



Debra "Debbie" Joanne Baum

October 2, 1962 - May 21, 2016

Debra "Debbie" Joanne Baum, age 53 passed away on May 21, 2016. She was born October 2, 1962 in Joliet, Illinois. Debbie and her two brothers, Henry and Karl, and two sisters, Katie and Sandy were raised by father, Henry (Hank) and mother, Charlotte. The family flourished in Joliet until 1977 when an opportunity to move to the Houston area where Hank began work with Amoco and the family relocated to Alvin, Texas. Debbie attended Alvin High School, home of the Fighting Yellow Jackets, and attended college at Alvin Community College.

Debbie started work life early (1982) and joined the workforce at Exxon (later to be known as Exxon Mobil) in downtown Houston in the clerical division. Debbie rose in the ranks of the clerical division to become department secretary. Debbie became known for her skills and ability with Microsoft Office software and her ability to transform corporate presentations and was widely regarded as the expert for questions and techniques on how to make the information best presented. In the mid 1990's, she transferred to the Baytown Gas and Chemical Plant where her skills and talents were recognized and promoted to several positions and ultimately security where she would validate proper authorization for access to the plant. Debbie retired after 33 years with Exxon Mobil and found many cherished friends and relationships along the way.

Debbie was active in many groups surrounding her work, kids and church life. She worked on many safety committees and Exxon Club to enhance the lives of the employees. A devoted mother, Debbie supported many sports for her children ranging from drill team, volleyball, softball, little league, Pee Wee football to high school football. In her free time, she enjoyed being a devoted grandmother, playing in the Texas Snowman Poker League, Bunco and Small Gatherings of family and friends.

Debbie's ability to give would not end there, her rich church life flourished as a Sunday School Teacher at Seabrook United Methodist and Clear Creek Community Church as well as many other volunteer committees which planned events and organized outings for the youth. Debbie was a devoted member of Seabrook United Methodist Church (where

she married Earl in 1993). Later after moving to Kemah, Texas Debbie and family joined Clear Creek Community Church and loved the new joys and fellowship it provided.

Debbie was preceded in death by her mother, Charlotte Reed, in 1988 and her father, Hank Reed, in 2014. She is survived by her husband, Earl Joseph Baum of League City; children, Brandon and Ashley Baker of Spring and Jesse Baum of Pasadena; grandchildren, Madison and Kennedy Baker of Spring; siblings, Henry Reed of Galveston, Katie Reed of Houston, Sandra Pritchard of Atascocita and Karl Reed of Pearland; aunts and uncles, Dixie Butts of Manteno, Illinois, Laura Groph of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, Randy Snyder of Lansdale, Pennsylvania and Jerry Gersh of Tennessee.

The family will be gathering to celebrate Debbie's life at the house of her daughter, Ashley Baker, on Monday, June 6, 2016. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please donate to the Scleroderma Foundation or to Organ Donation: American Living Organ Donor Fund.

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“ Grass Roots Club 281 purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Debra "Debbie" Joanne Baum.



Grass Roots Club 281 - May 31, 2016 at 03:31 PM

John Breckenridge

“ Momma Baum has been a second mother to me. Her son Jesse and I have been best friends for many years and I grew very close to the Baum family. Momma Baum always treated me as one of her own and was always a joy to be around. Over the years i saw how amazing of a mother, wife, and grandmother she was. She will be deeply missed and I look forward to seeing her face at the gates of Heaven when my time comes.

John Breckenridge - May 30, 2016 at 07:33 PM

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“ I knew Debbie all my life, she was my dearest childhood friend, I have so many great memories of Debbie.,as we grew up together in Joliet Ill. and took many great vacations together in Wisconsin. Earl , Ashley , Jesse and the Reed family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. She will always be remembered in my heart. Love Kelly Widlowski

kelly widlowski - May 29, 2016 at 10:13 PM

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“ I met Debbie when we had our tournaments in Louisiana, and enjoyed her company.....my heart goes out to my good friend Earl during this trying time.....stay strong my friend.....

Kevin C Harris
Palm Bay, FL

KEVIN HARRIS - May 29, 2016 at 12:02 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Debra "Debbie" Joanne Baum.*



May 29, 2016 at 10:39 AM

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“ *In 1991-1992, I lived next door to Debbie on Aspen Ln. in Seabrook. For me, those days were filled with friends gathering at our house many nights during the week and every weekend. Earl would always show up with a bag of groceries, so he could cook dinner for us all. He did this regularly. As time went on, we would notice Earl's truck parked in our driveway, so we knew he had arrived, but no sign of Earl. Earl would come in after some time. After some time, we learned he was courting Debbie. It wasn't long after this, they were married. We spent many Friday and Saturday nights playing pinochle with Earl and Debbie in the following years. Debbie and I spent a lot of time together supporting our daughters in softball in Seabrook as well. Debbie always kept what is most important close to her: family. She set an example for us all.*

Laura Godel - May 29, 2016 at 09:56 AM