



Deborah Lynn Griffin

Nov. 2, 1964 - Aug. 3, 2024

Deborah Lynn Griffin, 59, of Morganton, NC, died Saturday, August 3, 2024.

Born in Burke County, NC on November 2, 1964, she was the daughter of Margaret Newton Smith and the late Gerald Carlot Smith. Deborah was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and attended Mulls Grove Baptist Church. She loved her grandchildren, flowers, yardwork, her mules, and her animals.

Deborah is survived by her daughters, Caroline Wyatte (Ethan) and Brittany Vinesett; granddaughters, River, Willow, and Wren Wyatte; brother, Timothy Gerald Smith (Rhonda); and niece, Morgan Smith.

In addition to her father, Deborah was preceded in death by her husband, Jeffrey Russel Griffin.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, August 8, 2024 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. The memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. in the church with Dr. Jack Hodges, Rev. Dean McCurry, Rev. Ronnie LaFevers, and Mr. Ethan Wyatte officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Carolina Raptor Center, 6000 Sample Road, Huntersville, NC 28078.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



So sorry for the loss of your mom. Had some wonderful times with your mom an you girls. Praying for you all!

–Carol McMahan Crimp



Remembering you, sweet friend.

–Bertie Morris

So sorry about the passing of Deborah prayers and hugs for all

–Eddy and Brenda Huffman



Ethan, Caroline, Brittany and family Our thoughts and prayers are for Gods blessings to be upon you all. Cherish the memories and love. We love you very much. Love, uncle Mike and aunt Danita.

–Michael and Danita Belas



God bless your family during this time of loss. I'm praying



God bless your family during this time of loss. I'm praying for you all to receive comfort from our Lord and Savior. With love and prayers, Danita Belas

–Danita Belas



Sending Prayers for the Family! I worked for a short time with Deborah, My Son worked with her Husband Jeff for a while. Rest in peace sweet Deborah

–Angela Davis

Deepest condolences to the family. I was lifelong friends with her late husband Jeff. She will be missed

–Richard Odom



Sending my condolences to family. I'm happy I got a chance to see her at Western Region meeting and afterwards to talk with her weeks after. She was very caring and sweet person. Reshonda Rascoe

–Reshonda Rascoe

Deborah & I went to Mull, Salem, & Freedom. So sorry to hear of her passing am praying for family. May GOD wrap y'all in his arms & bring you comfort & joy during coming days. She was a sweet person and loved by all.

–Vickie Chapman Lutz



Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss.



Deborah and I met years ago when I rescued an injured red tailed hawk from her property. She keenly followed its recovery at Carolina Raptor Center and was able to release it back to her property. I remember her sharing the experience with me and how excited she was. A truly kind and caring soul gone much too soon.

–Kim Hamby



Will see you again my friend

–Bryan whisenant



Deborah Griffith Smith was one of my friends in school. I will miss her dearly. I loved her as though she was my biological sister. I will cherish the moments that we shared together forever. I will always remember the prayer we shared at the last class reunion.

–Maria Bethel



Dear girls, I can't begin to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. I know the loss of a mother and I miss mine everyday. I will keep you both in my prayers as you navigate thru this season of grief. Your sweet mama is now well and healed and with God. I'm thankful for that. Bless you both Love always!

–Libby Arney



So very sorry for your loss.



—Yvette

Deborah and I met in high school and played basketball together. I have great memories of us competing, laughing, riding the bus and becoming great friends! I'll cherish those memories & always smile when I think of you!

—Gerri Stubbert

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I loved her so much. Jeff did my tree Service and we knew them from church. Broke my heart to lose Jeff. Deborah called me and would share her grief and we became closer that way. She was such a wonderful person, beautiful lady inside and out. She loved the Lord. I know where she is tonight! My love and sympathy to the family. Much love, "Dr. Boone" ie. Sharon

—Sharon Boone-Willis



To the family of Deborah Lynn Griffin: Please accept our deepest condolences in the loss of your loved one. She was so sweet and such a fighter to the end. We know you have a lot of precious memories. We are asking God to grant you extra mercy, grace, and strength during this time and in the days to come. Bruce and Rama Jean Franklin

—Bruce and Rama Jean Franklin



I only met Deborah a short while ago, but her sweet nature made it feel like we had been friends for a long time. We



made it feel like we had been friends for a long time. we swapped plant clippings and every time I see that plant I will remember her. She was a beautiful lady inside and out!! My condolences to her family during this time. Her light will always shine.

–Sherie Wiles

Deborah was a good person who loved life I enjoyed talking to her when I seen her

–Donna Brittain

Deb was a precious friend and a sweet soul! She was loved by many and will sorely be missed! I look forward to the day we meet again! continued prayers for her family and her dear friends!

–Veda walker

My life is better because i crossed paths with Deborah!! Going to miss you my friend!!

–Bryan branch



I remember the first time i saw Deborah. It was at Jeff's camp and she was very nice to me . Got to meet her family soon great people. See you again in Heaven one day. Peace be with you

–Jason Cook

She was amazing women n smile was contagious!!!

–Chastity king

Caroline & Brittany my deepest sympathy and condolences . A lot of us know the pain and sorrow of loosing a parent , we can take comfort in knowing they aren't far , when we have a question or feel a little lost they are right there in our mind and heart, we know what they would say or what advice they would give. They took the time and effort to teach us good from bad right from wrong how to treat

our fellow man. You come from good stock, teach your children the same. Love you guy's Wayne & Leona

–Wayne & Leona Suttle

May Light perpetual shine upon Debbie and may she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother. Debbie was a wonderful girl.

–Willie Helen Greene

My heart aches for you! Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

–Lee Ann Long

–Tony Metcalf

We were the lucky ones who got to meet, know, and love Deborah as we were neighbors first on the mountain she loved then became chosen family. Her passion for her family, her faith, her friends, and animals were a beautiful thing to experience. After we lost Jeff we always said it was us 3 girls against the world on the mountain. The beauty you must be seeing with our savior, the joyous reunion with Jeff and your Daddy. Until we see you again, love you big -The Bradley Girls Alla and Meghann

–Meghann Bradley

Dear Caroline, Ethan and Family, Our hearts go out to you all during this most difficult time. We will certainly miss your sweet momma - we had the best time at the ballfield. May your precious memories and love bring you some measure

at the funeral. May your precious memories and love bring you some measure of peace. Trust in God's abiding grace and guidance during the times to come.
Deepest Condolences,

—Susan & Doug Gordon



Dear Aunt Gertie, Cousin Timmy, and nieces Caroline and Brittany, There are no words to comfort anyone when they have lost someone young, vivacious, giving, and loving. We are all just struggling to believe this, but we are very mindful that the biggest struggles will be yours - this is a tremendous loss. Aunt Gertie, I can imagine this is devastating to you and I am fervently praying for you and thinking of you continuously. I know you are alone, without Uncle Gerald....may the loving arms of our comforter, Jesus extend to your shoulders and hold you ever so close. May you feel the Prince of Peace in a mighty way. Holy Spirit, descend upon each of these - Aunt Gertie, Tim, Caroline, and Brittany....they need your presence in these moments. I pray your warmest memories remain. Jan Newton, daughter of the late Robert Newton

—Jan Newton



—Treadaway



My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Deborah was such a sweet and loving woman. She always had a smile when I saw her. She will be greatly missed.



–Diana Poteet

Caroline i am saddened to hear of the passing of your mom. We went to school together and every time i would



see you i would see her. She is not suffering any more even though i know the family is heartbroken. Christ will give you strength to endure. My prayers go out to the family, she will be greatly missed. I wont say goodbye just so long for now till we meet again my friend. Darrell and Melinda

–Darrell Smith

Deborah and I were Freedom High School classmates of 1983. The one thing I will always remember of Deborah will be her beautiful smile. Whenever I would see her back then in school or all these years later out and about in town, she would be smiling. I'll miss her very much, but I'm glad we were friends. Prayers for Deborah, her family, and the countless number of beloved friends in her life. Rest in peace Deborah and may God bless and welcome you into his loving arms.

–Will McFarlin

Deborah you beat me home. I will be there later. We have been through some great times, some good times and some bad times, but we had fun through them all. We had Jesus, our parents, our family, our friends and our spouses through all this but my friend you are out of pain and the chaos of this world. You are with our Lord, Jeff and all your family having a good ole time. Cancer hasn't won!! You are home now. I remember when we worked together, oh so much fun!!! I remember when we went to church together at Mtn Grove. Really good times. I remember when we were diagnosed with cancer, we have fought it but we knew we were headed to our heavenly home. You are missed already so much!! Watch for me, I will be there soon. Caroline and Brittany, I am sorry I haven't been able to be there like I wanted But know I love you and will be praying for comfort and

be there like I wanted. But know I love you and will be praying for comfort and strength to get through this.

–Belinda Bowman