



Debbie McMichael

December 11, 2022

Georgetown, SC.....

Debbie McMichael, age 62, died at MUSC on December 11, 2022.

She was born in Birmingham, AL a daughter of the late James and Kathleen Cartette.

Debbie was always looking for a good time and the life of the party. She was feisty, headstrong, and loved coloring in adult coloring books and would color for hours.

Debbie survived by her siblings James A. Cartrette, Jr. of Hendersonville, NC; Sandra "Sandy" Skerl and her husband T.J of Pawleys Island; Steve Cartrette of Florence, SC; nieces and nephews Katelyn Tuttle, Kassandra Heatherly, Abigail Cartrette, Cory Skerl, Brittany Cartrette, Brooke Cartrette. She will be missed by all who knew her.

A Graveside Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday December 14, 2022 at Florence Memorial Gardens, 3320 Cashua Dr. Florence, SC. The family will receive friends at the Cemetery from 10:30 AM until 11: 00 AM. The family requests that everyone dress casual and comfortable.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is assisting the family.

Tribute Wall

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“Debbie had a hard life. Growing up and being diagnosed with schizophrenia from her teenage years. When she was taking her meds, she was a great person to know but, when she was off medication she suffered a lot.

I learned a lot about Debbie after mom and dad died in 2000, when my husband and I took over caring for her. Over the 20 years, she spent most of it in assisted living. She spent holidays with us and our surroundings neighbors. (Birthday's, Easter, 4th of July, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. During the rest of the years, we would spend every Wednesday or Friday going to Ball&Que in Georgetown, shopping at budget friendly stores. She always bought for others and just necessities for her self. She would send cards to Jimmy (brother) and Cory (my son) a card with money in it. She had very little possessions in life but she gave her all to Lord. A very spiritual woman that I made sure she had her daily bread bible studies each day. Our pastor at Pawleys Island community church and his wife welcomed her into our church with open arms.

When I was diagnosed with Bipolar in 2008-2009, she helped me understand mental illness and even though we we're seen as damaged (I had to retire early from 20 years of teaching what I Loved the Most) We found that God had other plans for us. If you know of anyone who suffers from mental illness just treat them as a human being. Several Christians have asked for me to tell my story, to help others, not suffer in silence. I'm blessed Debbie was my sister and friend forever. RIP sister. I love you to the moon and back. I'll see you again in heaven.

*You are smart
You are kind
You are important
Sandi Skerl*

Sandi Skerl - December 13, 2022 at 04:57 PM

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Sandi, I am sorry I don't know you or your sister, Debbie. I wanted to write a thank-you note to you for taking such kind care of Debbie. I also wanted to tell you that I am sorry your own illness caused you to have to give up your career in teaching. My daughter is a teacher and I know how much she loves it. May God bless you in all his many ways for the love and support you gave your sister.

Vickie Cooper - December 14, 2022 at 06:37 AM