



Debbie J. Curtis

November 27, 1951 - June 5, 2009

Debbie Curtis, age 57, of Rensselaer passed away at her home on Friday, June 5, 2009. She was born November 27, 1951, in Valparaiso IN, the daughter of the late Leonard and Ida (Wittenberg) Mak. Debbie was raised in DeMotte and was a 1970 graduate of DeMotte High School. On August 3, 1979, in Valparaiso, IN Debbie married Gary Curtis who was the love of Debbie's life, spending 29 happy years together. Debbie and Gary moved to Rensselaer in 1980. She enjoyed being a special education aide with the Rensselaer Central Schools for 20 years. Debbie was most happy when she was surrounded by her family and will be sadly missed. She is survived by her dear husband Gary, two devoted children, Heather (Steve) Skonning of Frisco, TX and Kyle (Tristan) Curtis of Fairbanks, AK, and her caring step-children, Kendra Curtis of Kankakee, IL and Bill (Jessica) Curtis of Westfield, IN, and her devoted siblings, Len (Janice) Mak of DeMotte, Jeane (Robert) Maier of Hebron, Mary (Robert) Groen of DeMotte and Ronny (Mary) Mak of DeMotte. She will be mostly missed by her 12 grandchildren whom Debbie dearly loved and that meant all the world to her.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Debbie J. Curtis



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort and peace for you all.##imported-begin##Marna Swagert##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 11:19 PM



“ No words will ever help but know that your Gunstream family is thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.
Claudia##imported-begin##Claudia Wilson##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 01:55 PM



“ To Heather and the rest of your family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and I am truly sorry for you lose.

Sincerely

Celeste##imported-begin##Celeste Cavin##imported-end##

June 16, 2009 at 01:38 AM



“ Heather and family,
You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Cary
Nycz##imported-end##

June 11, 2009 at 04:52 PM



“ Kyle,

Just know we will keep you in our prayers in these difficult days of loss for you & your family. I always enjoyed the conversations with your mom when you & Kevin were in school together. Debbie and I would always call you and Kevin "the twins" as some would get you two mixed up....even us moms when your backs were to us while playing b-ball. Your mom loved you very much.##imported-begin##Denise Gillespie##imported-end##

June 11, 2009 at 03:57 PM



“ All my love and prayers to the Curtis family. Kyle-You are in my thoughts and prayers. Your mom was an amazing woman. I not only had the opportunity of knowing her as a neighbor, but as a co-worker. She was always there at the end of the school day with a smile on her face giving me words of encouragement. She was a real inspiration during my first year of teaching. She will be greatly missed. May God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Kara (Kosta) Luck##imported-end##

June 11, 2009 at 01:13 PM



“ Kyle, Tristan and girls, my deepest sympathy to you all on Deb's passing. She was a great lady and will be greatly missed. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family. Blessings to all!

Mike, Kelli, Will and Emily Hopkins##imported-begin##Kelli Hopkins##imported-end##

June 10, 2009 at 03:26 PM



“ Our deepest regrets to the family. Our family held the highest regards for Mrs. Debbie Curtis. She was a warm, friendly, caring person with a great sense of humor. Deb and I spent some great times working together and sitting together through many ball games, many years ago. I will cherish all of the times we spent together. My only regret is that we didn't share more time together, but I know Debbie's greatest love was her family and that is where she focused most of her time and energy. Secondly, I know she loved to help and encourage children and one of the great things about Deb was that she would give extra attention to the weakest and lonliest kids to support and lift up. I hold a great deal of respect and admiration for her for all that she was and aspired to be... one of the most beautiful ladies I've ever known.

Debbie, you will be fondly remembered & missed, always. May the Lord continue to watch over your family in your absence.

Kyle and Heather, if you ever need anything, and I mean anything Dennis and I would be more than happy to help out in any way. I would love to keep in touch with you guys, even if it's only a Christmas card once a year.

Love and prayers,

Dennis & Peggy Luchene

Luchene

June 10, 2009 at 11:29 AM



“ *Debbie... As we grew up as playmates, classmates and then friends again in our later years , we never knew how much our lives would cross. As our children would be in the same class in school for years, and then you would touch my Granddaughters life through school again... My Granddaughter loved you because you loved her. I have been blessed because you touched my life, so many times. I miss you already... Love Ginny Hoffman-Reames###imported-begin##Ginny Hoffman-Reames###imported-end##*

June 09, 2009 at 09:22 PM



“ *Heather,*

I know this is a difficult time for you. May God bless you and your family. Keep your mother's love in your heart and time will help. She will still be with you, like a guardian angel.###imported-begin##Linda Robeson###imported-end##

June 09, 2009 at 08:42 PM



“ *Dear Heather and family,*

*We are praying for all of you. Kylan, Kasen has been saying special prayers for you. You all will always have a very special gaurdian angel.
Love, Jill,Dave,Kasen and Keegan Handal###imported-begin##Jill Handal###imported-end##*

June 09, 2009 at 11:33 AM



“ Heather, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

Love,

Maria###imported-begin##Maria Chavez###imported-end##

June 09, 2009 at 10:26 AM



“ Heather and family,

You are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.

Your Mom is at peace and not sick anymore. You will always have an angel watching over you.

Love and prayers,

The Anckers###imported-begin##The Ancker Family###imported-end##

June 09, 2009 at 09:00 AM



“ There aren't enough words in the dictionary to describe the love I had for Deb, she was that one friend that everyone in the world hopes to have. But most are not lucky enough to experience that joy. She was as close to me as a sister. I can't tell you what she did for me through our friendship. I can tell you, her family was her life and love. I mourn with you all, and am keeping you all in my prayers and thoughts. I will love her the rest of my life, as so will you. Love to you all, Lana###imported-begin##Lana Studer###imported-end##

June 09, 2009 at 08:30 AM



“ Heather, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Deb##imported-begin##Deborah Pacheco##imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 10:52 PM



“ Debbie and her daunting courage will be with me always. She so loves her family. I am so grateful for having known Deb. This world was a better place because she was here. Hope you all can find a peaceful place for your grief to rest, her courage seems to scream at us all to push on. Thank you Deb, you are wonderful!##imported-begin##Joan Haley##imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 10:29 PM



“ Heather, you and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Amy Ellis##imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 09:51 PM



“ Precious Debbie,
May you rest in sweet peacefulness. You raised an amazing daughter in Heather and now she has the privilege of following your teachings and raising some of your grandchildren. You will be incredibly missed. But your legacy lives on! May God bless you and all of your family.##imported-begin##Jane Terlizzese##imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 03:16 PM



“ Heather and Family, you are in my prayers. Please find comfort during this time that your mother is no longer suffering. Much love,
Jenny McLellan###imported-begin##Jenny McLellan###imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 02:03 PM



“ You and your family our in our prayers during this time. May peace be with you.##imported-begin##The Sepper Family##imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 01:57 PM



“ Heather and family-
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. May the beautiful memories of your mother comfort you and bring you and your family peace.##imported-begin##Melissa Surratt###imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 01:57 PM



“ Regretfully, I am unable to be with you at this time of sorrow but know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Vicki Black##imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 01:43 PM



“ Heather,

I'm so sorry to hear of your family's loss. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Hold onto and revisit often the memories of your mother to get you through this difficult time.

Love, Monica##imported-begin##Monica Clift##imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 01:05 PM



“ You are all in our hearts. We are thinking of you and know how deeply Debbie will be missed.

With Love and Prayers,

Jennifer and Kelly Johnson##imported-begin##Jennifer and Kelly Johnson##imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 12:36 PM



“ Heather and family,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family will be in my prayers. Take care and be strong, GOD will guide you through this hard time.##imported-begin##Nerissa Texada##imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 11:59 AM



“ Gary and Family,
Words can never take away the pain you are feeling. Just wanted to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May the many fond memories of Debbie help to get you through this difficult time. God will watch over you and give you strength. Peace to you all.##imported-begin##Michael & Cheryl (Schultz) Oreskovich##imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 11:12 AM



“ Heather and family,
Praying for all of you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Brenda Youngblood##imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 10:06 AM



“ Heather, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I have been thinking of you and wanting to be there with you to help you in this most difficult time. I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother. We all love you very much. Just know now that you have comfort knowing that your mother is with our Lord and she will be looking down upon you sending you love, peace and she will continue to take care of you and keep you safe. She will always be with you. Your friend, Brenda##imported-begin##Brenda Jester##imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 09:53 AM



“ Heather and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. I know this is a time filled with sorrow for you. Do your best to remember the good times.
Love, Tammy##imported-begin##Tammy Sterling##imported-end##

June 08, 2009 at 09:38 AM



“ Kyle and Family,
I went to school with you Kyle and just wanted to send my deepest sympathy to your family. Everytime I seen your mom she ALWAYS had a smile on her face. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.##imported-begin##Brandy (Putman) Luttrell##imported-end##

June 07, 2009 at 11:59 PM



“ It's so hard to know what to say at a time like this. So sorry for your family's loss.##imported-begin##Nancy Koehler##imported-end##

June 07, 2009 at 10:02 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this very sad time in your lives. We wish we could be there to lend you support.##imported-begin##The Daddario Family##imported-end##

June 07, 2009 at 04:24 PM