



Mrs. Debbie Shana Wood

September 25, 1952 - February 15, 2021

Debbie Shana Wood, 68, passed away peacefully in her home in Chateaugay, NY on February 15, 2021. Debbie had a tough battle with Alzheimer's but took it in stride. Her "it is what it is" attitude helped guide her through all stages of life in a graceful and carefree manner.

Debbie was born on September 25, 1952 in Manhattan, NY to parents Leon and Ruth Orlick. She spent her youthful years with friends in Central Park, going to concerts, helping her parents run Orlick's Cabins in Hoags Corners NY, and hitchhiking cross-country. Debbie moved to Upstate NY in her 20's and was fortunate to build a great life and meet wonderful friends whom she loved very much. She was a free spirit who loved music, dancing, cooking, gardening, walking, reading, and being around animals. Easygoing in nature, Debbie was kind and loved life. The simplest of things made her happy. She had a passion for being around children and enjoyed her work with Head Start, teaching nutrition, and Evenstart where she was able to be an advocate for children. She was even a 4-H leader for many years while her children were young. She loved life and living in the North Country, often referring to it as a winter wonderland. Debbie's children were her pride. "Best Mom in the world" is a phrase her kids swear by. Sorry everyone, the "best" Mom is taken. She and her husband, Floyd Wood, were deeply in love and were beautiful to be around together. Their sweet relationship was a model for everyone to follow. Her friendly, gentle spirit will live on in the hearts and minds of all of those who were fortunate enough to be part of her life.

Debbie is survived by husband loving Floyd Wood; children Harold Coonradt, Christina Knickerbocker, Floyd Wood II, Joshua Wood, Isaac Bigness, and Melissa Morgan; and by siblings Lester Orlick , and Sandy Orlick. She also has many grandchildren, nieces and nephews who she loved very much. She is pre-deceased by parents Ruth and Leon Orlick; and by siblings Steve Orlick, and Adrienne Orlick.

As an alternative to funeral services, a Celebration of Life is planned for summer 2021. Please contact an immediate family member for more details. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Families R Us in Malone, NY, a family resource center where Debbie's love for children, reading, and helping can live on.

Special thank you to Hospice of the North Country who assisted Debbie and family during the time of her passing and to the caring aides from MILC who helped make it possible for Debbie to stay in her home.

"We cannot help everyone, but everyone can help someone." John Lennon

Tribute Wall

WF

“ *With Love Carole Bracy & Family purchased the Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden for the family of Mrs. Debbie Shana Wood.*



With Love Carole Bracy & Family - February 17, 2021 at 01:51 PM

RO

“ *Deb was a amazing lady I worked with her for awhile she will be greatly missed, I will miss her singing while listening to her favorite music 🥹🥹*



Rosemary - February 17, 2021 at 01:23 AM

MW

“ *Deepest sympathy .*



Marylynn Whalen - February 16, 2021 at 11:07 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Mrs. Debbie Shana Wood.*



February 16, 2021 at 09:23 PM

JM

“ *My thoughts are with you all. If you need anything, please let us know*



Jessie Monaghan - February 16, 2021 at 05:19 PM

FH

“ *Deb was a beautiful lady. She will be missed. She touched many lives. More than she knew.*

Faith Howes - February 16, 2021 at 05:16 PM

FH

“ *Faith Howes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debbie Shana Wood*



Faith Howes - February 16, 2021 at 05:08 PM

CN

“ *Corinne Niles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debbie Shana Wood*



Corinne Niles - February 16, 2021 at 04:31 PM

MV

“ My thought and prayers are with Floyd and all the bigness and woods Families. Debbie was a dear person who loved children and her family. I had the pleasure to work with her from time to time . I also believe she was a soul mate to Floyd. God Bless you all💜

mary Vondell - February 16, 2021 at 03:07 PM

PH

“ Phyllisorlick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debbie Shana Wood



phyllisorlick - February 16, 2021 at 02:57 PM

PO

“ Deb was the flower girl when Steve & I got married on Feb 17, 1963; she & Floyd came to fla several years ago & stayed with us. We had a small studio apt. at the time so they had their own space. We went to the pool & did some sight seeing . They enjoyed Cocoa Beach Ron Jons & just being with them was a fun time & a memory that I remember well. We rode in style as we had the Jaguar 4 door at the time. Deb was so happy. She would come visit as the little apt. was around the corner from where I presently live. She brought joy & happiness to all that knew her. Her personality was amazing. She baked the best pies & bread. She was the best !! RIP sweet Debby, you will be missed by all of the friends & family.

phyllis orlick - February 16, 2021 at 02:32 PM

DD

I only met Debbie a few years ago but seeing her watch children play and listening to her sing many genre of songs brings here memories to live. She will live on in all our hearts. Hugs to all the family

Donna Dangelico - February 16, 2021 at 07:46 PM