in memory of Deborah Lee Rush Joerger*



Bob&Donna Lietke - June 14, 2017 at 08:06 AM

BO

Jim,our thoughts and prayers are with you

Bob - June 14, 2017 at 08:07 AM

CK

“ *Cindy Knuckles lit a candle in memory of Deborah Lee Rush Joerger*



Cindy Knuckles - June 13, 2017 at 01:39 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Deborah Lee Rush Joerger.*



June 13, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ *I was the organist for Deborah and Jim's wedding and met Deborah a week or so before the wedding. I will keep that happy occasion as my memory of Deborah.*

Belinda Eldringhoff - June 12, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ *Belinda Eldringhoff lit a candle in memory of Deborah Lee Rush Joerger*



Belinda Eldringhoff - June 12, 2017 at 08:24 PM



“ *Debbie was a gem among women and I always admired her. I will miss seeing her smile*

Ginny Warrick Vanoskeuls - June 12, 2017 at 04:49 PM