



## Rebecca Denise Marsh

May 3, 2025

With heavy hearts, we mourn the sudden passing of Rebecca Denise Marsh, 63, of Sarasota, Florida, who went to be with her Lord and Savior on May 3, 2025.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri to Raymond and Bobby Stewart, Rebecca was raised in the West Los Angeles area, not far from UCLA. After graduating from high school, she attended UCLA and earned a B.A. in Psychology in 1984. While at UCLA, Rebecca was an enthusiastic member of the Bruins Sports Fan Club, proudly cheering on her team with handmade signs at many games.

Rebecca later moved with her parents to Virginia and continued her education at George Mason University, where she received her M.A. in Industrial Psychology in 1987. Professionally, Rebecca worked in various human resources roles for organizations in Maryland and Virginia before moving to Sarasota.

In December of 1987, Rebecca met her future husband, David, at a holiday party. It was love at first sight. The couple married on September 17, 1988, after a brief courtship and moved to Sarasota 30 years ago. David fondly describes Rebecca as his best friend and greatest blessing. Together, they welcomed their beloved daughter, Amanda Nicole — a joyous addition to their

lives.

In Sarasota, Rebecca applied her professional skills in both her home and her community. She volunteered regularly — in the front office at Amanda's school, at Covenant Life Presbyterian Church, and later with her cherished Community Bible Study (CBS) group. During her more than 20 years with CBS, Rebecca served in several leadership capacities and developed deep, enduring friendships while faithfully serving the Lord. She and David were also longtime members of a church small group Bible study, where they built lasting bonds with fellow members over two decades.

Rebecca was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend. She was also a fitness enthusiast, often walking six miles a day, and was a regular attendee of her neighborhood yoga and Pilates classes. Just as in her faith communities, Rebecca nurtured meaningful friendships through these shared routines.

In recent years, she and David found great joy in traveling the world together on cruises, savoring new cultures and creating beautiful memories. Rebecca also shared close, treasured relationships with her sister Vicki and daughter Amanda — leaving both with many cherished memories.

Everyone who met Rebecca knew her as kind, gracious, and deeply loving. She lived her Christian faith unapologetically, touching countless lives with her warmth, humility, and steadfast spirit. Hers was a life filled with love, service, creativity, and purpose.

Rebecca is survived by her devoted husband, David Marsh; daughter, Amanda Marsh; sister, Vicki Wells (Glenn); brother, Vincent Stewart (Rene); sister-in-law, Sharon Brown (William Martin III); nieces, McCall Wells (Jack) and Ashley Stewart; nephews, Michael Stewart, Tyler Stewart, and William Martin Brown IV (Kourtnee); and a host of cherished family and friends. She

was predeceased by her beloved parents, Raymond and Bobby Stewart.

Rebecca's legacy will live on in her acts of service, her unwavering faith, and the many lives she touched. She will be missed dearly and remembered always.

The Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, May 18th, from 3:00–4:00 PM at:

Grace Community Church  
4080 Lakewood Ranch Blvd N  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240

There will be ample parking available on site.

#### Travel Information

We recommend flying into one of the following airports:

- Sarasota Bradenton International Airport (SRQ) – ~25 minutes to the church
- Tampa International Airport (TPA) – ~1 hour to the church

Please ensure you have the necessary documentation to travel (e.g., Real ID or passport as required).

#### Nearby Hotel Options

Here are a few convenient accommodations close to Grace Community Church:

Hyatt Place Sarasota / Lakewood Ranch  
6021 Exchange Way  
Bradenton, FL 34202

Home2 Suites by Hilton Lakewood Ranch  
6015 Exchange Way  
Bradenton, FL 34202

Marriott Courtyard Sarasota at University Town Center  
8305 Tourist Center Drive  
Sarasota, Florida, 34201

If you're unable to attend the Memorial Service in person, please join us via  
livestream:

<https://vimeo.com/event/5119596>

In honor of Rebecca's generous spirit and love for youth ministry, education,  
and the arts, we ask that in lieu of flowers or plants, you consider making a  
donation to one of the following organizations:

- Youth for Christ
- Library Foundation for Sarasota County

Rebecca was a devoted follower of Christ and an enthusiastic volunteer in  
school and church programs. We believe she would be touched by your  
support of causes close to her heart. Please let us know if you make a  
donation so we can thank you.

If you have any questions, please contact David Marsh at  
[marshdtm@gmail.com](mailto:marshdtm@gmail.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 18. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grace Community Church - Lakewood Ranch Campus  
4080 Lakewood Ranch Blvd N  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240

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**Deborah Keyes** - May 17, 2025 at 07:57 AM

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**Deborah Keyes** - May 16, 2025 at 11:58 PM

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**Anita** - May 12, 2025 at 09:56 PM

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*Although it had been many years since Dean and I had seen David and Rebecca, we had a chance to spend quality time with them about two years ago, when we met for lunch in Connecticut during one of their mini vacations. We were fortunate to have the opportunity to spend three weeks with them in March. It was such a pleasure to get to know what a wonderful, thoughtful, and caring person Rebecca was. It was so much fun to hear how David and Rebecca met. We learned about her bible study group, Pilates class, and fitness group. She demonstrated her love of fitness, even on the cruise, by working out every day. Her love of her family was evident. It is still so hard to believe this amazing woman is gone. We will miss you, Rebecca. Rest in peace.*

Deborah Keyes - May 17, 2025 at 12:05 AM

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**Sharon Y Brown** - May 12, 2025 at 09:45 PM

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“ *It is still so difficult to process Rebecca's sudden passing. Rebecca was a wonderful sister-in-law (in addition to a wonderful wife, mother, sister, and friend), and we will cherish the beautiful memories we shared over the years. As we learn even more about Rebecca's work in the Community Bible Study organization and experienced the loving support of Rebecca's CBS friends last week, we are so inspired by Rebecca's legacy of service. Her love for her immediate family spilled over into her love of community and service to God. We're keeping David, Amanda, Vicki, Vincent, and all who loved Rebecca in our prayers. Rebecca's light shined so brightly on each of us, and it will continue to live on in our hearts and warm memories. - Sharon and Bill Brown*

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**Sharon Marsh Brown** - May 12, 2025 at 01:31 PM