



## Deborah L. Harvey

July 10, 1959 - April 30, 2020

Deborah L. Harvey, 60, of Bonita Springs, Florida passed away on April 30, 2020 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs, FL. Debbie was born July 10, 1959 in Salem, IL a daughter of James and Barbara (Lane) Ball. She had been a resident of Bonita Springs since 1982 coming from Salem, IL. She married Jack O. Harvey on August 5, 1978.

Debbie was a partner in the Phillips Harvey Group, P.A. She graduated Cum laude from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor in science and accounting. Debbie was an active member of Anchor Christian Church and actively served on various non-profit organizations in the community.

Debbie is survived by her mother, Barbara Ball of Salem, IL.; two sisters, Janet and her husband Bob Padberg and Judy and her husband Tony West of Salem, several nieces and a nephew along with great-nieces and nephews; along with her local family, the "Hansons" and her beloved boxer, Sophie.

She was preceded in death by her father and her husband.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Debbie may be made to Anchor Christian Church, 11651 E. Terry St., Bonita Springs, FL 34135 or Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Pkwy, Bonita Springs, FL 34135 or the Gulf Coast Humane Society (a non-kill Shelter), 2010 Arcadia St., Fort Myers, FL 33916.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a private service will be held by the family at a later date.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting <http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com>.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Comments

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“ My mother and I met Debbie in 2014 when she came highly recommended to help with our taxes at a difficult and vulnerable time for us. Debbie immediately gained our trust and admiration. It meant a lot to both of us to work with a woman of such financial competence. We have been so grateful for her help over the last five years, and we are very deeply saddened to hear of her passing. The community has lost a beautiful person and a shining star, and we send our condolences to her family.  
Julie Gagnon

Julie Gagnon - June 02, 2020 at 11:42 AM

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“ Debbie had been our accountant since 2004 when we moved to Naples from Cape Cod. She was referred to us by dear friends. She was indeed a wonderful, knowledgeable, caring, and compassionate and very professional accountant. Debbie had a great smile and she made doing our taxes a piece of cake. She always answered any questions and concerns we had in a timely manner. She was absolutely the best accountant we ever had! She will be dearly missed by all. Our sincere condolences out to her family and associates. Linda and Ray Tricca

Linda Tricca - May 26, 2020 at 01:24 PM

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“ Dear Barbara. I am so sorry to here of your loss. It does not seem fair to bury one of your children. Mom had too. I know it's hard. Please accept my deepest sympathy  
Wanda Rose White

wanda rose white - May 19, 2020 at 10:10 AM

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“ I have known Debbie since the late 90's. She was always full of life and eager to help her clients. I will miss Debbie and her basket collection. My condolences to her family and other friends. The world has lost a dear, compassionate friend.

Joe Shenstone

Joe Shenstone - May 18, 2020 at 12:43 PM

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“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of Debbie’s passing. She has been my trusted accountant and advisor for over 13 years and had no idea she was ill. My condolences to her family and colleagues . She will be sorely missed.

**Kathy Grayson** - May 14, 2020 at 09:30 PM

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“ We love you, Debbie. We really do. And we bet somewhere out there you are reading all the nice comments and memories people are sharing about you and you are smiling, smiling like you always do.  
From the first time we met, Terry and I knew we had met a very special person. We knew because while we hated meeting for 30 minutes to discuss our taxes, we would spend another hour talking about travel, dining, and all the other more important things in life.  
We are so glad you finally made that trip with your husband to Hawaii. I hope our tips on what to do and see helped make your trip fantastic. I know it did because you never stopped smiling and laughing when we talked about it.  
If ever anyone deserved to get to Heaven, you did.  
Someday we may meet you there. I'm looking forward to sharing more smiles with you then.

Tom & Terry Harakal

**THOMAS HARAKAL** - May 13, 2020 at 07:51 PM

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“ I met Debbie through volunteer service on the Friends of Foster Children Board - she had a heart full of love, compassion, generosity and joy. After we met, we came to work together on many professional matters. She was a true professional in every sense of the word. We laughed a lot over the years and I will forever be grateful that our paths crossed. We have truly lost someone special. Sending my deepest sympathy to Debbie's family.

**Alison Douglas** - May 12, 2020 at 04:06 PM

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“ I will miss Debbie she made doing my taxes almost pleasant. We worked together for over 50 years and even during the busiest times she was happy kind and pleasant a unique accountant and person. My world is less now that she is gone.  
Michael Ettenberg

**Michael Ettenberg** - May 12, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ Deborah has been such a trusted resource for both our family and our business for almost 20 years. I could always count on her for advice that reflected the highest level of integrity. We will all miss you!



**Abbie Sladick** - May 10, 2020 at 08:52 AM

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“ Joe and I met Debbie approximately 23 years ago when she became our CPA. She was so impressive as an accountant. She knew the tax law inside, and out. Had an amazing memory of her clients history. She could recall situations from 20 years ago like it was yesterday. .Debbie was a true professional in every sense of the word. Over the years she became a valued friend as well. Joe, and I will always have the utmost respect for her. We will always remember Debbie as a lady of high moral integrity, honest, and a wonderful heart. We will miss her very much.

**Joe and Connie Trutwin** - May 09, 2020 at 11:33 AM

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“ My circle began with Debbie 29 yrs ago at USF, only to continue as an intern with Debbie, my graduation year in 1994 with Dr. Deanna Burgess' recommendation!

We once again reconnected in 1997 at WBW as CPAs working with the greatest Partners and Staff, always & forever!!!

It was during these years in our lives, Debbie truly became one of my dearest friends!!!!

Funny, Debbie choose our oldest daughter (now 23) Rebecca as “her little CPA”!

...and Debbie became Becca Boo's favorite entertainment!

In 2001 with the birth of our 2nd daughter, Kendra (now 18), Debbie was there to help me pick up the pieces...

Debbie, along with Annie gave Kendra's Welcome Home Baby Shower... I remember as if it was only Yesterday!

In the years to follow, Debbie continued as one of Kendra's champions in life!!

...until we met again in our Lord's Kingdom...

Debbie...our circle continues...

you will always will be in our family's hearts as a special in heaven!!!!

Debbie, thank you for you always being here for us...

with love, Debbie ...You will be remain in our hearts forever & always

Tonya, Ken, Rebecca & Kendra Johnson



Tonya C Johnson - May 09, 2020 at 06:04 AM

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“ My heart broke when I heard of Debbie’s passing from Michelle. I had known she had some medical concerns but had not known all the details and was simply waiting to have her back at the helm at Phillips/Harvey. I am so sad that I did not have one more chance to say hello or share some laughs as we had done for the past 20 years. She truly was a shining light and she will be missed dearly. My deepest sympathies for her family and all of her friends and colleagues.  
Dr. Bob March

bob march - May 07, 2020 at 06:34 AM

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“ We cannot describe our sadness upon learning of Debbie’s passing. Debbie was a kind, caring, patient, knowledgeable woman who entered our lives as a professional consultant 20 years ago. Debbie was a bright and articulate professional who provided us with excellent and honest accounting advice with a passion that set her apart from many of her peers. She had a pride for her firm and spoke of her coworkers and staff in a positive manner. She was a true leader and assisted in the development of her staff and her clients. She loved her community and her country and we had many conversations about the issues of the day.

We were delighted over the years to be invited to share in conversations about her personal life. She shared with us her love for her husband Jack and her love for her immediate and extended family. She so enjoyed her trips to North Carolina, always insisting that she could be interrupted by some financial crisis should it arise. As a dog Mom we reveled in her stories about her precious dogs Sadie and Sophie and shared our own stories of our dogs as childless couples often do. She shared with us her love for her Church family and how they were a source of strength and comfort to her during her illness.

We enjoyed a wonderful dinner together in mid March knowing without saying that our next visit together may be in Heaven. We will always remember the beauty of that visit, her smile and our hugs, our well wishes and our prayers.

We shared our deep faith for our Lord and Savior. Debbie’s faith grew stronger and never wavered throughout her illness. We spoke often of God’s faithfulness and how He guided her through the darkest of days. We reflect upon the words of John 14:27. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Our heartfelt sympathies to her immediate and extended family and beloved coworkers at Phillips and Harvey. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Angela and Greg Collins

Angela Collins - May 06, 2020 at 04:17 PM

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“ We are fortunate to have known Debbie since we moved to Naples 7 years ago. She diligently and expertly helped us with tax preparation. However, what we especially enjoyed was just knowing her and thinking of her as our friend. She was always available to help us and share her deep expertise, and patiently answer our many questions. We always looked forward to meeting with her - her big laugh, big smile and good humor were a special part of her personality and will be fondly remembered. She was a true professional and a great example to others. We shared being former Illinoisans and enjoyed telling stories about friends and relatives still there. We will miss Debbie, and know she will be missed greatly by her family and friends and her work team; we send our condolences. We are glad to have the memories and will remember her often. Thank you, Debbie.

Chuck Lussenhop

Kay Slocum

**Chuck Lussenhop** - May 06, 2020 at 11:28 AM

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“ Although we never met Debbie face to face, because we live abroad, we spoke to her many times over many years as she handled our accounts and dealt with officialdom on our behalf. She was always willing to take our calls, to explain and reassure, and to chat about life and times. We will always remember her for her lovely laugh, her patience, her warmth, and her complete professionalism – a safe pair of hands indeed. We send our sincere condolences to her family and her colleagues.

Barbara and Bob Jacobson

**Barbara Jacobson** - May 06, 2020 at 07:42 AM

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“ I have so many memories of Debbie, but her laugh and her smile are the brightest. She was loved by so many because she was Amazing! She truly cared about all of us, for me she was a friend, mentor, coworker, "aunt" for my kids and even "mom" advice for me at times. She celebrated my triumphs and joined me and prayed through my heartaches. She'll be greatly missed until I meet her again, but at least we can enjoy her laugh a few more times!



**Stephanie Feldman** - May 05, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ Debbie was always the entertainment!! Debbie was always Becca Boo's favorite entertainment!

**Tonya C Johnson** - May 09, 2020 at 06:07 AM



“ Thank you sharing! This is so cute!  
-Andy and Trish Padberg

**Tricia** - May 16, 2020 at 08:45 PM

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“ I have nothing but fond memories of Debbie. She was my biggest cheerleader and an amazing leader to work for or rather with. She was there for so many milestones in my life and has had an enormous impact on the person I am today. I hope I will make her proud as I continue her legacy of being a caring and knowledgeable professional, leader and person.

**Michelle Schalmo** - May 05, 2020 at 09:22 AM

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“ It was truly an honor and a pleasure to work with Deborah Harvey over the years. She has always been so intelligent, kind and honest in all of her work. She supported her clients and helped them through all kinds of complex situations with grace. Deborah will be deeply missed by all of us who were lucky enough to know her and befriend her, and by her entire community. She was truly a gem. My condolences to her family. Sincerely, Denise Altman

**Denise Altman** - May 04, 2020 at 10:00 PM

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“ Debbie was a wonderful person and CPA. What I remember most about her over these many years is her patience. No matter how many times I was late with info for my personal and corporate returns she patiently nudged me and accepted the invariably late, last minute info. I spent many hours in her office over the last many years (how many I've lost count) as she patiently tried to explain accounting 101 to me and never once expressed impatience with my failure to understand it or remember it from year to year. My favorite memories of her were her laughing with me as I told her she may as well be speaking Greek when she patiently tried to explain. She was a warm- hearted, loving person and a true professional. I will miss her. My condolences to her family and all at PhillipsHarvey.  
Andrea Casement

Andrea Casement - May 04, 2020 at 02:20 PM

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“ Debbie, my friend and my business partner was full of life and always was helping others to become better in life. She was committed to the Vision of Phillips Harvey Group and pursued it with excellence. She lived her faith in action and represented her Savior Jesus Christ very well. She's now in Heaven with Jesus and walking the streets of gold with her husband Jack. Debbie and I often talked about our Firm's foundational bible verse, "For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever, Amen" (Romans 11:36).I and our Firm's staff will miss her tremendously. I send love and condolences to her family. Praying for you and may God give you great peace and comfort at this time.

nathan phillips - May 03, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ Thank you for your lovely words about our beautiful Aunt.  
-Andy and Trish

Andrew Padberg - May 03, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ Meeting Debbie soon after my husband passed of colon cancer was a blessing only God could have orchestrated. She was not only professional and thorough but kind and compassionate. Debbie had heart and a memory like no one else. I loved the fact that she always picked up my calls, answered my emails and listened attentively even when the topics were not accounting related matters. I loved visiting her "techie" office. She always had a few monitors going at once and pulled things up in a heartbeat with total recall! She was so proud of her office and staff. I know they will grieve her loss for years to come. I close now thinking of that huge smile she had and know that she is smiling without pain in Heaven!

Susan A Black - May 04, 2020 at 02:01 PM