



Deborah Kay Herbert

September 11, 2019

Deborah Kay Herbert, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at the age of 67, after a long battle with cancer.

Born on July 19, 1952 at Lancaster General Hospital to the late George W. and C. Bernice McFarland, she was a 1970 graduate of Hempfield High School. After graduation, she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, attending Basic Training at Parris Island, SC and then Basic School at Quantico, VA earning the rank of Private First Class prior to her Honorable Discharge in 1971.

On April 19, 1984, she married Mark C. Herbert of Lancaster after being together for seven years and he survives. Deb last worked at Weis Markets as a Bookkeeper. She was an avid Civil War enthusiast as well as Salunga, PA historian and the family historian. She adored her miniature schnauzer "Strudel" who was with her for thirteen years.

Mrs. Herbert is also survived by her three children: Mark A. (Susan) Herbert of Port Allegany, PA, Shannon L. (John) Tshudy of Lancaster, PA, Shawn C. (Heather) McFarland of Findlay, OH, her two brothers; Dennis (Judith) McFarland and Douglas (Sherry) McFarland, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A "Celebration of Life" visitation and service will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be held at Conestoga Memorial Park. Those who attend are encouraged to dress casually in a joyous fashion and are welcome to share memories of Deb.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Deb's memory to The American Cancer Society, 314 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Cemetery Details

Conestoga Memorial Park

95 2nd Lock Rd
Lancaster, PA 17603

Previous Events

Service

SEP **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Deborah Kay Herbert*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 17, 2019 at 03:18 PM

MH

Love u 4 ever.

Mark C. Herbert - September 18, 2019 at 07:03 AM



Beautiful.

McFarland SC - September 18, 2019 at 07:12 AM

ES

What a wonderful lady, will remember her as such a caring, loving & giving woman she was.

Erin Singles - September 18, 2019 at 02:17 PM

VA

“ *I have many fond memories growing up next door to Deb. We had many fun times in Salunga and on camping trips. Sincere condolences to all of the family. Val*

val - September 21, 2019 at 10:36 AM

PG

“ Jerry and I are sending our deepest sympathy to Mark and the family. Deb was truly a dear person that we will always remember. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Rest In Peace Deb.
Love, Jerry and Pat

Patricia Gerlitzki - September 16, 2019 at 01:11 PM



Thank you, Jerry and Pat!

-Shawn

McFarland SC - September 17, 2019 at 12:20 AM

BA

“ Thoughts and prayers to you, Mark, with sincere sympathy at this difficult time.
Barb Groff

barb - September 15, 2019 at 09:00 PM

WJ

“ With love from Doug, Sherry, and Joshua purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of Deborah Kay Herbert.



With love from Doug, Sherry, and Joshua - September 15, 2019 at 03:36 PM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss Mark, Sue and family. Praying for you all.
Love Sandy Hammond

Sandy Hammond - September 15, 2019 at 02:14 PM



Thank you

Susan Herbert - September 19, 2019 at 02:15 PM

JB

“ *RIP Sister, Semper fi, See you in Heaven
I am sorry for your Families Loss*



Jon Bruce - September 15, 2019 at 07:38 AM

EM

“ *I will always remember my cousin Deb as a strong and intelligent independent thinker. She cared deeply about her family and her hometown. I learned something new from her every time we talked. She will be missed by many.*

Emily - September 13, 2019 at 08:19 PM



Thank you, Emily!

-Shawn

McFarland SC - September 13, 2019 at 08:41 PM

JM

I'll always remember "Debbie" as the adolescent growing up to become the aunt first in the family roles. She enjoyed her first nephew, Jeffrey, and dressing him up in girl's clothing (it had no psychological effect on him), he was a good sport about it, he had no choice, ha, ha. I think Debbie wanted a niece, lol. She had two brothers but no sister. I was only a sister in law, it is not the same. Three years later, along came a Niece, Stephanie! Within the following years she graduated High School, and went into the Marines and started her own family. She later became "Aunt Debbie" to another niece, Jennifer. Her daughter Shannon is close to Niece Jennifer's age. They make best cousins for life now! Deb enjoyed playing board games, cards., and spending time with the family. We had many laughs throughout the many years. I will remember those laughter times! "Deb" was intelligent, adventurous, independent, strong, courageous, and helpful. She was a history buff, particularly interested in family genealogy and small town, Salunga, PA. She was a industrious homemaker and a faithful wife. A couple of years ago, she took a trip across the United States via train. What a great experience she had as I listened to her stories she told and I savored the happiness in her voice! She was brave to take that trip by herself and I told her that and her reply was I had my new smart cell phone along and I could be in contact with the family the entire time! She could also play games on it to occupy time. What an adventure that was for her and she enjoyed it immensely! She arrived back home safe and her mind filled with great memories! "Aunt Debbie" will be solely missed by our family! Judy Sincere condolences to Deb's immediate family: Mark, Markie, Shannon, and Shawn.

Judy McFarland - September 14, 2019 at 12:54 PM



What a wonderful tribute, Aunt Judy! Thank you so much! Love you!

-Shawn

McFarland SC - September 17, 2019 at 12:22 AM



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The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 13, 2019 at 04:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Deborah Kay Herbert.



September 13, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ 12 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 13, 2019 at 12:31 PM

SD

Thoughtful wishes and good memories to the family and other friends of Deb. She was a kind soul and good friend. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Sally

Sally Davis - September 15, 2019 at 06:02 PM