



Debra "Debi" A Delaney

August 26, 1953 - July 4, 2024

Debra "Debi" Delaney, 70, of Emington, Illinois, peacefully left the earth on July 4, 2024, surrounded by her family.

Debi was born on August 26, 1953, the daughter of Richard and Joanne (Good) Aichele in Kendallville, Indiana. On July 17, 1982, she married Daniel Delaney, Sr. in a beautiful backyard wedding at her mother's home in Mokena, IL.

Debi graduated from Lincoln Way in New Lenox, Illinois in 1971. She worked many jobs in her lifetime including being a balloon artist, bartender, an administrative assistant at CITGO Union Oil, and the Village of Emington's Clerk, Secretary and Treasurer for nearly 20 years. Of all her jobs, her favorite was the one she was blessed with in 1983 when she became a mom. Debi lived for her kids and dedicated all her time to making sure they had homemade meals every night, someone to welcome them off the bus after school, and made sure they always had the biggest fan in the bleachers at every game they ever played.

Debi was also very involved in her community. She was a girl scout leader for 12 years while her daughters were small. She volunteered for the Emington Community Association and was a Sunday School teacher for many years. In her spare time, she loved to craft, bake, spend time in the garden, play Gin Rummy, and never missed a facetime call from her grandson.

Debi is survived by her husband Daniel Delaney, Sr. of Emington, Illinois; 3 children, Christopher Delaney of Emington, IL., Shannon (Marco) Zabaneh of

Quincy, IL., Shea Lynn (Brett Wilson) Delaney of East Peoria, IL., grandson, Noah Zabaneh; her father, Gerald "Red" Calvert; many brothers and sisters-in-law, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, stepson, Daniel Delaney, Jr of Joliet, IL.; step grandsons, Aydan and Kaleb Delaney. She is preceded in death by her mother, Joanne Mucha and her sister, Linda Leasure.

Debi dedicated her life to her loved ones and touched so many through her acts of service. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Words will never express how special she truly was.

Cremation rites were accorded.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.