



Deborah Anne Hoibrotten

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Deborah Anne (Upham) Hoibrotten, of Arlington, VA passed away peacefully on May 6, 2023, with her family by her side. She was born on September 9, 1955, the first child of Clinton and Betty Upham. She had a younger sister, Susan (Upham) Ralph and two younger brothers, Robert and Daniel Upham. Debbie was born in Washington State soon after Betty and Clint were married. Clint's career with the Coast and Geodetic Survey (the predecessor to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA]) soon had the family crisscrossing the country. Debbie lived in Norfolk, VA, then Honolulu, HI, Berkley CA, then St. Petersburg, FL, and Virginia Beach, VA before settling in Vienna, VA in 1970. This is where Debbie attended Madison High School, graduating in 1973. Debbie enjoyed music and was quite a good classical musician playing the piano, flute, piccolo and oboe. She attended Shenandoah Conservatory of Music after graduating high school and played briefly with the Washington Symphony. After college, Debbie began her civil servant career with Naval Sea Systems Command where she continued to work until retiring in June of 2022. One of her greatest joys in life was her beloved cat Basil who kept her company in her apartment in Crystal City, VA. Debbie will be missed greatly by her sister Susan, brothers Robert and Daniel, Stepfather Blake Ratliff, Stepsisters Julie Groves and Teresa Marsten, and her extended family and those that knew and loved her.

A Memorial Service will be held at Pierce Funeral Home (9609 Center Street,

Manassas, VA 20110) on Saturday May 27th at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation 28 West 44th Street, Suite 609, New York, NY 10036 (Breast Cancer Research Foundation | BCRF).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family,
We are very sad to learn of Debbie's passing.
We have just started to try to make connections again and are
alarmed to learn of Betty's passing as well.
Condolences from the Strattons,
Charles and Christine, Mark and Bel, Realyn and Julie

Christine Stratton - August 03, 2023 at 07:12 PM

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Deborah was my cousin. Her father and my mother were siblings. Like my mom, her dad was born in Grafton, North Dakota and grew up there. It was always a pleasure when her parents and siblings would come to Grafton for a visit. I loved hearing about places that they lived and all of the activities in which they were involved. I didn't know that she had died. I was simply browsing through posts on Facebook and elsewhere trying to find out what my cousins currently up to and sadly, I found this obituary. My condolences to her wonderful siblings and her other loved ones. She was a neat cousin and I know that others who loved her will greatly miss her.

Lisa Berg - August 22, 2023 at 11:45 PM