



Deborah Jill Durphey Bush

June 2, 1954 - May 22, 2007

DEBORAH JILL DURPHEY BUSH, 52, of Clinton Township, died peacefully on May 22, 2007, at Beaumont Hospital in Troy, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Warren on June 2, 1954, to William and Inez Durphey.

Deborah retired from Macomb Community College in 2005. She was a loving “mom” to her “three sons:” Blackie, Baby and Punkin’.

She is survived by husband, Robert of Clinton Township; sister-in-law, Annette (Okros) Durphey of East Pointe; brother, Robert W. Durphey, Sr., of LaBelle, FL; sister, Ann (Glenn) Finley of Washington Township; sister-in-law, JoAnn (William) Hughes, brother-in-law, Thomas (Kim) Bush, loving aunts and cousins in Virginia and California, and many devoted nieces and nephews in Michigan and New Hampshire.

She was predeceased by her mother and father; brother, William H. Durphey, Jr., niece, Shannon Durphey, and sister-in-law, Louise Durphey.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Previous Events

Service

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Resurrection Cemetery
18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI

Tribute Wall



“ How do I sum up a lifetime of memories in a single paragraph? Debbie, you were the big sister I never had (minus the sibling rivalry). You went from my babysitter to one of my greatest confidants. You had the neatest sense of humor—I always got you! When I was a little girl, you showed me how to dance, and when I was growing up, you taught me how to drive. Through you, I gained an appreciation for Johnny Carson, Elvis, and The Little River Band (sorry, I never could like Queen, nor you Hall & Oates). You drove my newborn baby and me home from the hospital, grasping his tiny little hand the whole way. You were always in my corner. You were bright, witty, and imaginative. Though you never fully realized your great gifts, I always did. As one of our favorites once said, “And those are the memories that make me a wealthy soul.” Thank you for enriching my life. You have been one of my greatest blessings.##imported-begin##Shelly##imported-end##

May 26, 2007 at 10:43 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Debbie's family. I was always impressed by Debbie's willingness to help her fellow MCC employees and friends. We all are blessed by knowing Debbie and the kind deeds that she performed. Debbie will be missed.##imported-begin##Jon Goltz##imported-end##

May 26, 2007 at 04:01 PM



“ With deepest condolences to Debbie's family. I had the pleasure of working with Deb in the warehouse. She always had a smile and a funny story. She always made my day. She will be missed, but always remembered. ##imported-begin##mechelle jamison##imported-end##

May 25, 2007 at 11:06 AM



“ We met on a break one day while working at the library at south campus. We introduced ourselves to each other and realized after covering we both went to the same High School. Was always a pleasure to talk with Debbie. Fun talks, fun memories. Miss ya deb. ##imported-begin##Cynthia Nowicki##imported-end##

May 25, 2007 at 08:30 AM



“ I was saddened to read of Debbie's passing, she will be missed. I got to know her on a professional and personal level. She was a beautiful butterfly for many people here at macomb college. She always offered a helping hand for anyone who needed it. Debbie's sense of humor was one of a kind, she could always make you laugh no matter what was going on. My prayers and thoughts are with you. ##imported-begin##Lois Murray##imported-end##

May 24, 2007 at 02:57 PM



“ Debbie made us laugh and that's good. She was a bright person with a keen sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May she rest in peace. ##imported-begin##Diane Steil##imported-end##

May 24, 2007 at 02:48 PM



“ I work at Macomb College and the best thing about going down to "the tunnels" was knowing you'd share a good laugh w/ Debbie. She was one of the kindest and funniest people at the college. My sincere sympathies to Debbie's family and friends (and pets).###imported-begin##Cheryl River Farrell###imported-end##

May 24, 2007 at 02:43 PM



“ Deb & I had alot of laughs. She had such a great sense of humor. And her alliance toward the Red Wings was sometimes over-the-top. My deepest sympathy to her family.###imported-begin##Rita Rakowski###imported-end##

May 24, 2007 at 02:21 PM



“ I work at Macomb Community College but didn't have the opportunity to get to know Debbie very well. I am so sorry for your loss. From what I hear by many of my co-workers, she was a wonderful person and will be missed by many.

My sincere condolences to Debbie's family.

Pam Williams###imported-begin##Pamela Williams###imported-end##

May 24, 2007 at 01:48 PM



“ Bye Deb. My buddy at Macomb. We always had a blast together-- Tom Jones concert, Tap Dogs and movies. I miss her. My deepest sympathy to the family.###imported-begin##Teri Kleckner###imported-end##

May 24, 2007 at 01:48 PM



“ *Debbie and I had many things in common, but our love for animals will be undying. We spoke about them, how we enjoyed them.*

Debbie, I shall miss you, you always brought me comfort, along with your smile.

Debbie you are one of God's chosen Angels who will live on forever.

Thank you for the times together.

My condolences to Debbie's loved ones.

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May 24, 2007 at 01:46 PM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to Debbie's family and friends.*

I worked with her for many years while she was at the South Campus Library.

I'll remember her laugh, and I will miss her sense of humor.##imported-begin##Andrea Aho##imported-end##

May 24, 2007 at 01:44 PM



“ *Debbie was great to work with, had a great sense of humor, always helped me meet deadlines in the VP Office. She is missed. My deepest sympathy and prayers are with Robert and their entire family. Anyone who knew Debbie appreciated her.##imported-begin##Liz Lusky##imported-end##*

May 24, 2007 at 01:42 PM



“ My prayers are with Debbie's family. Debbie and I went to Center Line High school together and enjoyed talking about those days now and then.##imported-begin##Nancy Engalan##imported-end##

May 24, 2007 at 01:28 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Debbie's family. I worked with Debbie at Macomb, and hung out with her for a few years. She was always the biggest Red Wings fan, especially Brendan Shanahan. I will forever think of her when I watch a Wings game. She was a wonderful and beautiful person.##imported-begin##Nancy Banfield##imported-end##

May 24, 2007 at 01:26 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts go out to Debbies family. I knew Debbie for many years working at MCC. Debbie sure was a character. I enjoyed her stores and company very much. She will be definately be missed.##imported-begin##Michele Witinko##imported-end##

May 24, 2007 at 12:54 PM



“ I'll miss Debbie a lot even though she's been gone from our office she and I talked off and on and I enjoyed keeping in touch with her and will miss her calls and the fact that she was still out there. So I don't have a DJ any more (my nick name for her while we worked together in Office Services) My prayers to all of you.
Barb##imported-begin##Barbara Fabian##imported-end##

May 24, 2007 at 12:03 PM