



Deborah L. (Wright) Gariepy

January 20, 1951 - January 23, 2023

Gardner: Deborah L. (Wright) Gariepy, 72, of Gardner, formerly of Leominster, Quincy and Hamden, CT, passed away Monday, January 23, 2023, after a short illness.

Debbie was born in Springfield, January 20, 1951, daughter of Shirley (Metcalf) Wright and the late Crane Wright. Additionally, Deb leaves her beloved daughter Allison Scharf of Nashville, TN; her sister and best friend, Lori Morin and her husband, Brian, Leominster; her brother, Steven Wright and his wife, Karen, of Hampden; her first husband Tim Scharf; stepchildren, Alissa Scharf, Rebecca Scharf, and Michael Scharf; as well as her second husband Dan Gariepy, stepchildren Brian Gariepy and Eric Gariepy. Deb is also survived by nieces, nephews, grandchildren, godchildren and so many who called her their friend.

Graduation from Hamden High School, and later education and training, led her to the medical field in a supportive role at facilities including Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and the Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer. Following her retirement she continued to care for people in other humanitarian ways with her volunteer work.

Deb served as a volunteer for many years at several institutions including Ginny's Helping Hand in Leominster, the Gardner Veteran's Memorial Center

and the Winchendon Community Action Committee, where she is remembered for her sense of humor and dedication to those in need.

In a world that could have been a softer place, Debbie herself became a beacon of kindness and strength. She enjoyed gardening, being near the ocean and spending time with her family. She had an easy, infectious laugh, and a generous spirit. Debbie was a light and will be greatly missed by those lucky enough to know and love her. Her legacy is a reminder not only how far-reaching generosity can be, but how deep it takes root in the hearts that need it most.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the Spring, when flowers are blooming. The Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg is assisting the family with arrangements. For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Winchendon Community Action Committee, 273 Central Street, Winchendon, MA 01475

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Dewas so sweet, but also tough. She touched so many people with her generous spirit and great sense of humor. I remember asking her why she was always mowing Dan's lawn when I'd drive by, and she would laugh and say she loved doing it!! I am sure many will miss her bright smile, and sending my deepest sympathy. Cathy B*

Cathy B - February 01, 2023 at 06:11 PM

DG

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Daniel Gariepy - February 01, 2023 at 05:51 PM

SM

“ *Deepest condolences from all of us at the Veteran's Outreach Center. We so appreciated her volunteerism and care for our veterans!*

Stephanie Marchetti - January 30, 2023 at 08:41 AM

JB

“ *Deb was a very close friend of mine and I will never forget the gift of friendship she shared with myself and many others. We shared so much time and support with each other. We vacationed together, laughed and cried together, Shopped til we dropped together. Deb taught me how to take care of my plants, we had a good chuckle over my brown thumb. Deb helped me move and I was constantly asking her to take a break but she just couldn't stop helping. Even when she was sick she was trying to help me find my next job! Deb was actually apologizing to me because she got cancer and knew I just lost my brother to cancer....who does that? Deb. I could not believe my ears. A part of my soul has left with Deb, but a part of Deb's soul will stay with me and I will forever cherish that. My heartfelt condolences to the family at this time. Deb loved you all so much.*



Jennifer Beal - January 29, 2023 at 04:24 PM

CM

“ *Cathy Mcwilliams lit a candle in memory of Deborah L. (Wright) Gariepy*



Cathy Mcwilliams - January 29, 2023 at 10:46 AM

CM

Deb was a lovely, thoughtful and extremely caring woman. She volunteered at Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center(of which I am the founder of and Chairman of the Board) for many years, and was admired by so many of our Veterans throughout those years. Last spring she submitted the name of one of our Veterans to be considered as a recipient for The Quilt of Valor, a National honor! When he was chosen, Deb asked if I would say a few words and present it to our Vet along with her. This Veteran was so deeply moved when he received it and it put a tear not only in his eye, but in all of our eyes, and especially in Deb's. It was such a thoughtful and moving gesture, and I was so happy to be there with Deb to share in that moment. You will be missed Deb. But I know that you are flying with the angels now.

Cathy McWilliams - January 29, 2023 at 10:59 AM

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I remember Deb from years ago when she worked for me at Don-Jo Mfg. She was such a very nice person, and well liked. May she R.I.P. My condolences to her family and her close friends. I am sure that she will be missed.

Pat Sidilau - January 31, 2023 at 03:53 PM