



Debra A. Rockefeller

September 22, 1960 - March 19, 2018

Debra Rockefeller, 57
Kearney resident

Debra A. Rockefeller, 57, of Kearney died Monday, March 19, 2018 at her home. Funeral services are 10:30 am Friday at Bethany Lutheran Church in Minden with the Rev. Don Hunzeker officiating. Interment will follow at the Minden Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 pm Thursday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to Kearney Tackles Cancer. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Debra Ann (Westesen) Rockefeller was born September 22, 1960 in Minden, Nebraska to John and Marjorie (Anderson) Westesen. She was raised on a farm South of Kearney and was a 1979 graduate of Kearney High School. She later attended Central Community College in Grand Island where she earned her associates degree. Debra was united in marriage to Steve Rockefeller at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Minden on March 5, 1983. In 1985, Debra went to work for Good Samaritan Hospital in the Lab and as a Medical Transcriptionist. She retired due to her health after 33 years of employment.

Debra enjoyed camping, gardening and being outdoors. She cherished the time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren. Debra was active church member and taught Sunday school for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Rockefeller of Kearney; daughter Emily (John) Bengtson and their children Brooke and Michael all of York; son Scott Rockefeller of Oakdale, NE; parents John and Marjorie Westesen of Kearney; brothers David (Beth) Westesen and Jay (Lisa) Westesen all of Kearney; brother-in-law Gary Rockefeller of Kearney; sister-in-law Debra J. Rockefeller of Tomball, TX; father-in-law Carl Rockefeller of Kearney; as well as many nieces, nephews and special friend Joan Trew.

Debra was preceded in death by her mother-in-law Shirley Rockefeller.

Cemetery Details

Minden Cemtery

Minden, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
info@osrfh.com
<https://www.osrfh.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 10:30 AM (CT)

Bethany Lutheran Church
437 E 4th St
Minden, NE 68959

Tribute Wall



“ *Debra A. Rockefeller*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Deb's death. I worked with her many years ago in the GSH lab, and she was such a good friend and co-worker. Condolences to her family, may Deb be celebrating with Jesus as we speak!*

Shelly (Wilbeck) Schiel - April 02, 2018 at 11:42 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Debra A. Rockefeller.*

March 22, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Debra A. Rockefeller.*

March 22, 2018 at 10:52 AM





“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra A. Rockefeller.*



March 21, 2018 at 12:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra A. Rockefeller.*



March 21, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ *Deb was a pleasure, as both a co-worker and a friend. She was a calming influence. As my husband said, "She was one of the good ones." We are so sorry for your loss.*
Ed and Diane Stevens



Diane Stevens - March 20, 2018 at 10:10 PM

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“ I worked with Deb at Good Samaritan laboratory for many years. She was a good friend. She was kind to everyone and so much fun to be with! I haven't worked there for 10 years but a group of us old lab people get together once in awhile and it was always wonderful to see Deb. Boy lots of stories of the old days always flow when we get together! I will miss Deb a lot. Hugs and prayers to Steve, Emily, Scott, and all the family.



Carol Stuhr - March 20, 2018 at 08:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra A. Rockefeller.



March 20, 2018 at 08:03 PM

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“ I worked with Deb for years at the hospital lab. We watched each others children grow up and celebrated all their accomplishments. When I retired several years ago, I missed seeing her smiling face every morning. She was always a cheerful face and had a positive attitude about life. The "lab girls" get togethers won't be the same without her.
Barb Thompson

Barb Thompson - March 20, 2018 at 08:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra A. Rockefeller.*



March 20, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Debra A. Rockefeller.*



March 20, 2018 at 05:43 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Debra A. Rockefeller.*



March 20, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Debra A. Rockefeller.*



March 20, 2018 at 01:21 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra A. Rockefeller.*



March 20, 2018 at 05:00 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Debra A. Rockefeller.*



March 19, 2018 at 09:03 PM



“ *I didn't know Debra. I just wanted to send my condolences to the family. I lost my mom December 7th from cancer. She was only 52. May she rest in peace and may the family find peace in the coming months. Losing someone you love is never easy.*

Jessica Etheridge - March 19, 2018 at 04:48 PM