



## Debra Sue Gaus

March 29, 1951 - January 4, 2025

Debra Sue Gaus, 73, of Buckingham, passed away Saturday, January 4, 2025 at home.

She was born March 29, 1951 in Streator, IL, the daughter of Arnold and Edna (Erickson) Andersen. On June 22, 1973 she married Charles Gaus at Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher.

Debra was a phlebotomist for the Kankakee County Health Department and a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher. Debra enjoyed crocheting, attending dirt track races, going to lunch and socializing with friends.

She is survived by her children, Craig Gaus of Buckingham, Eric (Misty) Gaus of Herscher, Vern (Toni) Gaus of Buckingham, Andrew (Jolene) Gaus of Bourbonnais, and Katie Gaus of Buckingham; sister, Shirley Schlegel of Indiana; brother-in-law, J Estes of Indiana; eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Debra is preceded in death by her husband, Charles Gaus; parents, Arnold and Edna Andersen; daughter-in-law, Renee Gaus; sister, Marion Estes; brother-in-law, Don Schlegel.

Services will be held at Jensen Funeral Home in Kankakee on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 2 pm to 6pm. Pastor Eric Brown will officiate at 3 pm.

Memorials can be made to the family wishes.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

*Google maps may take you to an address in West Kankakee. Jensen Funeral Home is 3639 EAST RT 17, Kankakee, IL located one and a quarter miles after the I-57 overpass going East on Rt 17 left hand side.*

## Service

JAN 11. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home  
3639 EAST State Route 17  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
[jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com](mailto:jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com)

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Visitation will continue after service.*

# Tribute Wall



“ I remember Katie & Andrew from when they attended school at Zion in Chebanse. My oldest son went to school with them. Sorry for your loss of your mom.

*Laurel Whitaker*

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**Laurel Whitaker** - January 10, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Debra Sue Gaus.



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January 10, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Debra Sue Gaus.

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January 10, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ The Malone Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Debra Sue Gaus.



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**The Malone Family** - January 10, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Debra Sue Gaus.

January 10, 2025 at 08:29 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra Sue Gaus.



January 10, 2025 at 08:29 AM



“ My mother and Debbie were work friends at county health dept.. Our mother's shared a common bond. They both became friends because Debbie and my mother Bobbie had a knack for keeping friends that were doting to their loving households. With no questions these mothers resembled the foundation. They were the go to person, they never looked at the work as too hard, they just said, " it must be done "! They were our father's compass. Too often their work was unheralded. My family was honored to briefly visit with Debbie at times at the health dept. Quite a joy for us!

To you the family and friends of Debbie Gaus,  
prayers of healing.  
May your Great mother Debbie shine through  
her heavenly home and down upon you all with all her love.  
Prayers and Cherished Memories,  
Doug & Loretta Burling & Family  
& Butch and daughter's



Doug Burling - January 09, 2025 at 05:31 PM

BS

“ *Deb was one of my special friends that I didn't get to see enough! On the rare occasion that we would get to grab breakfast together we could always pick up where we left off. Deb's smile and laugh will be missed. ❤️*

*Katie, Andrew, Vern, Eric and Craig and families your mom/grandma loved you all so much and was proud of you all. ❤️*

*She spoke highly of her sister Shirley and the rest of her family many times, too! ❤️*

*Shirley, I love that story you told about what a beautiful baby Deb was and how she became "Debra Sue"! ❤️*

*May we all turn to the good Lord to mend our broken hearts. She would want us to do that 🙏(((((((❤️ HUGS)))))))))  
~Beth*

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**Beth Schafer** - January 09, 2025 at 06:34 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Debra Sue Gaus.*



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January 08, 2025 at 04:57 PM

GF

“ George Gaus family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Debra Sue Gaus.



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**George Gaus family** - January 08, 2025 at 01:33 PM

TM

“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Debra Sue Gaus



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**Tom Mallaney** - January 08, 2025 at 11:17 AM

DB

“ My husband and I were friends with Charlie and Debbie. Our husbands were both into antique tractors and engines. I went to school with Charlie and he met my husband at a class reunion. We knew the boys when they were little and have continued to work with them on the antique tractors. We have been so impressed at how they have worked together to keep their collections together. We are so sorry they have lost their Mom. Our prayers are with them at this sad time. Dave and Anita Boomgarden

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**Dave and Anita Boomgarden** - January 08, 2025 at 10:17 AM

SP

“ Deb was one of the kindness ladies I had the pleasure of knowing. She was one of my dearest customers/friends I had while working at the bank in Herscher. Rest in peace Ms Deb. Prayers to the family.

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**Susan Pridemore** - January 08, 2025 at 10:01 AM

SP

“ Susan Pridemore lit a candle in memory of Debra Sue Gaus



Susan Pridemore - January 08, 2025 at 09:57 AM

SS

“ Deb was my little sister. When she was born I had the mumps so mother and Deb could not come home. I did not get to meet her until she was several days old but when I did I thought she was the most beautiful baby I had ever seen. Mother and Dad had told my older sister, Marian, and I that we could name the baby, therefore she became Debra Sue. Even though I live in Indiana, we kept the phone lines busy. I am going to miss her terribly, she has always been my little sister! I love you Deb!

Shirley Schlegel - January 08, 2025 at 08:45 AM

BS



Beth Schafer - January 09, 2025 at 06:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra Sue Gaus.



January 07, 2025 at 09:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Debra Sue Gaus.*



January 07, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Debra Sue Gaus.

January 07, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ *Curtis, Katalin, Grace and Tucker purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Debra Sue Gaus.*



**Curtis, Katalin, Grace and Tucker** - January 07, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ *Butch & Julie Galeaz Joslyn & Josh purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Debra Sue Gaus.*



**Butch & Julie Galeaz Joslyn & Josh** - January 07, 2025 at 12:57 PM