



Deborah Maria Barker

February 13, 1955 - June 22, 2024

The world lost one of its best examples of grace, kindness and strength on June 22, 2024. Deborah “Debbie” Maria Barker passed away in Sarasota, Florida that morning after a two-year fight with pancreatic cancer.

Born in Plymouth, England on February 13, 1955, Debbie was the beloved wife of Stephen, mother of Kate Quesada (Mike) and Nikki Caragiulo (Paul) and grandmother of Sophie Caragiulo, Dylan Quesada, Caroline Caragiulo and Max Quesada.

Debbie spent her youth in Coventry, England with her parents Raymond and Maureen and brothers Barrie and Grahame. She met Stephen, the love of her life, when she was 16 and they married months after her 18th birthday in August of 1973. As a young couple, Stephen and Debbie lived in Coventry, London and Manchester before settling in Buckinghamshire where they raised their daughters until moving to Florida in 1994. Debbie’s early career included time spent as a medical secretary and after taking time home with the girls, she later spent many years working with Stephen at Hartstone.

When the family moved to Florida in 1994, Debbie began work on The Marco Review tourist magazine, a vital guide for visitors to and residents of Marco Island, Florida. Through her work at the magazine, Debbie impacted many lives and helped countless small businesses flourish. A wonderful

photographer and writer, in her spare time, Debbie loved visiting the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas, walking the beach, reading, exploring and enjoying nature and wildlife, especially birds, watching tennis and soccer and spending time with her beloved family and cats. Her grandchildren were lights in her life, and she loved watching them grow up.

Shortly after losing Stephen in May 2022, Debbie was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and her last two years were spent bravely fighting the persistent disease while enjoying every minute possible with her family. Through surgery and chemotherapy treatments, Debbie showed nothing but grace and strength and was an inspiration to all she met. She will be gravely missed by so many who she touched with her kindness and thoughtfulness every minute of her life.

Services to celebrate Debbie's life will take place at Toale Brothers Funeral Home located at 40 North Orange Ave in Sarasota on Monday, July 1 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Tidewell Hospice or the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCan.org).

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

JUL 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel

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Tribute Wall

KP

“ *What a huge loss of a lovely person. Dale and I are so sad to hear this news, but are so grateful she is out of pain and is at peace. I know Debbie is in Stephen’s loving arms. Prayers to her wonderful daughters and husbands and beautiful grandchildren who she loved so much and we talked about often. Hugs to all and know that your parents held a special place in our hearts. Kenda and Dale
OMG That’s Chic
Marco Island*

Kenda Primeaux - June 28, 2024 at 05:32 PM

GG

“ *Gregg, Allison, Dylan and Chase Gardner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Maria Barker.*

Gregg, Allison, Dylan and Chase Gardner - June 28, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Maria Barker.*



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PS

“ *Debbie was a lovely lady to have worked with on the Marco Review. RIP to you and your husband.
Pat - Flying Colors of Naples*

Pat Shapiro - June 28, 2024 at 03:26 PM

FC

“ Florida Hawks Futbol Club planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Maria Barker.

Florida Hawks Futbol Club - June 26, 2024 at 08:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deborah Maria Barker.



June 26, 2024 at 08:14 AM

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“ Love from Chris, Jane, Rachael and David purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Deborah Maria Barker.



Love from Chris, Jane, Rachael and David - June 26, 2024 at 05:46 AM