



## Debra Kay (Debbie) Smith

August 22, 1962 - December 16, 2021

Debra Kay (Debbie) Smith, our beloved mamaw, daughter, mother, wife, sister, and friend, returned to her Heavenly Father on December 16, 2021, at the age of 30 (for the past 29 years; she was actually 59, just don't tell anyone!). Debbie was born in Buckhannon, WV on August 22, 1962, to the late Dale Lee Karickhoff and Mary Lee (West) Karickhoff, who survives. On November 8, 1980, she was united in marriage to Robert Lowell Smith, Jr. who survives. Also surviving are two children: Robert Lowell Smith, III, and fiancée Janeen Robinette and Krendy Lee Rosencrance and husband Kyle; four grandchildren: Xavier Michael Joe and Maycee Kay Marie Robinette, Zane Robert Lowell Smith, and granddaughter on the way Kyla Kay Rosencrance; two brothers: Jay Karickhoff and wife Terry and Steve Karickhoff and wife Lorrie; mother-in-law Thanna Wentz; and several brothers-and sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

Debbie's caring spirit and generous heart could be felt by anyone she met. She had a special gift of helping people, but also an infectious laugh. She was a wonderful cook and kept an immaculate home. She enjoyed vacations to the beach and Disney, camping, and side-by-side rides. Debbie was fiercely stubborn and fought hard to remain on this earth. She valued her family above all else. She recently retired after 33 years as a wonderful and kind secretary for the Upshur County School System and landed her dream job of full-time Mamaw. She excelled at everything she put her mind to, but her greatest accomplishment in her eyes were her children and grandchildren. Family was

her passion. Debbie's strength, stubbornness, tenacity, and grace will live on through her children, grandchildren, friends, and now the recipients of her organs, her final selfless act.

The family will receive friends at the Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel on Monday, December 20, 2021, from 5-8:00 PM; the family requests those attending wear a mask/facial covering. Following the visitation, the body will be cremated and a private memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please pay it forward; consider the following organizations: American Thyroid Association, CORE Center for Organ Recovery and Education, or the Salvation Army.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services

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# Tribute Wall

ES

“ Jay & Terry, Leigh & I wanted to let you know - You & all your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I'm sure your sister, "love" will continue to to be "alive" in all of you. Prayers Ethel Marie

Ethel Marie Shorr - December 24, 2021 at 10:51 AM

DS

“ Debbie and I called each other the other Debbie Smith. My name is Debbie Smith-Herroon. I will forever remember the last weekend I spent with Debbie in Deb and Rob's home in September. We laughed so much when we got together. We went out to lunch and the Mall and talked and talked. Being with her was such a joy. I will miss her so much. ❤️

Debbie Smith-Herroon - December 21, 2021 at 08:34 PM

 Carol Westfall Spotloe

“ Rob, I am so sorry didn't work with Debbie a lot but she was so nice and always smiling! Sending prayers, Love and Hugs to you all. Love Aunt Sue Spotloe

Carol Westfall Spotloe - December 20, 2021 at 11:48 PM

TK

“ Rob, Robbie, Krendy and family, my heart is so sad for you all, never did I see her that she didn't have a smile on her face. She made the world a better place when you were in her presence. Fly high sweet lady!!!

teresa kee - December 20, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra Kay (Debbie) Smith.*



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December 20, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of Debbie's passing. She was such a wonderful, pleasant person to know. Condolences to all.*

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**Jane Brady** - December 20, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ *Bonnie and I became acquainted with Debbie when she enrolled Krendy in the school our church operated. We found her to be one of the sweetest, most thoughtful people we have ever known. We will miss her, but look forward to enjoying her company once again in that heavenly mansion Jesus is preparing for His people.*

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**Rick cutright** - December 20, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *Dear Rob and Robbie:  
You have been in our prayers as we followed from afar. We cannot begin to fathom the crushing grief of your loss. We hope that your many memories of times past will give you comfort and that knowing others received the gift of life from your beloved wife and mother will give you peace.*

*With sympathy,  
Danny and Becky Abel*

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**Danny and Becky Abel** - December 19, 2021 at 11:13 PM

MM

“ *Another Angel has joined God in Heaven now ! Debbie was a very kind and Beautiful Lady ! Sorry for your loss ! May God Bless Her Family !*



Michele Montalvo - December 19, 2021 at 09:51 PM



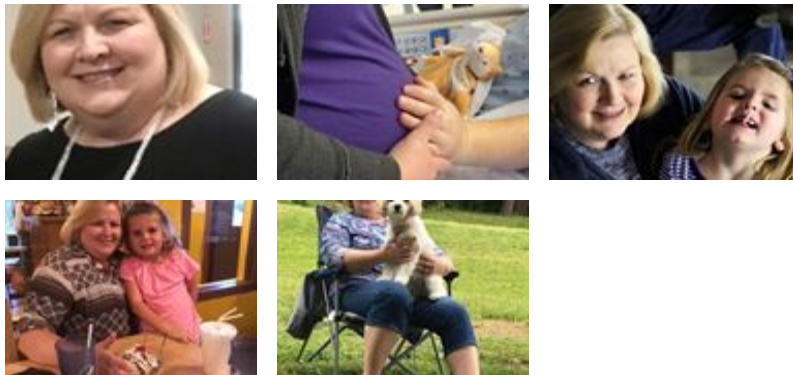
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra Kay (Debbie) Smith.*



December 19, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *48 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services - December 19, 2021 at 11:09 AM

SF

“ *Sandy Fultz lit a candle in memory of Debra Kay (Debbie) Smith*



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**Sandy Fultz** - December 19, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra Kay (Debbie) Smith.*



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December 18, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Debra Kay (Debbie) Smith.*



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December 18, 2021 at 01:30 PM

SH

“ *Prayers for Rob and family Shelia*

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**shelia** - December 18, 2021 at 11:11 AM

DB

“ *What a beautiful person and soul. The world is a better place because she was here...my heart is breaking for her family...I'm so very sorry. You remain in my thoughts and prayers*

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**Denise Barnett** - December 18, 2021 at 09:53 AM

VB

“ *Debbie was a sweetheart my girl love her and so did I we meet her a Central elementary Street school our prayers go to you Rob and the kids  
Veronica Nikki Dottie*

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**Veronica Bailey** - December 18, 2021 at 09:41 AM

KD

“ *So sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. She was always a very pleasant person and I am certain she will be missed. My deepest sympathy.*

*Kenny Davidson*

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**Kenny Davidson** - December 18, 2021 at 08:58 AM

RW

“ *We are devastated to hear about Debbie's passing. She was one of the kindest, sweetest persons we having ever known. Whether it was when she worked at the Board Office or at French Creek, she always had a smile and made you feel happy Rob and boys, we know you are hurting, and is it a hurt you may never lose, but remember all the good times you had together. You are in our prayers. Patty and Roy Wager*

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**Roy Wager** - December 18, 2021 at 08:24 AM

AR

“ *Debbie and I had many great memories of our childhood visits. We got into mischief many times. Our dads tried to scold us, but usually were trying not to laugh. I will miss Debbie so much! We didn't get to see each other very often but kept in touch through texts. I can't believe my sweet cousin is gone. But we'll be together again one day and laugh and talk about old times 😊 love you family!*

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**Alice rice** - December 18, 2021 at 05:16 AM

HW

“ *So very sorry to hear about Debbie. Her warm light will burn on within the ones who knew and loved her.*

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**Helen Whitehair** - December 18, 2021 at 04:14 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Debra Kay (Debbie) Smith.*



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December 18, 2021 at 12:10 AM

JM

“ *Dear Rob and family,  
I am so sorry and sad for your loss.  
Jackie McDaniels*

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**Jackie McDaniels** - December 17, 2021 at 10:40 PM

MH

“ God saw u getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around u & whispered come with me. With tearful eyes, we watched and saw u pass away. Although we love u dearly, we could not make u stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, he, only takes the BEST.

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**marilyn Hawkins** - December 17, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Debra Kay (Debbie) Smith.



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December 17, 2021 at 10:05 PM

TH

“ I'm so sorry for your family loss, may God comfort each of you. He says to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Much love and prayers 🙏  
Bill & Teresa Heathcoe

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**Teresa Heathcoe** - December 17, 2021 at 08:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra Kay (Debbie) Smith.



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December 17, 2021 at 08:54 PM

LA

“ Rob, Thanna, and family,  
We are sorry for your loss. May our Lord and  
Savior be with you all and grant you peace in  
the coming days.  
Roger and Libby Abel



Libby Abel - December 17, 2021 at 08:53 PM

MT

I am so so sad to read of Debbie's death. I always admired her!  
Thoughts and prayers for all of the family. May God comfort and bless  
all of you!

marcia toothman - December 17, 2021 at 09:41 PM

AS

Rob and Family, I'm so very sorry. We'll be praying for all of you for  
peace and comfort.  
Annette, Sam, and Stephanie Santilli

Annette Fetty Santilli - December 17, 2021 at 11:53 PM

MH

Rob and family, Debbie and I have had many conversations over the  
years----usually concerning "our school kids", but always ending with  
sharing family stories. She was a dear and sweet lady that I will truly  
miss. My prayers for you all.

Mary and Buster Hyre - December 19, 2021 at 06:25 PM

JL

“ Words cannot express how sorry I am for all  
of your loss! I will continue praying for God to  
offer you all comfort, peace, love, and  
healing. ❤️🙏



Jennifer Leigh - December 17, 2021 at 08:17 PM

JB

“ I am so very sad to hear of Debbie's passing. Always had a beautiful smile on her face. May God comfort Rob and his family at this difficult time.

Jackie Baker - December 17, 2021 at 07:49 PM



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KB

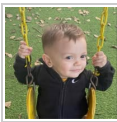
Debbie was such a beautiful woman. A genuine good hearted soul. I will miss her ornery smile and laugh at calling me Grandma. Fly high beautiful lady ❤️

Kenny and Cathy Bonner - December 17, 2021 at 08:07 PM

BL

Many fond memories when we went to school together and when camping at Twin Lakes. So sorry to hear this. Praying for the family.

Bonnie (Hall) Lantz - December 17, 2021 at 10:02 PM



My thoughts and prayers are with Debra's family and friends. I met her once when I visited my grandson Kyle and Krendy and then again at their wedding. I'm so sorry that she wasn't able to meet her new granddaughter. I know Kyla would have loved her!

Michele Taylor - December 18, 2021 at 10:50 PM

CP

*Debbie & I worked many years together & she always had a smile on her face and kind or encouraging words to say to me. I will miss her & never forget her cute laugh! All of you are in my prayers!*

**Connie Painter** - December 18, 2021 at 11:06 PM

LP

*I always enjoyed talking to Debbie when I substituted at French Creek or when I would stop in at the board office. Her smile and her pleasant disposition never failed to brighten one's day. I know her entire family and her many friends will miss her greatly. My prayers to each of you as you hold on to your wonderful memories of her.*

**Lynne Petrosky** - December 19, 2021 at 05:46 PM

DS

*Everyone knew what a special woman she was.*

**Debbie Smith-Herroon** - December 21, 2021 at 08:56 PM