



Deborah Ann Bee

December 7, 1949 - March 1, 2024

Debbie Bee passed away March 1, 2024 in Fort Collins, Colorado at the age of 74.

Deborah Ann Johnson was born December 7, 1949 to Robert (Bob) Johnson and Penelope (Penny) Johnson in Denver Colorado. In January, 1951 her family moved from Denver to Wellington, Colorado. She grew up on a farm with her two sisters, Kris and Vicki. She loved life on the farm and worked hard helping brand and castrate calves, do field work on the tractor, and drive trucks during harvest. She also became very good at cooking, a skill which she learned from her mother. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior when she was in the fourth grade. It was the best and most significant decision of her life.

She graduated from Poudre High School in 1967. She then went to the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. She paid for part of her schooling by custom swathing hay for local farmers. She graduated in 1971 with a degree in Elementary Education.

Debbie married Philip Bee on August 7th 1971 at Wellington Community Church, where they both grew up. They were married for forty-five years and had two children, Melanie and Mark. During the time her children were growing up, Debbie was very involved at church. She taught Sunday School

and youth group, and helped with Vacation Bible School, children's Christmas programs, and communion.

Debbie also loved gardening. With the help of her parents and sister (Kris) she started a large garden in 1982 and began delivering produce to local grocery stores in Laramie, Cheyenne, Fort Collins, Greeley and Denver. They also sold produce at farmers markets in Fort Collins and Cheyenne. As her children, nieces, and nephews helped in the garden she taught them the value of hard work, and the garden grew to nearly 2 acres.

In 2002 she began working at Gulley's Greenhouse. She was always a very hard worker and retired as the shipping manager. Shortly after retiring, Debbie was diagnosed with ALS. She battled the disease with bravery and courage for nearly two years before the Lord took her home.

Debbie was preceded in death by her parents, Robert F. Johnson and Penelope A. Johnson. She is survived by her sisters, Kris (Jack) Jageler, Vicki (Monty) Cramer, her children, Melenie (Colby) Stockton, and Mark (Janice) Bee, and twelve grandchildren.

There will be a Memorial Service on Monday, March 11th at 10:00 at Bohlander Funeral Chapel, Fort Collins, CO. Pastor Russ Brewer will officiate. Interment will take place at Roselawn Cemetery in Fort Collins, CO. Bohlander Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial gifts may be given to ALS United Rocky Mountain, Westminster, CO or Bristol Hospice, Frederick, CO.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Debbie’s faith in Christ marked her life. It was a blessing to know her and to serve alongside her when we were at Wellington Federated Church. She leaves a legacy of trust in her Savior to all of us who were blessed to have been part of her life.* ”

Kent and Cynthia Slyter - March 11, 2024 at 01:26 AM

LD

“ *I will miss Debbie for along time and will miss so much the times that we spent together over our lunches at Panera restaurant. We could talk for hours sharing with each other the good times and bad in our lives. We laughed together and cried together. Life isn’t easy and wasn’t for Debbie at times. I’m going to miss her so much but know that she is with God now and the pain and struggles of this life are over for her. Linda Davis* ”



Linda Davis - March 07, 2024 at 10:19 PM

CH

“ *My sincere sympathy on Deborah's death. We went to school together in Wellington, CO. A long time ago but I still have fond memories of her. God bless. Charlene* ”



Charlene - March 05, 2024 at 05:31 PM

VS

I graduated from Poudre High School in 1968 with Debbie and remember her as a gentle spirit always smiling and kind. I came from a ranch in LaPorte and we had a common love of farming and all that involved. Over the years we lost touch, but from reading her life's story here, it doesn't surprise me she was so heavily involved with growing things!!

I pray God blesses her family and friends as they gather to honor a life well lived! May His peace that passes all understanding be yours.

Most Sincerely

Verlane (Bosky) Saxton

Verlane K Saxton - March 08, 2024 at 06:59 PM

JK

So sorry to hear about Debbie's passing. One of my favorite memories is staying over at Debbie's house making Christmas ornaments with the youth group. Praying her family finds peace knowing that Debbie is home with her heavenly Father and no longer suffering.

Jenny (Gellinger) Keener

Jenny Keener - March 11, 2024 at 01:15 PM

KB

I am so sorry and offer my condolences to family and friends. I too went to Wellington and always remember her sweet smiles and gentle, caring ways. Miss you Debbie and know you are at peace!

Katherine Bridwell - March 11, 2024 at 02:50 PM