



Debra Marie Bauer

September 19, 1952 - May 4, 2021

Debra Marie Bauer, 68, of Rockford went home to be with Jesus on May 4, 2021. Born September 19, 1952 in Rockford, daughter of Robert and Vesta (Rockwell) Schafman. Graduate of Auburn High School class of 1970. United in marriage to William Bauer on August 15, 2009. Deb had a long career in operations and administration. After many years with Rockford Memorial Hospital and Byron Bank, she retired as an executive administrator from Milestone, Inc. Deb was a seamstress and knitter and loved crafts and interior design. Her favorite place was in her home, in front of her vintage Singer Sewing machine with the breeze from her open window with the view of the Rock River. She was a member of United Lutheran Church and enjoyed her knitting community at Knit One Purl Two.

Survived by husband Bill; children, Brandie (Steven) Johnson, Matthew (Stephanie) Leshner, Dawn (Chuck) Johnson, Kimberly Bauer; 9 grandchildren; step-mother, Sue Schafman; siblings, Merle (Laura) Schafman, Rob (Vicky) Schafman, Tammi (Joe) Draheim, Cris Snyder, Lori (Todd) Johnson; grandchildren, Jarrett, Ashton, Joseph and Colton. Preceded in death by her parents; sister, Lisa Wescott and brother, Bruce Schafman.

Memorial visitation Monday, May 10, 2021 at 9 am at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, 4301 N. Main St. Rockford, followed by a celebration of life at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Julane Nease will officiate In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Lung Association in Deb's name. Private family interment in Lloyd Cemetery in Richland Center, WI. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. A live webcast of the funeral service can be viewed here: <http://www.gracefh.com/obituaries/permalink/9958298/LTWebcast> Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Rock River Crematory

4301 N. Main Street
Rockford, IL 61103

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services
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Funeral Service

MAY 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Debra Marie Bauer



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - May 10, 2021 at 08:55 AM



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Debra Marie Bauer



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - May 04, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ In high school I met Deb what an outstanding caring person. GD

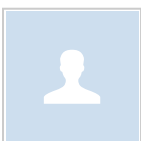
Geoff G Downey - May 15, 2024 at 10:50 PM



“ Art & Holly French purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Debra Marie Bauer.



Art & Holly French - May 08, 2021 at 08:49 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Debra Marie Bauer.



May 07, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Debra Marie Bauer.*



May 07, 2021 at 02:10 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Debra Marie Bauer.*



May 07, 2021 at 10:12 AM

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“ *Kay Rieff purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Debra Marie Bauer.*



Kay Rieff - May 06, 2021 at 11:43 PM



“ *Deb was my big sister...I looked up to her and I admired all that she did....she was an amazing mom and grandma...I will forever miss her. She is now with her sister Lisa. .and for that I know she is going to be ok...God rest your soul sweet girl..I love you..*

Tammi Draheim - May 06, 2021 at 10:55 PM

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“ *Growing up, Deb was more like a sister than a cousin! I loved hanging out with her. As we grew older and moved apart; we lost contact with each other. We found each other again when my mom, her Aunt Audrey, passed away in 2011; it was so great to reconnect. I'm thankful she knew the Lord and is now resting in His arms! She will be missed so much!*

Valerie Wendt - May 06, 2021 at 04:11 PM

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“ Love, Your Gannett Family purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Debra Marie Bauer.



Love, Your Gannett Family - May 05, 2021 at 01:56 PM