



## Debra Lynn Carter

November 10, 1956 - October 29, 2021

Debra Lynn Carter was a project conquering, blue cheese olive eating, tomato loving, handbag-having, coffee grinding, vodka drinking, kid watching, sportsman's club going, steak grilling, beach loving, jean jacket wearing, U-turn making, flower adoring, bend over backwards; hell of a lady.

Debbie passed into a new life on October 29, 2021. Born November 10, 1956 in Kankakee the daughter of Ward and Isabelle Reed; who proceeds her in death.

Surviving is her sister Linda Williams, significant partner in crime Michael Porter, children Ryan (Laura) Carter and Jayme (Nick Bufford), grandchildren Norah and Beau Bufford, and the hundreds of children she provided care for over the years.

Debbie spent thirty-five plus years as a self-employed daycare extraordinaire, mastering Debbie's Little Ones Daycare. Working ten hour days Debbie showed her strength and humility by the smile she provided to each and every parent as they picked up their children. She always found time to lend her heart to loved ones. Her circle of love went well beyond family and friends to include anyone that touched her life. Those fortunate to have felt the impression of Debbie's love, will always remember her just as she remembered them.

Debbie's hobbies included; a passion for cooking, excursions to the beach, Sunday Bloody Mary bar crawls, and an unwavering love for the Chicago Cubs!!

Visitation will be held at Jensen Funeral Home, 3639 IL-17, Kankakee, IL 60901, Saturday November 6th 1-4pm with Service following. Celebration of Debbie's life will take place at The Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club 2672 Chippewa Dr, Bourbonnais, IL 60914, on Friday November 19th starting at 5:30pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Huntington's Disease Society of America .

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home  
3639 E IL-17  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-4001  
<https://www.jensenmemorialchapel.com>

## Celebration of Life

NOV 19. 5:30 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais Sportman's Club  
2672 Chippewa Drive  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

# Tribute Wall



“ *Debra Lynn Carter*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Debra Lynn Carter.*



November 05, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Deb was always a smiley kind of gal. Many memories of pool days at Jeanette butz pool. RIP*

**Debbie Cooke** - November 05, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra Lynn Carter.*



November 04, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra Lynn Carter.*



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November 04, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra Lynn Carter.*



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November 04, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ *Debbie was the Mother of our Daughter-in-law, Jayme and mother-in-law to our son Nick and Grandma DeeDee to Norah and Beau. The stories and memories are extensive. Debbie's love of cooking and delicious dishes were amazing. So many cookouts, holidays, parties and laughs and delicious food. Our hearts are broken. Debbie's smile and kindness stretched wide and far. We Pray for Grace and Strength for Jayme & Nick & kids and Ryan and Laura. May God wrap you all in His Love and offer you comfort. We Love all of you so much and will miss Debbie more than words can express. She was a Special Lady and brought Joy to many people. Love to all*

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**Gary & Dawn Bufford** - November 03, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra Lynn Carter.*



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November 03, 2021 at 08:10 PM



“ *There are not enough words to express how truly special Debbie was! She was our daughter, Avery's, first real friend and she played such an influential role in her life. (She even taught her how to walk!) We will forever cherish the time we got to spend with her. Debbie, you will be missed terribly. Thinking and praying for you, Buffords. Love, Ryan, Alicia, Jayden, Avery & Carson Guertin.*

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**Alicia Guertin** - November 03, 2021 at 04:50 PM



*To Debbie family & friends I am so sorry for your loss I worked with Debbie many years ago at the Kankakee Kmart Debbie worked as a Tech in the Pharmacy Such A friendly person she enjoyed people She lefted Kmart to open up her own Daycare And it was a success RIP Sincerely Liz White*

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**Liz White** - November 03, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Debra Lynn Carter.*



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November 03, 2021 at 02:48 PM

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“ *The Mellin Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Debra Lynn Carter.*



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**The Mellin Family** - November 03, 2021 at 08:46 AM

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“ *Our two daughters were among some of the first children that Debbie had in her day care. They absolutely loved to go to Debbie's. We so appreciated her great care that she gave to our children as well as to the countless other ones over the years. She was a great influence to many little lives and will be greatly missed. Our sympathies to her family.*

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**Carol and Bill Tammen and Ashley and Kel** - November 02, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra Lynn Carter.*



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November 02, 2021 at 07:31 PM

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“ *Debbie was a blessing to our family for many years to say the very least. She really knew how to make us feel like part of hers as well. She was a bright light here on earth that will forever be missed. Heaven is so lucky to have her. Sending love and prayers to Jayme, Nick, Beau and family. Our deepest sympathy, Rob and Nikki Schultz, Drew, Emma and Alex*

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**Nicole Schultz** - November 02, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra Lynn Carter.*



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November 02, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Debra Lynn Carter.*



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November 02, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *The Bloody Mary crawls were the greatest fun!  
Plot out the route to the choice places. One had the big shrimp, one had the best mix, one Bloody came with bacon (Debbie's favorite!).  
The most laughs, best company ever.  
We loved Debbie deeply; she brought sunshine to our lives.*

*Prayers for Jayme and Ryan and their families and Mike Porter.*

*Barb and Sam Thomas*

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**Samuel L Thomas** - November 02, 2021 at 11:30 AM