



Deborah D. Sthay

July 28, 1951 - May 27, 2022

Deborah D. Sthay “Deb”, age 70, of Bonfield, passed away Friday May 27th, 2022 at St. Mary’s hospital in Kankakee. Deb was born on July 28th, 1951 in Kankakee to LaVerne and Dolores (Gierke) Brown. Deb married Ray Sthay on September 27th, 1969 in Kankakee. Deb worked for Kankakee school district for over 20 years as a Teacher’s Aide and as a secretary for Steuben Elementary School. She loved to read, sew, listen to music, and travel in her camper.

Surviving is her husband, Ray, of over 50 years; her mother, Dolores Brown of Chebanse; one son Ray Sthay III (Ernie Hernandez-Sthay) of Kankakee; 4 siblings, Robert (Denise) Brown of Bourbonnais; Ron Brown of Manteno; Pam (Darrell) Fowler of Chebanse; and Darla Brown of Bradley; several nieces and nephews, several great nieces and nephews, and one great great niece. Deb is preceded in death by her father and two sisters, Linda Brown and Cheryl Brown.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 1st from 4pm to 8pm at Schreffler funeral home in Kankakee. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 2nd at 10am at Schreffler funeral home in Kankakee. Burial will follow at Evergreen cemetery in Chebanse. Pastor Patrick Jenkins will officiate the service. Memorials may be made to family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Chebanse, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah D. Sthay*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *The entire Gordon & Violet Franklin clan would like to send our condolences to the Brown and Sthay families. Some of my earliest childhood memories are of the Brown/Franklin summertime softball games and Deb was always just the gentlest soul with such an easygoing demeanor. Our prayers are with all of you.*

Love,

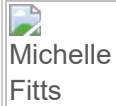
The Franklins

Joe Franklin - June 03, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ *I did not know Mrs. Sthay or remember her, but I attended Steuben Elementary when she was employed by them. I'm sure our paths crossed a good handful of times. RIP*

Dennis Marko - June 01, 2022 at 08:04 AM



“ So many great discussions with Deb in the office at Steuben. She always offered a listening ear and sound advice. I never made it out to see all the Christmas trees she decorated for the holiday, but will always remember her telling me about something she chose as a memento when her grandparents passed away - a piece she put in the base of one of her trees every year. She said it may not have meant much to others, but it was a fond memory of her childhood. I'm confident she is leaving fond memories to cherish for many who knew her. My deepest condolences to big Ray, little Ray and all of Deb's family. Michelle (Boie) Fitts

Michelle Fitts - May 31, 2022 at 09:27 AM

MM

“ MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Deborah D. Sthay



MR MRS - May 30, 2022 at 10:55 AM

BG

“ Deb and I rode the same school bus from when we started grade school through high school. We she was an awesome Friend! After graduating I moved away from Illinois. We found each other again on Facebook and one day out of the blue she called after I moved to Southwestern Utah. We caught up with each other and then I was able to see her when she came to my older sister's wake. Not matter what was going on in her life she always thought about others. Ray, I am so sorry for your loss. Deb, you will be missed, and you always will be remembered.

Bill Giertz - May 30, 2022 at 08:59 AM

AE

“ Ray and Ernie so sorry for your loss. Our sincere condolences to the both of you and your whole family. Sending prayers for all. 🙏🙏
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Amada Berro es - May 30, 2022 at 12:44 AM

LG

“ Deb and I grew up together. Many memories. When our boys were little they played together. Oh Deb I will miss you big....

Linda Keath Gray
Denton, Texas

linda gray - May 29, 2022 at 09:37 PM

JO

“ Although Deb was 11 years older than Darla and me, she took us driving around the square one night when we were only 14. We thought we were so cool! That was a long time ago, but I can still remember the 3 of us laughing the entire night! Her witty sense of humor made her fun to be around. She was a kind and compassionate person who didn't hesitate to welcome you into her home. She was a devoted wife, mom, sister and friend. She added value to the lives of those she loved as well as those who crossed her path, if only for a brief time.
Deb was blessed to have a family who loved her. Her time on earth will long be remembered because she left behind so many people who loved and appreciated her. Rest easy, Deb. Tell your Dad I said, “hello.”



JoElla - May 29, 2022 at 03:36 PM

MA

Debbie was one of the most greatest friends anyone could have. We have many wonderful memories. On July 28th we celebrated our birthdays with calls to each other every year. When I was able to go visit her and her family it was always a special and good time. Love and Prayers to Ray, her devoted husband, and her wonderful family. My friend is now an angel in Heaven and has no pain. 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️

MaryAnne - May 29, 2022 at 06:44 PM

BR

I had not seen Deb since high school. We connected with each other online and she invited me to her home. The weather that day had the worst fog ever but I was determined to go and I was very glad I did. Deb and Ray and Baxter were so welcoming and we had a great time catching up on all the years. I will always remember her for her sweet and gentle nature.

Brenda - May 29, 2022 at 09:57 PM

SA

Deb was a close friend of mine. We lived close to each other. So many memories that I have but one I had with her & her dad was right after my folks bought a green Torino I drove over to her house to show her. They had previously tarred & chipped the road. Deb, her dad & I cleaned the car so my folks wouldn't be to upset. Thanks Deb & Mr. Brown. RIP Deb. Will miss you but so glad you're not in pain no more.

Sandy - May 29, 2022 at 10:14 PM