



## Deborah Ann Marsh

February 24, 1954 - September 22, 2019

Deborah Ann Marsh, a lifelong resident of Grand Ledge, Michigan passed away surrounded by her family on Sunday, September 22, 2019, after a 15-month battle with metastatic breast cancer. She wanted everyone to know that “cancer sucks.”

Debbie was born February 24, 1954, in Lansing, Michigan to Kenneth and Elaine (Hoppes) Dorin. Debbie met Tim Marsh in high school, and they were married on August 17, 1973. Debbie loved children. Between her own three children and their friends, as well as those that joined the family during her twelve years of operating a daycare, the home was always filled with kids. She was known for her chocolate chip cookies and usually had them in the cookie jar or on a plate for school parties. After the kids were in school, Debbie worked as a teacher’s aid at Holbrook Elementary School in Grand Ledge for 20 years. During her time at Holbrook, she made many lifelong friends.

In her years since retirement, Debbie was a granny nanny for her grandchildren, played golf, and spent time in her flower gardens. She enjoyed the family’s annual trips to Northern Michigan and always made sure to plan family birthday parties. Debbie and Tim have also enjoyed several vacations with family and friends.

Debbie is survived by her husband of 46 years, Tim, and their three children Todd (Erin), Andy (Mandy), and Amy (Tony) Heriford. She was a proud grandmother to Madelyn, Brendan, Caelan, Jameson, Lilly, Noah, Laura, Eli,

and Isaac. She is also survived by her mother, sisters, Nita (Greg) Gilbert, Laurie (Duane) Haring, Lisa Lundquist, and many special nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles. She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Dorin. Debbie was surrounded by friends, many of who supported her with visits, meals, cards, and words of encouragement during the last year.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 11:00AM at St. Michael Catholic Church in Grand Ledge by Father James Eisele. Memorial visitation will be Wednesday from 2-4PM and from 6-8PM at Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home in Grand Ledge and Thursday at the church from 10-11AM. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Grand Ledge Blessings in a Backpack, PO Box 162, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 (<https://blessingsinabackpackgl.org/how-to-donate/>) or Sparrow Foundation, Hospice House of Mid-Michigan Mid-Michigan, 1215 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912 (<https://www.sparrowfoundation.org/donate>). The family also invites friends and family to join them in Debbie's love for kids by bringing a childrens book to the funeral or visitation. The books will be donated throughout the Grand Ledge Community.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
406 N. Bridge Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
(517) 627-2531  
jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com  
<https://www.holihanatkin.com>

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
(517) 627-2531  
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## Memorial Visitation

SEP **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church  
345 Edwards Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

## Funeral Mass

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SEP **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church  
345 Edwards Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Tribute Wall

JU

“ Tim, I just heard about Deb's passing. I deeply regret the profound sorrow that you and the family must be suffering. May you find peace and comfort in the grace of God's love. My thoughts and prayers for you and family shall be continuing. John W. Ujlaky

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**john ujlaky** - October 11, 2019 at 03:46 PM

KP

“ Tim and your family, we are so sorry for your loss. Deb has always been a happy and positive person. From school she was always smiling and friendly to everyone. Deb will be truly missed. Prayers are with you.  
Jim and Kathie Powell

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**Kathie Powell** - September 28, 2019 at 09:05 AM

DR

“ In the 25 years my family lived in Grand Ledge, Debbie was one of the kindest souls I knew. Our daughters were in the same grade and played sports together for a brief time, but I didn't know the depth of her kindness until the girls were in middle school. Just before school began in their 9th grade year, our house was hit by lightning in a summer storm and much of the house was ruined in the fire. I was a single mom and barely knew Debbie then, but she checked in on me, sent a generous gift card and offered to help with any school or clothing supplies my kids needed. Her genuine caring touched me deeply, and I always felt a strong beam of gratitude and special connection to Debbie and her family thereafter. She lived as a beacon of love for her family, shining her light in healing rings around her. Tim, Amy and all your family, our hearts and prayers are with you. With love, Deanna and Bill Richeson

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**Deanna Richeson** - September 25, 2019 at 08:35 PM

RF

“ *To The Marsh Family*

*With our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to all. May you hold cherished memories forever in your hearts!*

*The Dorn Family - Ron, Linda, Shelly and Tracy*

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**Ron and Linda Dorn & Family** - September 25, 2019 at 07:49 PM

DM

“ *Deb made me laugh at lunch, everyday Holbrook. We shared fun stories about husbands, growing up in GL and our wonderful children and grandchildren. She had a huge heart and shared it with everyone. I am blessed to have known her. My love and prayers go out to her family.*

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**Deb McCrumb** - September 25, 2019 at 07:26 PM



“ *Anything for You was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Marsh.*



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September 25, 2019 at 05:13 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Marsh.*



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September 25, 2019 at 12:59 PM

AH

“ *Debbie was always kind, gentle, and thoughtful. We send our love to all of Debbie’s family for your great loss. Cancer sucks.* ”

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**Anne Hope** - September 25, 2019 at 12:51 PM

DW

“ *To Tim, Todd, Andy, Amy and entire Marsh family, we send our heartfelt condolences to all of you for the passing of your Debbie. Your family always radiated love and friendship to each other and all who know you in the Grand Ledge community over the years and Deb was at the center of it. We wish you peace as you move through this difficult time. Sending our love and sympathy, Woody, Deb and Jessica Woodruff.* ”



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**Deborah Woodruff** - September 25, 2019 at 04:30 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Marsh.* ”



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September 25, 2019 at 01:27 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Marsh.* ”



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September 24, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Marsh.



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September 24, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ Everytime I ran into Debbie she had such a positive attitude. We used too compare Cancer stories...she was a fighter and she will be in our hearts for ever. Bev. Temple.

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**Bev Temple** - September 24, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ My sincere and heartfelt condolences go out to your family during this horribly difficult time. I have worked with Todd for many years, and saw, through him, the love and commitment you had for your family, Deb. You raised your children to work diligently on their goals, treat others with kindness and respect, and have deep empathy and genuine gratitude for others. May you soar with the angels and golf with the saints!

*Amber Fogarty*

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**Amber Fogarty** - September 24, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ To Tim and the family...as I told Amy, Deb was the sister I was never lucky enough to have. We were best friends for 35 yrs. starting when we met at a St. Mike's picnic at Fitzgerald Park. Deb helped me through many difficult times in my life. I will miss her every day forever.

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**Kathy way** - September 24, 2019 at 10:20 AM

BC

“ Tim, I'm very very sorry to hear about Debbie's passing. Every time I saw the two of you around town, it brought a smile to my face. I wish you & your family peace.

- Bob Coon

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**Bob Coon** - September 24, 2019 at 08:08 AM

JS

“ I remember sitting with Debbie at Amy's last track meet. She looked at me and said, "This is it. It's the last race". I said, yes it is, but there is so much more ahead!! And there was!! 9 beautiful Grandchildren! She loved her family, and gave them her 100%!!. I greatly miss running into her at Hobby Lobby, Kohl's and Logjam. Like I told you at Christmas Eve Childrens Mass 2018,....Debbie you are beautiful!! She cried and said, no I'm not. I said, pish posh, your beauty is YOU!! You are gone way too soon! CANCER SUCKS!! Rest in Peace. You are a Guardian Angel!! 😍💕💚💕💙😭

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**Jeanne Simon** - September 23, 2019 at 10:53 PM

DF

“ Deepest Sympathy, The Toomey Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deborah Ann Marsh.



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**Deepest Sympathy, The Toomey Family** - September 23, 2019 at 09:06 PM

DA

“ *Tim and family,  
Fr. Bob shared the sad news about Debbie. Certainly, she was the love of your life. Looking back, all the way from High School, you two were "THE PAIR."  
So sorry for the loss, your sadness and the pain that will be part of the healing.  
May you gain peace through our Faith and comfort from loved ones in the days to come.*

*Prayers for all  
Dick Ainslie*

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**Dick Ainslie** - September 23, 2019 at 08:18 PM

SR

“ *Debbie radiated smiles to all those she encountered and she will be missed by many. We extend our deepest sympathy to Tim and the Marsh family . Heaven gained an angel on Sunday. May she rest now with no more pain.*



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**Sharon Rennaker** - September 23, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Marsh.*



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September 23, 2019 at 04:33 PM