



## Wyoma "Debbie" Harmon

April 24, 1941 - December 2, 2019

Wyoma "Debbie" (Svestka) (Gorman) Harmon, 78, of Rockford died on December 2, 2019. Born on April 24, 1941 in Pikesville, KY; daughter of Elish and Rhoda (Mullins) Newsome. Attended Silver Hill Pentecostal Church. Debbie was formerly employed at Arnold's Engineering in Marengo, Highland Hospital, and Chrysler; she was also a devoted home maker. She enjoyed cooking, baking and entertaining her friends and family. Her cakes were wonderful and her nieces and nephews looked forward to her visits, where she lavished them with cookie trays. Debbie was a talented quilter and enjoyed knitting scarves and booties. Survived by son, Jim L. Sveska; grandson, Jovani "Joe" Dorta; great-grandchildren, Miguel and Omar Dorta; siblings, Tennessee Elswick, Gobel (Peggy) Newsome, Arizona (Arnold) Kiser; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins; caregiver, Jan Grams; special nephew Nicholas Kowalski; family friend, Kimberly Boykin; special friend, Kathy Sullivan and her family, and CNA's Zetta and Dede. Preceded in death by her parents; brother-in-law, Willie "Buddy" Elswick; siblings, Andy E. McCray, James "Herschel" McCray, Sadie M. McDaniel, Delbert Newsome, Elbert Newsome, and Kenneth Newsome. Debbie's family is grateful to the caring staff at OSF Hospital and Physician's Group and her Physician's Assistant Dave Finnegan for their compassionate care. Visitation Monday, December 9, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; followed by a funeral service at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services; 4301 N. Main St. Rockford. Pastor Dale Anderson will officiate. Debbie will be interred in Arlington Memorial Park Cemetery with her former spouse, Richard Svestka, where he will be honored with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Debbie's family. For complete obit visit [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).



# Events

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**DEC** **Graveside Service** 03:00PM - 03:30PM

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Arlington Memorial Park

6202 Charles Street, Rockford, IL, US

# Comments

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“ I have fond memories of My Aunt Debbie . One of them being my junior prom . She was home visiting and she insisted she be the one to curl my hair and style it and do the make up and that she did . Another her very good cooking making fried rice like none other for most every get together when she was home visiting . I must share one more when she came to KY to live for a short while after James and I were married and she told me what to purchase and to come to her house one day spend the whole day while James was working and she would teach me to make those delicious egg rolls she made . Well I was willing to purchase the necessary, get up with the chickens and take my pregnant body to her house at Shelbiana . I was eager to learn because things were good . Well we worked hardily all day preparing them . Did well had several for the freezer for later . Well I sure wish I could remember how to make them now . Aunt Debbie I guess God had you to make those ! Along with fried rice and what seemed to be like a hundred different kinds of cookies when I was a little girl . I missed seeing you last time you were here but, hope to meet you again some day . Sleep on sweetie I Love you Love you Jimmy wish I could be with you . In my thoughts and prayers

**Rita Bartley** - December 09, 2019 at 01:52 AM

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“ Debbie was a wonderful lady, and I loved spending time with her. She was always ready to sit and chat when I needed to talk, and she loved to tell me stories about her life. I hadn't seen her in many years, but always have fond memories of her. And yes, she was a wonderful cook, and I enjoyed many good meals. Jim, my heart goes out to you and your family, because I know you are feeling great loss right now. She will always be with you, watching out for you. With love, Brenda O.

**Brenda O'Steen** - December 08, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ We were neighbors many years ago. Debbie did a lot of watching of our young children, Gloria and Karl, while I ran errands to the store or went bowling. We had many neighborly visits together, and also took a trip with Debbie to her mother's homestead in KY. I liked Debbie's smile and many stories she had of growing up in KY.

**Donna Swanson** - December 11, 2019 at 01:07 AM



“ And I liked her fabulous curled to perfection hair!

**Donna Swanson** - December 11, 2019 at 01:08 AM



“ Hi Donna, didn't your husband work at Logli's and was a volunteer fireman?

**Jim Svestka** - January 05 at 10:35 AM

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“ You were the baby and I being the oldest had to watch and hold you. we have laughed many times telling the stories of how I would pinch you to make you cry so Mom would have to take you. There aren't words to describe the love and bond we shared. A piece of my heart goes with you and I know you are in the hands of a just God. I have a hope of seeing you again someday. Rest in peace my precious sister. I love you and will miss our talks. Your sister Tennessee

**Teresa Belcher** - December 07, 2019 at 10:57 PM

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“ Aunt Debbie I always loved when you came to visit, as a child I thought you were a movie star. We were just watching some old home movies that Uncle Richard would always record. Back then it was like being in movies, as we watched I told my children how beautiful and elegant you always were. they said I got my dance moves from you. I have so many memories of picnics and rides. The sound of your voice, your laugh and your amazing cooking. I will miss your phone call on my birthday and the love I always felt. My heart breaks for Jimmy, I know how much you loved him. I pray he find peace and comfort in knowing you are no longer in pain and in the arms of Angels. I will always love you.

Teresa

**Teresa Belcher** - December 07, 2019 at 10:26 PM

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“ Debbie was a great person. I remember coming over and she told me that she made me ribs just like she said she would. I don't remember mentioning ribs. They were delicious. She was a great cook, knitter,crafter, babysitter, and mother. May she rest in peace. She will be missed. Love Michele and Jim Svestka

**Michele Svestka** - December 07, 2019 at 02:48 PM

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“ Aunt Debbie said she was going to make me a Carrot Cake, I told her that I had never ate a carrot cake and to me it sounded yukky, So I ate it and loved it ever since, I had some Great Memories Living with My Aunt Debbie when she lived in Belvedere, I Love her and Miss her.  
Love Michael

**Willie M Elswick** - December 07, 2019 at 12:40 PM

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“ Jettie Mayhew lit a candle in memory of Wyoma "Debbie" Harmon



**Jettie Mayhew** - December 07, 2019 at 10:26 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Wyoma. I met her when I was working at OSF. She and Jim would always stop by my office to say hello anytime she had an appointment. She made the best zucchini bread too! I pray for God's peace to embrace all of her family that she left behind. A special prayer to her son Jim. RIP Wyoma

**Serina Starnes** - December 07, 2019 at 09:43 AM