



Debra Jeanne Wash

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Debra Jeanne Wash, 72, of Covington, KY, passed away peacefully at the hospital in Tavares, FL. She was born May 21, 1953, in Cincinnati to her late parents Gene and Maxine Wash. Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, Mark (Mary J.). She is survived by her brother, Raymond (Maureen), sister, Janis Vater (Tom), brother, Daryl, and brother, Steve (Patricia). She is also survived by five nephews, three nieces, four great nephews, five great nieces, and one great-great-niece.

Debra began her working career at Northern Kentucky University before becoming a budget analyst at the budget department of the Administrative Office of the Courts for the Commonwealth of Kentucky for 29 years.

Foremost she was a loving sister, aunt, and cousin as well as a cherished friend to many. Debra enjoyed watching sports, cooking, her Happy Hour, entertaining, local food festivals, and planning family vacations. These included attending the University of Kentucky Wildcat SEC tournament games, observing the Chinese Pandas munching on their bamboo shoots at the Atlanta Zoo, supervising nieces and nephews constructing sandcastles on sunny beaches, encouraging horseback riding in the Land Between the Lakes for the adventurous members of the family, and unforgettable sister trips.

Besides family vacations, unique itineraries included a weekend stay at a Frank Lloyd Wright home, picking coffee beans at a coffee plantation in Costa Rica, a multi-modal trip in France to smell the roses of Monet's Gardens in Giverny and reflect on the somberness of the beaches of Normandy. She and companions also witnessed authentic flamenco dancing in Spain and restfully scratched sleeping in a yurt off their bucket lists.

Her friends and family will remember her as the architect of so many unique activities. The millennium had them going from one family dwelling to another in vans they decorated as cruise



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ships to have pictures with the captain, smack pinatas and try their hand at skeet shooting before arriving at her farmhouse in Frankfort to see what the stroke of midnight would bring. The nieces and nephews will especially remember her Derby Day and holiday get-togethers. She always had fun activities for them. Her Fireworks Friday festivities with food, drink, and dessert on the deck while viewing the dazzling display of pyrotechnics became a regular event for the lucky ones on her invite list. Her enjoyment of company and her flair for entertaining touched so many friends and family members; she will certainly be missed by all that knew her.



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Susan Kennedy lit a candle in honor of Debra.

My deepest sympathy to all of Debra's family and friends. I know she will be deeply missed.Susan Kennedy

March 18 at 10:40 AM



Susan Kennedy posted:

Debra was one of the most generous people I ever knew. We worked together at AOC and I could always count on her for good conversations and a lot of laughs. One of my fondest memories of our time together was when a bunch of us "girls" loaded up and took off for Pawley's Island in March and rented a house before the rates went up. There are pictures of us laying on the beach with the wind blowing our hair in sweatsuits but it was so much fun and we laughed all week. Debra was always up for an adventure and if you were game she took you with her. She will be greatly missed.Susan Kennedy

March 18 at 10:36 AM



Royleen Seibert posted:

I will always be grateful for the many wonderful trips the 4 or sometimes 5 of us took. She always researched each place and had ideas about what to see. I will always remember the fun we shared.

March 17 at 7:09 PM



Royleen Seibert posted:

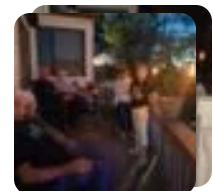
What wonderful excursions we shared with our group of 4 or 5 to visit Ireland, Italy, France, Greece, Spain and Panama. Additionally we made many weekend trips by bus with the Women's Auxilary of the Dayton, KY Fire Department. She loved to sample the local vino! What fun we all had! I will always remember her sense of humor and beautiful smile.

March 17 at 7:02 PM



Glenna Glenna shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

March 16 at 8:54 PM





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Glenna Glenna posted:

We had so much fun watching the EBN fireworks with Deb last September. So many happy memories. We are heartbroken, Glenna Herald, Wayde Shanks, and Bill Herald.

March 16 at 8:51 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Debra by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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