



Deborah Ann McAvoy

April 25, 2020

Deb McAvoy of Bradenton, FL passed away April 25th. She was wife, muse, and soulmate to husband Ely. She also leaves daughter, Alison (Jake) of Baltimore, Md; stepdaughter, Jocelyn Stratter (Joe) of Haddonfield, NJ; and stepson, Bogart (Sam) of Salt Lake City, UT. Deb was a Mom to each and every child and a great Nana to Paige and Madeline Stratter. She is also survived by brother David Friedberg (Jeanette) and sister Linda Penney (Andrew). Deb was predeceased by father Ret. Gen., Dr. Elmer Friedberg O.D. and mother Suzanne Friedberg of Pottstown, PA.

After graduating from Pottstown High School and Bryn Mawr Hospital School of Nursing, Deb began her dedicated vocation as a Registered Nurse and later graduated from Eastern University in St. David's, PA. Deb's quality of deep empathy served patients well for over 30 years at Bryn Mawr Hospital; Bryn Mawr, PA and the last 9 years at Lakewood Ranch Medical Center, Lakewood Ranch, FL.

Prior to her illness, Deb was a passionate teammate of the Sarasota based Survivors in Sync Dragon Boat Team. Her enthusiasm for the sport and her experience as a fellow breast cancer survivor was a true joy to her, an asset to the team and a wonder to behold.

Deb leaves many friends in Florida, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Canada. All of whom ensured Deb was enveloped in love throughout her valiant fight.

Let us all who knew her, honor her memory by sharing her motto: Live, Love, Laugh.

Her greatest joy was the annual gatherings of our family and being surrounded by all of us. A celebration of this incredible woman will be held when the family can be together in person to share our stories, our love and comfort each other.

Any donations you may wish to give to honor Deb may be given to:

Survivors in Sync

c/o Dana Bauer: Treasurer

6370 Watercrest Way #202
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

Comments



“ I first met Deb when I volunteered at LWR Medical Center. She had such an easy going way about her. Deb always made me feel part of the team. Upon learning that she enjoyed reading, I asked her to join our book club. She enthusiastically did and was so welcomed by the other women. She will be missed by many. May her memories live in our hearts. My prayers are with her family. Sandy Cannata

sandra Cannata - May 02, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ I was so sad to read about Deb. I truly enjoyed my time working alongside her at The Ranch. Sending sympathy across the ocean from Bermuda. xoox

Heather Funk - May 02, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ My condolences go out to Deb's Family. Although I haven't seen Deb since my high school days, I remember her, her brother, sister, and mother and father very well. Her parents were great friends of my parents. I recall going over to her house to swim in her pool during those hot and humid summer days and then sledding with her and Chris K on Master St during the cold winters when it snowed frequently and with intensity. My heart goes out to all her family members. May God bless you all and Deb rest in peace!

Dr. Christopher T. Penny, P.E.

Dr. Christopher T Penny PE - May 02, 2020 at 08:04 AM



“ Sue, Elmer and Deb always told great stories about sledding on Master St. Thanks for your kind words.

Ely

Ely - May 04, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ Condolences to the family.
deb was a great neighbor

Theresa Sell - May 01, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ There was such an easiness about Deb, she made you feel like a friend instantly. I am so sorry for your loss as she has left a hole that is difficult to heal. May she Rest in Peace and may the family find peace in the memories you have made with her. Our sympathy and prayers are with you.
MaryAnn & John McWilliams (TGCC)

MaryAnn McWilliams - May 01, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ I felt so comfortable with Deb — the day I met her, I felt as if I had known her all of my life. A wonderful woman with an easy smile and abundance of humor and sweetness of soul, she is a phenomenal mom to Ali and a treasured spouse to Ely. She is deeply missed by all who knew and love her — and to know her was to love her. Happy travels Deb. We love you. Wendy and Jim.

wendy Bannahan - May 01, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ I worked with Deb at LWRMC. She had the best personality and a great sense of humor. She would always make time to stop by our office and put a smile on our faces. My children are around the same ages as her grandchildren. We would share stories and videos and laugh together. She would light up when she talked about them! I still have the little booties she knit for my daughter. Deb was an amazing person and she will be greatly missed.

Lauren - April 30, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ Deb was a wonderful person and a great nurse I worked with Deb in the OR at PPMC She will be missed! So sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time

Rose Sparano - April 30, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ Deb was a wonderful lady. I met her through our dragon boat team and loved her instantly. Beautiful, friendly, smart and kind. I am grateful, even for a short time, to have known her. Irene

Irene Hocht - April 30, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ To know Deb was to love her. She always made us laugh at work and reminded everyone to not take everything so seriously. Her patients adored her, and she was an incredible nurse and friend to us all. She would be cracking up at all of us pouring our hearts out over her :) but she truly was a gem. I will forever be grateful for her friendship and wisdom.



Kelly - April 30, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ I was Deb's coach on Survivors in Sync dragon boat team and I must say, I loved her the day I met her. Her easy spirit, positive attitude, & determination was an absolute pleasure to be around and she was a joy to coach. Especially since she took to the sport quite quickly. My only regret is that we didn't have more time with her. I do know that she will hold a special place in all our hearts and she will be forever on our boat....wherever we go. Rest In Peace Dear SIS.



Angela Long - April 30, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ What a terrific picture. Deb's smile says it all.

Ely - April 30, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ I remember Deb we'll from high school. She had that easy spirit and friendly way about her then also. Many prayers for her family. I am so sorry for your loss. Karen Burton Chapman

Karen Chapman - April 30, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ Deb was a real delight to everyone and especially SIS. I never saw her without a huge smile and enjoying every moment of life and every moment of paddling with SIS.

Dana Bauer

Dana Bauer - April 30, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ Deb was an amazing nurse and friend. We will never forget her sweet smile and quick wit. She was indeed a part of a great family in the Pre-op PACU department!!

Sandra McKeehan - April 30, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ She was so much fun to work with and hang out with. Will never forget our trip to New Orleans! She will be greatly missed!

Suzanne - April 30, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ Such a beautiful lady, so caring and kind. You met Deb, you immediately liked Deb! Her smile and her hugs were always given with love! My sincere condolences to her family. We at SIS will miss her. Marilyn Scherff

Marilyn Scherff - April 30, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ Deb and I started with Survivors in Sync at about the same time. As others have said, you liked Deb immediately. We miss her.

Kate - April 30, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ Deb was such a joy to be around. Funny, kind, and a fierce dragon boater. We all miss her so much.

Paula Murray - April 30, 2020 at 03:00 PM