



## Deborah MacKenzie

April 12, 1956 - February 15, 2016

Deborah MacKenzie passed away on Monday, February 15, 2016, at the age of 59, at the McLaren Macomb Hospital. She was born on April 12, 1956 to Ernest and Marion (Lesner) Kornacki. Loving mother of Jacqueline (Elena) MacKenzie. Dear sister of Janice (Tim) Kornacki -Dowling. Deborah will be dearly missed by her loving family and the many lives she has touched.

Visitation on Friday from 1-8 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home Inc., 49150 Schoenherr Rd., (N. of 22 Mile) Shelby Twp. Instate at the church on Saturday 10:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael Church, 40501 Hayes Rd. (N. of 17 Mile Rd.) Sterling Heights. Memorial donations may be made to the Detroit Dog Rescue, P.O. Box 806119, St. Clair Shore, MI 48080.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB **19**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

### Instate at Church

FEB **20**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Community  
40501 Hayes  
Sterling Heights, MI

### Funeral Mass

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Community  
40501 Hayes  
Sterling Heights, MI

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ *There is no way for one moment or one memory to do justice to a woman who meant so much to so many. Thinking of all the times she made me smile, feeling all the love she showed to me and to everyone, and holding her memory close to my heart.*

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**Melissa Hemler** - February 20, 2016 at 07:20 AM

CD

“ *Debbie was a warm embrace, a favorite song, a nostalgic poem, an exquisitely-etched snowflake in the chill of Winter, and a thrice-bloomed rose in Summer. She left us all too soon. Rest in peace, my beloved cousin. May your soul be free in the azure heavens above. Say hello to our late friends and relatives, when you see them. Watch down upon us, when you can. You'll forever be in my heart, dear cousin! Carl Demeulenaere*

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**Carl Demeulenaere** - February 19, 2016 at 12:37 PM

TF

“ *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May Debbie rest in peace.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you!  
The Cascos Family*

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**The Cascos Family** - February 18, 2016 at 04:22 PM

NS

“ I can't believe Debbie is no longer with us. So many memories...

*Spending weekends together on Novara and waking up on a Saturday morning with the gentle summer morning breeze coming in the window, talking about boys and sharing our hopes and dreams for the future as adults. Taking the bus to Eastland, ice cream at Sanders and Alinosi, left over Thanksgiving turkey sandwiches on toast at midnight, but mostly sitting on the front porch eating peaches, talking and LAUGHING...*

*One childhood memory of Debbie's kindness was when we would walk (too young to drive) to go shopping at 7 mile and Gratiot. We came back to her house and were looking at what we purchased on our day of shopping. Debbie had bought a gift set of talcum powder with a pretty powder puff for someone (can't remember who). I then wished I had bought one for my mom, so Debbie took me back, walking all the way to the store so I could buy one also.*

*From childhood to now, Debbie always would genuinely listen to my long and detailed stories with interest. I will miss the days of sharing stories and laughing till we cried....*

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**Nancy Stanis** - February 18, 2016 at 09:36 AM

CH

“ Debbie was a wonderful woman, beloved mother (and mother-in-law) and true friend. I can't believe that she is gone. She left us way too early! May God have mercy on her soul! We are always here for you, Jackie and Elena!

*All our love,  
Chris and Tony Hansen*

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**Chris Hansen** - February 18, 2016 at 08:18 AM

BH

“ It doesn't seem real, not at all. How can you be gone? Looking at the pictures posted here brings back so many memories. The pictures at Camp Dearborn reminds me of how we put like 14 people in your car to drive to the beach. Sure many of them were kids but we just laughed and laughed. You left us all too soon. Say hi to your mom, dad, Grandma Lesner, my mom and dad and all those family members in heaven! So sad that you are gone. Rest easy now.

*Barb Hayes*

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**Barb Hayes** - February 17, 2016 at 08:18 PM

NS

*I remember that trip to Camp Dearborn - Good Times!*

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**Nancy Stanis** - February 18, 2016 at 01:14 PM

KR

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Debbie. I worked with "Dee Dee", as I called her, for 5 years in the lab in the basement of the Eastland Professional Building. Even though it was work, we always had so much fun. For probably 3 of the years, it was just Debbie and me running the office. We spent many hours together every week and were very close during those times. She was one of the most kind, compassionate, loving and fun people I have ever known. I often miss those days at work when we would be laughing hysterically and had to quickly stop and become professional when a patient would walk in. She was much better at that than I was!!! She would have me laughing so hard, it would take me forever to get myself together, but Dee Dee could switch into professional mode instantly! My heart is flooded with wonderful memories yet saddened for those closest to her during this extremely difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Jackie, Elena, Jan, and all of Debbie's family and friends. She will be dearly missed. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel and Debbie will remain in the hearts and memories of so many.

*Karen (Hartzell) Robinson*

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**Karen Robinson** - February 17, 2016 at 08:01 PM

IC

“ It is with a heavy heart that I write about my dear Niece, Debbie (Kornacki) Mac Kenzie. I was so thrilled to be chosen as her Godmother, when I was just 14 years old. She was and is a very special part of our family. It's true, she had a big heart and gave her heart to everyone she met. So many memories come to mind, like how she lied about her age and remained 36 yrs old forever-until it was time to confess to turning 50 years old,so she could have a surprise 50th Birthday party. We will miss her delicious pumpkin pies and her amazing "pepper Jell-O" at Thanksgiving time. She was a wonderful woman, Mother, sister, niece, cousin and friend. You left us much too soon, Debbie, our heart's are broken. May the angels take you to paradise! Rest In Peace, dearest Debbie.

*With love, Aunt Ilene Cieszkowski*

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ilene cieszkowski - February 17, 2016 at 02:24 PM

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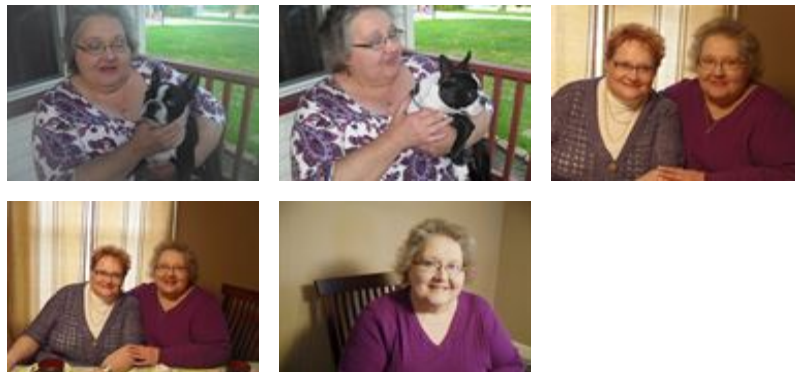
“ I remember the first time I met Debbie. Roland took me to their house unannounced to deliver Christmas presents. Debbie was mad at him because she didn't have her hair fixed or her make-up on. We both picked on him like crazy. Debbie and I became family in what could have been a very awkward situation. She will be dearly missed.

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Cheryl MacKenzie - February 17, 2016 at 01:42 PM



“ 119 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 17, 2016 at 01:00 PM



“ *My dear cousin Deb had the biggest heart which explains why she liked hearts so much. We grew up together, played together as children. She was a gentle soul with so much love in her heart. We all so enjoyed getting together as a family. Chuck, (Chuckles) Wendy, Connor and Cassie just loved her. Our hearts are broken. We will miss her beautiful smile. Sharon*

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**Sharon Bertges** - February 17, 2016 at 10:55 AM



“ *Debbie was, without a doubt, one of my favorite people on this planet. She was fiercely kind and loving as well as loyal. I've seen her go up like a piece of armor around Jackie and Elena when they were being hurt and it was always breathtaking. While she only had one daughter in Jackie, I know so many people who saw her as their own mother, a true testament to the amazing woman she was. A piece of the world has gone missing, now that she is gone. I love you, Ma, and I will always miss you.*

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**Laura Cascos** - February 17, 2016 at 10:13 AM



“ I have to many to pick just one but I'll always remember her laugh. It wasn't loud or demanding of attention. But even with how light the laugh was, she laughed with her while body. Bringing her hands to her face then to her chest and if the laugh lasted long enough it would end with a final click of her rings as her hand rested on the cow print table that we all gathered around so often. Ma wasn't hard to make laugh because joy overflowed from her all the time, but she was and always will be one of my favorite people to make laugh. Even if it was super easy. The world, my world, will never be the same without her. I love you all.

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**Erin Beardslee** - February 17, 2016 at 09:37 AM

NS

You described her laugh perfectly...

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**Nancy Stanis** - February 17, 2016 at 11:39 AM

DS

“ Debbie will truly miss by many. She always had a smile and kind words for everyone and she loved her family more then words can tell. Always enjoyed playing cards and having get to gathers at my house. She is now pain free. Jackie and Elena was her whole life.

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**Delores Shaw** - February 17, 2016 at 09:03 AM

 Karen Gaffney

“ I lost one of my best, lifetime friends - Debbie (Kornacki) MacKenzie. I met Debbie when we were both 9 years old: we went out dancing (the influence of a good Catholic girl on a good Baptist girl), after she taught me how to dance (well, she tried!) - in her very cool silver Monte Carlo; we stood up for each other's weddings; and supported each other through the deaths of our parents, among other things. A heartbreaking loss and I will miss her. For Jan, Jackie and Elena -I am so sorry and will be praying for you for strength and courage.

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**Karen Gaffney** - February 17, 2016 at 08:04 AM

 Elena MacKenzie

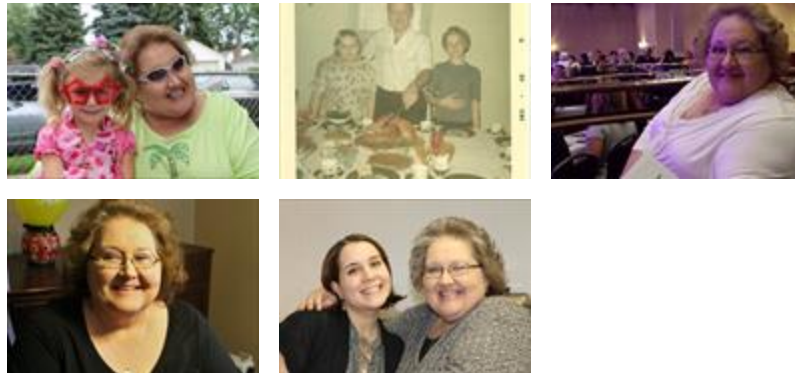
“ Please share a memory of Debbie (Ma) with us

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**Elena MacKenzie** - February 17, 2016 at 07:56 AM

 Elena MacKenzie

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**Elena MacKenzie** - February 17, 2016 at 07:51 AM