



Debra Boyette Ambrose

February 26, 1955 - December 22, 2022

Debra B. Ambrose, 67, of Summerville, wife of Ronald W. Ambrose, passed away at home peacefully on Thursday, December 22, 2022 after a valiant fight with pancreatic cancer.

Debbie was born on February 26, 1955 at Fort Bragg, NC, daughter of the late LTC George O. Boyette, Jr. and Mary Kertes Boyette. She graduated from Whiteville High School, NC in 1973 after spending many years traveling the world as a child of an officer in the Army.

Survivors, in addition to her husband Ron of 20 years, are daughter Jennifer Hursey, son-in-law Daniel Hursey, grandchildren Kylie, Braeden, and Georgie Hursey, all of Summerville; siblings George (Sandy), of Ohio; Terri, of Ohio; Kiva (Sean), of Maryland; and Tonya, of Virginia; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. She is predeceased by her parents and brother Robert.

A greater mom and granny you'll never meet. Debbie loved spending time with her grandchildren, insisting on them doing a craft together each year to present to Jenny and Daniel for Christmas. She never shied away from making memories with her grands, taking them on adventures around Washington, D.C. every summer. Her retirement plans were simple; move closer to her precious grandchildren. Toward the end, Debbie expressed how

lucky she was to have her family only 4 miles away instead of the old 486 (yes, we counted). However, Debbie's beloved dogs were always her first priority. If you knew Debbie at all, you knew how much she loved "her boys" as she shared stories about their latest antics.

Debbie was a giver. She cared more for others than herself, sometimes to the chagrin of her husband. He'd constantly have to remind her to do something for herself every once in a while. Her kindness and care for others' feelings are the things she is most remembered for from all realms of her life.

Debbie was an avid lover of science fiction (specifically Star Trek, Doctor Who, and Wonder Woman), rock music, attending craft shows, and she enjoyed many hours cheering on her favorite UNC Tar Heels men's basketball team (the years under Dean Smith were her favorites). Her love for our great country was unmatched, spending just shy of 40 years working for our federal government. Her ability to connect with people from all walks of life helped her achieve success in her work.

During her time as a civil servant, Debbie was recognized often by her peers and leadership for her work ethic and drive for excellence. Her most recent recognitions are the Air Force Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Department of Defense National Guard Bureau Distinguished Service Award, and the American flag flown over both the Pentagon and United States Capitol in her name at the request of Mark Warner, Virginia Senator.

A memorial service will be held on January 6, 2023 at 1 p.m. at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting www.jamesadyal.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at support.pancan.org/goto/Debbie_Ambrose.

Previous Events

Gathering

JAN 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
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<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ I was so sad to hear that Debbie had passed away. I enjoyed working with her so very much. We had such a lot in common - dogs, kids (but she was blessed with grands!), Star Trek, crafting, garage saleing and craft shows. We always had something to talk about.

This photo was taken at my SES pin on. Debbie made the trek into the Pentagon to attend. I was so grateful for that.

I will miss you my friend. God bless you and keep you and your family. Til we meet again.



Deb Breining - May 04, 2023 at 09:12 AM

TW

“ Debbie was one of my dearest friends at Whiteville High School. Her intelligence, wit, and adventurous nature made hanging out with her so much fun. It was great reconnecting with Debbie at our class reunions during recent years. She spoke of Ron, Jenny, and the grandkids with such loving pride. My deepest condolences to the family; she will be dearly missed.

Treva Cheryl Stanley Whitesell - January 22, 2023 at 01:59 PM



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James A Dyal Funeral Home - January 03, 2023 at 02:08 PM

Don
Holmes

“ One of my great friends at *Whiteville Senior High School* (as it was called them). She'll always be that kind and beautiful lady in my mind. Deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

Don Holmes - January 03, 2023 at 10:17 AM

PL

I only knew of you through your sister "Teri" she loved you so much. Gods blessings to your family, may you rest in Peace

Peggy lewis - January 04, 2023 at 03:05 PM

DG

“ Heaven has gained another beautiful angel. One that will truly be missed here on earth. As we hold our memories close, *Debbie* will continue to live on in our hearts. I will always remember and cherish our long talks and friendship. Rest Easy *Debbie* ❤️



Debra Gray - January 02, 2023 at 08:12 PM

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“ *RIP my dear friend. I'll forever treasure the memories I have of you.* ”



Sandy Edgecomb - January 02, 2023 at 07:13 PM



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