



## Deborah Sarver

March 10, 1953 - July 21, 2023

Deborah Sue Sarver, 70, of Pecatonica died on July 21, 2023. Born March 10, 1953 in Rockford; daughter of Richard and Dixie (Mitchell) Sarver. Graduate of Pecatonica High School, Class of 1971. Deborah started her career at the early age of 12, where she worked with her grandfather and uncle at the Pecatonica newspaper. She graduated early from high school and began working for the court system at the age of 17. Deborah accepted greater levels of responsibility over the course of her career in the juvenile and adult court systems. She transitioned to a position at the federal building and retired from the United States Attorney's Office after a 50 year career. She enjoyed gardening and mowing her lawn. Deborah managed the Burritt Township Museum and made many friends there. She was very proud of her roots, and enjoyed sharing her knowledge with the community. She was a devoted grandma, who treasured spending time with her grandchildren. Deborah always had a cup of coffee nearby. Survived by children; Chad (Heather Belknap) Norberg, Erin (Terry Peterson) Finch; grandchildren; Alex, Mason, Preston, Haley, Logan; parents, Richard and Dixie Sarver; partner, Michael Wagner; sister, Becky Griffith extended family, Chris (Rebecca) Lawson, Dana Wagner, Ryan Wagner; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins; a circle of special friends and beloved pets, Schoco, Cheyenne, Marvin. Preceded in death by her grandparents, Rayme and Irene Sarver and Kenneth and Elizabeth (Bibb) Mitchell. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her memory to the National Autism Association: <https://donorbox.org/donaations-that-do-more> Celebration of life on August 12, 2023 1 pm to 5 pm at Verdi Club at 782 Madison St. Rockford. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family. Share a memory or condolence at [www.GraceFH.com](http://www.GraceFH.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **12**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Verdi Club  
782 Madison St.  
Rockford, IL 61107

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ I am Patty Culp Wilson knew Debbie and her sister they would come to Mechanicsburg Ohio to visit all the Culp's and we would have a picnic at Aunt Helen.

So sorry to hear that she passed away and her Dad. I will keep your family in our prayers.

Patty Culp Wilson my dad is Lewis culp - August 14, 2023 at 06:48 PM

DL

“ I first met Debby 29 1/2 years ago when I first transferred to the Rockford office. She worked for US Probation at the time. Debby and I hit it off on that first day. She was so friendly, kind, and welcoming from the start. Over the years our friendship grew, sometimes being each other's sounding board and confidants. When the new federal building was being built, we made many a trip over to keep track of the progress and making sure it was done right of her office, US Attorney's, my office and the building in general. I thought of her as Debbie #1. She claimed it was because she was older and I always said no, you were here, in Rockford, first. I will miss so much about her. She loved her friends and family so much and love talking about them and showing me pictures. And yes Michael, she told me where and when she was meeting you in case she didn't come back and that was before she met you, lol. But I know she was so glad she did meet you. I am so sadden by her loss but will be forever grateful to have met her and call her my friend. My heart goes out to all of you. Prayers.

Debbie #2 LoMonaco - August 13, 2023 at 10:39 AM

DA

“ We are sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. I remember many years ago when I went on a fishing trip with her then husband Bob and some other friends she made us all watch a video on boating safety. She cared about everyone. Darline was always amazed when Debbie would come pick her up and have a cup of coffee for her in a regular mug and not a single drop spilled out of it. Ken & Darline

Darline - August 12, 2023 at 12:54 PM

TS

“ Debby was a great gal, she brought love and humor to my brother Michael. She made us smile with her awesome sense of humor. I will truly miss her ❤️

Trish Schroeder - August 11, 2023 at 02:44 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Deborah Sarver.*



August 11, 2023 at 02:43 PM

KV

“ *First of all my sympathy goes out to Deb's family. She was a great gal, classmate, and friend to me. Deb and I became e-mail buddies/friends around the time she started having the class reunions at her house out in the country. I couldn't come to them so I e-mailed her that I would send her some money for expenses. Then I said to her, "how are you doing?" The flood gates opened up. She let me know. She talked about her family, her, plus her dating escapades. (some were hilarious) So Deb would tell me these stories of dating. Now my husband, Sam thought he should be giving her dating advice. The advice was terrible. But it was so bad; it was good. Anyway, Deb loved it. She couldn't get enough bad advice from Sam. We had some really good laughs. Deb, I am glad you finally found love again because that is all you ever wanted. Love is a wonderful thing. I know Sam prayed every night to have one more day with me because he loved me so much. I am sure by the smile on your face in the many pictures with your partner you surely found love again.*

*Sincerely,  
Kathy Volkert*

**Kathy Volkert** - August 06, 2023 at 02:23 PM

SB

“ *I lived with Paul and Mildred Countryman during the school year because I did better in that school. I lived in Durand, Illinois 61024 as a child and was raised in that small town. Sharon and Gary Boomer attended the Durand School District for their education. Suzanne Boomer graduated from Winnebago High School May 1972 because she needed a different type of education to graduate from school to earn a living. I am sorry to hear about the death of Deborah Sarver. Sorry to hear about her sisters loss. Becky or Rebecca Sarver. Sincerely, Suzanne Lee Boomer*

**Suzanne Lee Boomer** - August 05, 2023 at 11:01 AM

SB

“ I went to Burritt Center Grade School with Deborah Sarver in the early 1960's when it was a two room classroom school. The class room had first second and third grade classes in one room the other room was fourth fifth and sixth grade classes. This country school was on Telegraph road near Eddy Road in Pecatonica School District. The address is Winnebago, Illinois 61088. I am sending my condolences to the family of Deborah Sarver. I am sorry to hear about the death of her and for your loss.

Sincerely yours,  
Suzanne Lee Boomer (Sue)

Suzanne Lee Boomer - August 05, 2023 at 10:51 AM

MW

“ This is Michael, many of you know the day we met. It's a favorite story of Debby's, as she pulled into the Forest Preserve seeing me pack away an axe and a shovel into my hatch in the Jeep. Her thoughts rushing through her mind, well she went with trust and that's where it started.

It was 7 years later that we moved in together at her home here in Pecatonica. I had been traveling for my work and finally retired I could be together with her permanently.

One of our first tasks was to make space in the bedroom, remove a dresser, center the bed and decorate the room. In removing the mattress and box spring besides finding painting, shoes and just stuff. There located closely on her favorite side of the bed was a 357 magnum, a hatchet and a fileting knife. My mind immediately went back to the first day we met and it was based on trust, she trusted me and it was my turn to trust that I wouldn't be shot, chopped up and fileted.

Michael Wagner - August 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM

JM

“ I Did not know Deborah but I do know Mike. And he told me his Debbie was the love of his life. Mike was a traveling hard worker going from one nuclear plant to another and he love it. Debbie fulfilled Mike to the point she was all he needed. That tells me she was one special lady to get Mike to settle down and be gentleman farmer. I truly wish I could have met this wonder woman. May she rest comfortably and peacefully in the arms of our Lord. So sorry for your loss Mike.



Jimmie Meurs - August 04, 2023 at 09:35 PM

NW

“ My family loved Debby so much. I considered her my sister in law,my kids aunt. The first time I meet her I told my brother Mike don't screw this up we realky like her. She fit right in. She was funny and a loving person to my father. I will miss her so much.

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**Nancy Wissing** - August 04, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Sarver.



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August 04, 2023 at 03:36 PM