



Debora Catherine Michels

January 1, 1953 - August 10, 2021

Debora Catherine Michels, age 68, of Dassel died Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at her residence. We will hold a memorial service for Debi on Friday August 27th, 2021 at Long Lake Regional Park Pavilion 1500 Old Highway 8 New Brighton, MN 55112. Visitation begins at 2pm, Memorial at 3pm, and will conclude with a meal and celebration of her life.

Debi was born on January 1, 1953, and adopted by her loving parents Roger and Patricia (Welsh) Michels of Willmar, MN. She graduated from Willmar Senior High in 1971. The years ahead were filled with adventure. She attended college changing majors multiple times. During that time, she was blessed with two loving children, Matthew Michels (1978) with Gary Rusch of Darwin, MN and Elizabeth (Kern) Pascua (1980) with Theodore Kern Jr. of Baxter, MN who she married on Sept 22, 1979, at the Church of Saint William in Tumon, Guam. They later divorced and she moved to Marshall, MN where she cared for her children, worked as a florist, and attended Southwest State University graduating with an Accounting Degree in 1984. Straight away Debi and the kids packed their bags for Guam where she worked for Peat Marwick. She earned her CPA in 1987 then began to moonlight at Guam Community College teaching accounting. Having decided to remain on island she accepted the Controller position with Sterling Department Store at the brand-new Micronesian Mall in 1988, included in her contract were flights back to Minnesota each summer so they could visit family. Debi loved to work and

lived to work for the love of her family. Eventually she left Sterling for Ambros, Inc. where she remained until 2004. She returned to Minnesota the following year and lived a semi-retired life caring for numerous family & friends in need. Her free time was spent renewing her passion for reading, gardening, and knitting. Debi died from complications of a stroke she suffered in April of 2020. She will be missed, and her generous spirit will live in our hearts forever.

Debi is survived by children, Matthew & Sarah Michels of Shoreview and Elizabeth Ann Pascua of Dassel; siblings, Tim Michels of Zumbrota, Sheila & Kevin Stangler of Maple Grove, Pam & Daryl Kallevig of Duluth, and Tom & Mary Michels of Missoula, MT; grandchildren, Michael Afleje, Teresita & Alan Beacham, Keona Pascua, Kailene Pascua, Gillian Michels, Phoebe Michels, and Karissa Pascua; and great-grandchild, Lilith Afleje-Birthmark.

She was preceded in death by her father Roger, stepmother, Trony (Diola) Michels, and granddaughter, Keira Lynn Pascua.

Previous Events

Time to gather with family

AUG 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Picnic Pavilion
1500 Old Highway 8
New Brighton, MN 55112

Memorial Service

AUG 27. 3:00 PM (CT)

Long Lake Regional Park Pavilion
1500 Old Highway 8
New Brighton, MN 55112

Tribute Wall



“ Love from all your Ginther Cousins purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Debora Catherine Michels.



Love from all your Ginther Cousins - August 27, 2021 at 01:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Debora Catherine Michels.



August 26, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Debora Catherine Michels.



August 21, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debora Catherine Michels.



August 20, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debora Catherine Michels.*



August 20, 2021 at 03:14 PM