



Deborah Kay Vacca

November 17, 1952 - March 13, 2017

Deborah Kay Vacca, 64 of Bonita Springs, died Monday March 13, 2017. She was born on November 17, 1952 in Fort Wayne, IN a daughter of the late David Ralph Carnall and Olive Pearl Carter.

Debbie worked as a plant operator for Bonita Springs Utilities. She loved spending time with her husband Joe, whom she married on September 21, 2013. Debbie also was very passionate about animals and loved everyone of them.

Surviving are her husband Joseph J. Vacca; son Eric (Ronda) Brown of Newnan, GA; grandchildren Zachary Brown, Nick Brown and Avery Brown; step children Chris Vacca of Dunedin, FL, Jason (Jesse)Vacca of Trinity, FL and Kelly (Marcus) Graham of Trinity, FL; step grandchildren Luke Vacca, Logan Vacca, Kaelyn Graham, Kyndal Graham and Camden Graham; brothers Jack Alan Lehman of Fort Myers, FL and Robert Carl (Marilyn) Lehman of Seneca, SC; mother in law Dolly Holzworth of Clearwater, FL; and cousin Betty Thompson.

A private memorial service will be held at the request of the family.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contribution be made to the Gulf Coast Humane Society in Debbie's memory.

On line condolences may be left by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Kay Vacca*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Debbie,
I'll never forget the day that I met you and the last time I saw you. You were such a happy person with so much positive energy. You were taken from us way too soon, but I know that you are no longer suffering. You are missed and loved by so many people and you will forever be in our hearts.*



*Love,
Margarita*

Margarita Poplavski - May 26, 2018 at 04:54 PM



“ *It is 1 year today, seems like yesterday, I miss you soooooo much, each and, every day!
I sure wish you were still here with me! Love you, YOUR JOE*

joe vacca - March 13, 2018 at 09:31 AM



“ *Happy Birthday Honey, it would have been #65 today! I love you, and miss you every day, and wish you were still here to enjoy your day. Can't believe it has been 8 months since you left, and it is still very hard to get back to anything normal without you.
LOVE YOU, Joe*

Joe Vacca - November 17, 2017 at 09:17 AM

JV

“ Yesterday would have been our 4th Anniversary, I just got the internet back so I can leave you a message now, that I miss and love you, and I am still having a rough time without you here! It has also been 6 months, but still seems like yesterday, that you left. Your Sadie, and Chloe are doing OK, but like me, wish you were still here with us. LOVE YOU, Your Joe, Sadie, and Chloe

Joe Vacca - September 22, 2017 at 10:18 AM

JV

“ Happy Mom's Day Honey!!!
Miss & Love You!!! XOXOXO
Love Chloe & Sadie

Joe Vacca - May 14, 2017 at 07:07 AM

JV

“ It has been 6 weeks today, and I am having an awful time without you! I miss you, and think about you every day. I can't get you out of my mind, every where I look I see a picture of your smile, will never forget it! You were taken way too soon, after all you went thru in life, you should have had it a lot better, as you were happy, and we were planning for a nice life after retirement. I love you very much, and always will Honey!
Your Joe

Joe Vacca - April 24, 2017 at 07:39 AM

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Jack Lehman (Brother) - March 22, 2017 at 03:07 PM

J(

“ *Debbie was finally happy, with approaching retirement, a truly loving husband and life as it is.*

She was taken from us before that dreaded cancer, that was upon her, was to be reckoned with

Rest in Peace Dearest Sister, you will be missed each and every day. Life will Never be the same without you.

Your ever loving brother, Jack Lehman

Jack Lehman (Brother) - March 21, 2017 at 04:52 PM

ML

“ Ever since Debbie was born, Bob was always her "big brother" who she looked up to and counted on. When Bob married Marilyn, Deb became like another sister, one who was always a part of their lives. Deb loved people and you felt it whenever she was around. She was a great cook, a good shopping partner, always ready to help if you needed her. She loved all God's creatures, and would call to have us help save an injured bird, squirrel, or any other animal that needed help. We always said, "anyone who loves children and animals, has to be a kind and special person". We know Debbie had big plans to retire with her beloved Joe to be near family in a few years, but God must have wanted her to be His greeter in Heaven when we all arrive. She will grab brother Jack to practice their dance moves, and give us all a big hug. We are all going to miss her infectious laugh, her really loud sneezes, her day to day warmth and her love.

We love you, Deb, so very much,

Bob and Marilyn-

Marilyn Lehman - March 19, 2017 at 08:17 PM

JC

“ I am so sorry for all of your loss. What a wonderful person Deb was. I have many fond memories of her over the years. I will never forget her vibrant smile and her infectious laugh. May you all find solace in knowing she is now at peace. Fly high with the angels Deb and know you were loved by many.

Jesse Cornstubble - March 19, 2017 at 06:30 AM

LH

“ Debbie and I were besties back when she was 15 or 16 and I was 2 years older. She was like my little sister. We were friends when Eric was born and after that. I will always cherish our memories together. Prayers to all of her family. I was happy to hear she remarried and had a new family!



Linda Robinson Henslee - March 18, 2017 at 11:01 PM

KM

“ Kay And Ron Mahoney lit a candle in memory of Deborah Kay Vacca



Kay and Ron Mahoney - March 18, 2017 at 01:00 PM

GB

“ Gary And Julie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Deborah Kay Vacca



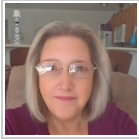
Gary and Julie Brown - March 18, 2017 at 09:11 AM

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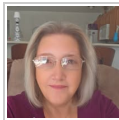
Gary and Julie Brown - March 18, 2017 at 09:00 AM



“ Joellen Sheets lit a candle in memory of Deborah Kay Vacca



Joellen Sheets - March 18, 2017 at 07:34 AM



We had so many good times especially when you ,me and Richard all lived together. I loved you like a sister you will be missed. RIH

Joellen Sheets - March 18, 2017 at 07:38 AM

AO

“ Eric and Ronda...

I am so very sorry to hear of Debs passing. I hadn't seen Deb in many years but I remember fondly what a kind and funny lady that she was. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Amber (Cope) Olack

Amber Olack - March 17, 2017 at 07:02 PM

JR

“ *Debbie, I'll never forget your smile. You were one of those people I just liked to be around - Funny and self-deprecating with a generous laugh. And you were always a complete nut job about your little dogs, which always made me laugh, especially when my mom would just roll her eyes at you. Lol but your love for your animals showed what a giant heart you had. You're going to be missed deeply by those who loved you the most.*

Justin Redwanski - March 17, 2017 at 06:13 PM

GB

“ *Gary And Julie Brown lit a candle in memory of Deborah Kay Vacca*



Gary and Julie Brown - March 17, 2017 at 05:23 PM

SF

“ *Sara And Frank lit a candle in memory of Deborah Kay Vacca*



Sara and Frank - March 17, 2017 at 04:02 PM

JV

“ TO MY HONEY,

I loved you soooooo much, and miss you even more! It's going to take me along time to begin to feel any better, so, so rough. Your smile was always there every day, even while you were sick. I know you are in a better place now with God, Mom, Dad, and Caesar all looking after you. The last 6 months have been rough on you, and now it is time for you to rest, no more problems for you to worry about.

Your Chloe, and Sadie are also having a rough time without you around, but they will be well taken care of, so you need not worry. They miss you an awful lot. We will all see you again some day, until then RIP my sweet Debbie!!!

LOVE ALWAYS,

Joe

Joe Vacca - March 17, 2017 at 01:16 PM

MB

“ We met at kindergarten in 1958 at Adams School.

Reminiscing about your house on Fairview evokes so many wonderful happy childhood memories:

the animals, picking berries & rhubarb, your mom's cooking/baking, the many meals shared at your kitchen table, washing dishes (and never doing them right), the sleepovers, camping, the little town fairs..... and most of all Olive.

Your mom was a very special lady, so loving, kind and generous.

And then we became teenagers!

How I treasure my memories and friendship with you.

Marie Bloomfield

Marie Bloomfield - March 17, 2017 at 10:01 AM

CH

“ I'm gonna miss the sister I never had..your the biggest goofball I know and we've shared over 40 years of memories. We've had so many laughs. Thank you for being a part of my life. I've missed you ever since you moved to Florida but now I miss our Sunday phone calls. RIP BEST BUD.

Carol haskell - March 17, 2017 at 05:28 AM

RB

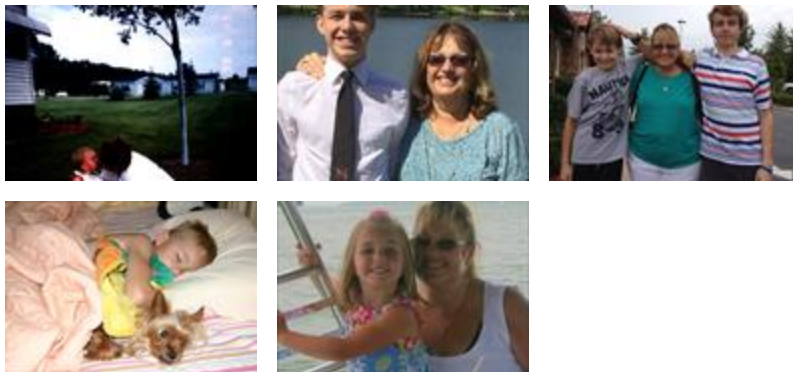
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Ronda Brown - March 16, 2017 at 10:30 PM

RB

“ 7 files added to the album Gramma



Ronda Brown - March 16, 2017 at 10:25 PM

RB

“ Ma B,

You were the best Mother-in-law anyone could ask for. I would have done anything for you and so, so, so many times we helped each other out. 20 something years of being there for each other, I will never forget each and every memory. Thru Eric's deployments, we were each others rock. You always opened your heart and door to the kids and I, at Otter Lake and Bonita Springs, letting us take over your life for visits home. That in itself is a feat!

You were our "Mom B", and there is nothing that will ever erase the fun times, the crazy times, the times where your laugh would make me laugh harder and the sad times we have had. There was nothing I wouldn't do for you, and I know in my heart you knew that. We have had so many memories as a family, and those will forever be treasured.

I will miss your smile the most, the way you loved your friends, and most of all, the way you loved me like a daughter. I met you for the first time when I was 17, and by the time Eric and I were getting married, you were forever my Mom B. You always, always will be in my heart.

I know how much you loved Eric, and that made me love you more. You always told us how much you loved us and were proud of us, and that is real. It can't be changed by anyone or anything, ever.

Your finally with your Mom, Dad and Ceasar. I know your laugh is filling heaven and your heart is happy and peaceful and Ceasar is probably barking:) Our hearts are empty, you left way to early.

I will love you always, and hold the 27 years of memories in my heart forever.

Ronda

Ronda Brown - March 16, 2017 at 10:11 PM

MA

I was shocked and very saddened when I learned of Debbie's passing. In the six months that I worked with Debbie I feel like I got to know her pretty well. Her smile was her greatest attribute. My deepest sympathy to Joe, her family and friends. R.I.P. Deb and thanks for being so nice and helpful to me.

Mike Alverson

Mike Alverson - March 18, 2017 at 12:24 PM

JS

*Debbie,
We will miss you and your kind and loving spirit. Go with God and rest in peace with the Angels in Heaven.
Love, John and Lorraine*

John Lorraine Strgar - March 20, 2017 at 04:18 PM

SF

Aunt Debbie! Seeing your smiling face reminds me so much of your joyful laugh! I'm so sorry I didn't get to see you in the last few months that you were facing your challenges. And, although I never met Joe, I feel like I know him. I've heard about all of his amazing Italian dinners and how much he loves you and how well he always has taken care of you. Now you are are being cared for by the greatest caretaker of all, our loving and merciful God, who you were so blessed to get to know! I remember when I was little you babysat for me and I remember thinking you were so cool and that I wanted to be just like you! You were beautiful, a good cook, and played amazing music! You will be missed Debbie. May your beautiful soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Love, Sandy Falter

Sandy Falter - March 22, 2017 at 09:10 PM