



Deborah L. (Shupe) Schmitz

April 27, 1957 - March 31, 2022

Deb was born in Audubon, Iowa on April 27, 1957 to Russell and Helen Shupe. She grew up on the family farm in Audubon, and as a child she enjoyed playing with her paper dolls and barbies and riding her bike. Deb also played the piano and the flute and was active in 4H. She attended Audubon High School, graduating in 1975. After high school, Deb attended additional schooling in order to become a dental assistant.

On June 14, 1980, Deb married Dale Heisterkamp, and their union was blessed with 3 children, Robyn, Lindsay, and Andrew. They started their family in Carroll, Iowa where Deb was working as a dental assistant. When the children were still young, she moved her family to Omaha, Nebraska, and soon after began her own cleaning business. Her business has been successful for over 25 years. On top of this business, Deb also enjoyed working as a teaching assistant for children with special needs at Elkhorn South High School.

In her free time, Deb loved gardening, reading, shopping, and spending time with her family. Trips to Lake Okoboji were always something she looked forward to. Spending time with her grandchildren was very important to Deb, and she especially enjoyed cheering them on at their sporting events. Deb was a member of St. Patrick's church and regularly attended services.

Deb's family will remember her as caring, warm, and giving person, who kept a very positive outlook on life. They will also remember her strength. In October of 2019, Deb was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic gastric cancer.

Despite the advanced stage of the cancer, Deb was able to battle it much longer than expected. She passed away at the Hospice House in Omaha on March 31, 2022.

Deb was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Helen Shupe. She is survived by daughter, Robyn (Orlando) Vera; daughter, Lindsay (Tim) O'Neil; son, Andrew (Cassie) Heisterkamp; grandchildren: Isabella, Ashton, Wyatt, Nolan, Madison, Easton, Sawyer, and Calliope; sisters, Diane (Doug) Kopp and Donna (Bob) Daniel; beloved dog Penny, and many other family members.

Memorials may be directed to the Elkhorn South High School special education department through the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation, elkhornfoundation.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

Wake Service

APR 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
20500 W. Maple Road
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah L. (Shupe) Schmitz*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Deborah L. (Shupe) Schmitz.*



April 04, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *Alliance Medical Staffing purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deborah L. (Shupe) Schmitz.*



Alliance Medical Staffing - April 04, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah L. (Shupe) Schmitz.*



April 03, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah L. (Shupe) Schmitz.*



April 03, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Deborah L. (Shupe) Schmitz.*



April 03, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah L. (Shupe) Schmitz.*



April 02, 2022 at 06:58 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Deborah L. (Shupe) Schmitz.*



April 02, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah L. (Shupe) Schmitz.*



April 02, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah L. (Shupe) Schmitz.*



April 02, 2022 at 02:11 PM