



Debra Gail Howard

November 14, 1955 - April 12, 2018

Debra Gail Merritt Howard, age 62 of Springfield died at her home on Thursday, April 12, 2018 in Springfield, Tennessee. She worked many years as a Hotel Manager for Red Roof Inn and was a member of the Everyday Church in Goodlettsville. She was born on November 14, 1955 in Knoxville, Tennessee to the late Ray Emmerson and Mary Lou Fields Merritt. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her sister, Rae Denise Craig.

Debra is survived by a daughter, Sarah Howard of Springfield; beloved nephew, Kendall (Mandi) Rutherford; sisters, Lisa Karen Rutherford of Union County, Tennessee, Lori Jan (Randy) Foust of Union County, Tennessee, Melanie LeAnn (Rick) Stanfield of Russellville, Kentucky, Maria Antoinette Gaddy of Knoxville, Tennessee; 10 nieces and two additional nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4:00 pm on Sunday, April 15, 2018 in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Rev. Joseph Marlar officiating. Visitation with the family will be on Saturday from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm and Sunday from 2:00 pm - the hour of service at 4:00 pm. Debra's remains will be cremated following the funeral service. AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME IN SPRINGFIELD is in charge of arrangements. 509 Walnut St., Springfield, TN (615)384-1000.

Visitation

Saturday, April 14, 2018

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

AH

“ *Debra Gail Howard*

Austin and Bell Funeral Home - August 14, 2018 at 07:48 PM

JW

“ *Sarah, I was sad to hear that your Mom passed away! I always enjoyed knowing her! Love and prayers during this difficult time!
Love, Janet Westmoreland*

Janet Westmoreland - April 19, 2018 at 07:17 PM

NL

“ *I wrote earlier and it did not make it to the funeral home due to my health. Sarah, I know how much you and your Mom loved one another. That love is going to always with you. I'm home. Stop by anytime anytime. Love ,Miss Nancy*

Nancy Lewis - April 19, 2018 at 05:35 PM

JB

“ *Prayers for your family in this time of need. Love from mine to yours*

James Bailey - April 13, 2018 at 12:02 PM

DC

“ *Dear Sarah and family. Praying that God will help you through this. I didn't see Debi often, but she was a beautiful woman. Sarah, trust in the Lord. I know you do. I probably can't come to Nashville but I will be praying for all of you. Love, Delores Fields Johnson .*

Delores Fields Johnson -Second cousin. - April 12, 2018 at 10:37 PM