



Deborah L. (Tetreault) LaLancette, of Fitchburg

April 23, 1955 - February 26, 2026

Fitchburg – Deborah L. (Tetreault) LaLancette, 70, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on February 26, 2026.

Deb was born in Greenfield, MA on April 23, 1955, a daughter of the late William and Sylvia (Duncan) Tetreault. Growing up in Greenfield, she graduated from the local high school, attended Greenfield Community College. Deb spent her career working as a Medical Administrative Assistant for the Community Health Connections in Fitchburg for nearly 20 years.

In her younger years, Deb traveled extensively with her core group of friends, building memories and stories that lasted a lifetime. At home, she cherished life's cozy comforts: her bathrobe, sweet treats, and her famous "one sip" of Red Rose tea. She loved decorating her home for every season and holiday, transforming it into a warm and welcoming space that reflected her spirit.

Deb was a loving and caring woman, yet delightfully spicy in all the best ways. She perfected the art of the eye roll.

Her love language was thoughtfulness. Deb had a gift for giving deeply personal, meaningful presents that made the recipient feel special. It brought her much joy visiting her daughter and grandson in California; she was her grandboy's most loyal fan. She never missed a sporting event even when she

wasn't feeling her best. If her grandsons were playing, Dede was there.

Along with her husband Dave, they hosted the annual LaLancette family chicken BBQ, bringing everyone together with food, laughter, and love. Together, Deb and Dave enjoyed visiting local car shows; she always loved cruising around in her red Corvette.

She had an eye for fashion, always perfectly matching; she adored her makeup, especially her signature fuchsia lipstick. It became such a staple that she earned the endearing nickname "Fuchsia Deb." Her totally put-together look was made possible by her love of shopping and daily QVC deliveries.

Deb had a strong will and a fierce determination to fight and live life to the fullest. She did everything in her power to be present for her family. To honor her properly, and in the spirit of her love for a good metaphor, Deb was one tough cookie.

She leaves behind a host of family and friends who adored her, and countless memories. Her presence was gentle, yet bold, and she will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband of 23 years, David LaLancette of Fitchburg; children, Morgan Willhite of California, Brittany Willhite of Fitchburg, Nathan LaLancette of Fitchburg; grandchildren, Velzy Nalbandian of California, Julien and Jax Stacy of Fitchburg; several nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Deb was predeceased by her brother Stephen Tetreault in 1998.

A Memorial Service for Deborah LaLancette: Friends and family are invited to join us as we honor and celebrate the life of Deborah LaLancette, Saturday, March 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 99 Erdman Way Leominster, MA 01453. Burial will be held privately at a later date.

The Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., Fitchburg is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Deborah L. LaLancette to support cancer research and patient care at: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
P.O. Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284 or via dana-farber.org/gift.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel
99 Erdman Way
Leominster, MA 01453

Tribute Wall

GP

“ *Such wonderful memories from the Lamaze/PlayGroup Days!!! I just learned of Deb's passing today (3-15)at Hannaford when I saw Brady!!! I so would have been at her Memorial if I had only known. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I hope you can feel that she is a peace and free from any more suffering. With love and sympathy, Gail*

Gail Pease - March 15 at 03:29 PM

TP

“ *Thomas Puglia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Deborah L. (Tetreault) LaLancette, of Fitchburg.*



Thomas Puglia - March 13 at 08:52 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Deborah L. (Tetreault) LaLancette, of Fitchburg.*



March 12 at 01:17 PM

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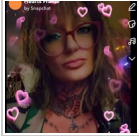
“ *Betty S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah L. (Tetreault) LaLancette, of Fitchburg.*

Betty S. - March 11 at 01:04 PM

KH

“ I remember fondly sleepovers and Deb playing girl talk with Morgan and I. She was always funny and kind and always made me feel welcomed. Praying for strength for her family and peace knowing she is no longer in any pain.

Kate Hood - March 04 at 07:50 PM



“ She was like a 2nd mom to my sisters and I growing up. She will always have a special place in my heart.

Jenn Tatro - March 04 at 10:29 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about Deb. She will surely be missed by all who knew her.



Patti Young - March 02 at 04:26 PM

BL

“ I worked at the old CHC and talked with Deb. She was nice and very helpful if you had a question. She will be missed.
~Betty Lyon

Betty Lyon - March 02 at 04:06 PM