



Deborah Carol Johnson

May 16, 1955 - September 22, 2022

It is with heavy hearts, but with trust in God's loving mercy, that we share that beloved wife, sister, and teacher, Deborah (Debbie) Burchell Johnson, passed into eternal life on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at the age of 67.

A lifelong, passionate educator, Debbie taught 1st grade for 40 years in the Manassas Park School system. Her greatest passion was making each child feel loved and cared for over all else. She was a mentor to younger teachers, and she formed strong friendships and bonds with every person she worked with. Beginning with her education at Longwood College, she was instilled with a deep love for teaching which resulted in numerous awards and milestones throughout her career, including the honor of being chosen as Teacher of the Year.

Debbie is survived by her loving husband, Earl, and her two basset hounds, Petey and Lily. She considered over 1000 children that she taught as her own. In addition, she is survived by her brother, Jay (Joanne) Burchell of Chesterfield, VA, niece Julie (Brad, Lt.Col., USA) Cowan, and two nephews, Rev. Fr. Jason Burchell (Lt., USN) and Joseph (Kristin) Burchell (Maj., USAF), and 11 loving grandnieces and nephews. Her parents, John and Evelyn Burchell of King George, VA, preceded her in death.

A wake service will be held on Tuesday 27 September from 7:00pm-9:00pm at Pierce Funeral Home (9609 Center Street) in Manassas. Reception of friends and family will be from 7:00-8:30, with a prayer vigil and Rosary to be held from 8:30-9:00. The Funeral Mass will be held in her hometown of King

George, VA at St. Anthony Catholic Church on Wednesday 28 September at 11:00am, followed by burial at Historyland Memorial Park in King George. Her nephew and Godson, Fr. Jason Burchell, will preside.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for memorial donations to be made to the location where Debbie received exceptional and loving care during her illness.

Adler Center for Caring of Capital Caring Health

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<https://capitalcaring-tributelights.funraise.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **27**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony Catholic Church
10299 Millbank Rd
King George, VA 22485

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Debbie was a wonderful friend in high school. Once we got married we drifted apart. She was a great friend.* ”

Sandra Johnson - June 04, 2024 at 01:56 PM

KP

“ *Debbie I will always remember your love and kindness towards me. I will miss you my friend. Kim* ”



Kim Prince - September 27, 2022 at 07:40 PM

DB

“ *Debbie, you were such a good friend. Thank you for always having a smile, a hug, a good chuckle, and a caring heart. My years working with you at Cougar hold sweet memories. You touched the lives of so many children and everyone who was fortunate enough to know and love you, were blessed. I love you and forever be grateful to have shared time with you.* ”

Deborah Byrne - September 27, 2022 at 06:38 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Carol Johnson.* ”



September 26, 2022 at 04:53 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Carol Johnson.*



September 25, 2022 at 09:37 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Carol Johnson.*



September 25, 2022 at 04:11 PM



“ *I will always cherish the memories of Debbie that we shared as a family. From vacations, birthdays and holidays. Debbie always lit up the room with her laugh and loving energy. She never met a stranger that she couldnt quickly strike up a conversation with. We may not have been blood but she treated me and my siblings as if we were her own nieces and nephews. To us she will always be Aunt Debbie and that will never change. Aunt Debbie, may you rest in peace and no longer be in pain. Don't worry about Uncle Earl, we will take good care of him for you. Until we meet again. Love Ashley Cornwell*

Ashley Cornwell - September 25, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Deborah Carol Johnson.



September 24, 2022 at 11:50 AM



“ *Debbie and I became immediate friends as we entered Kindergarten at our sweet Potomac Elementary School. I will forever be thankful for her beautiful smile, her friendship, caring, and love. We shared so many wonderful times together. I know she was an amazing teacher because of her dedication and her great love for her students. Debbie, I know you are smiling down on us from Heaven. I will always cherish you and you are forever etched in my heart. I pray for Earl and your brother; Jay during this sad time. You touched so many lives and changed the world for everyone. I will always miss you! Love, Donna*

Donna Rose Loan - September 24, 2022 at 10:51 AM




“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Deborah Carol Johnson.





September 24, 2022 at 10:35 AM

CM

“ Aww Debbie I remember the first time I met you was the day you became my daughters teacher and I knew she would be taken care of and I also knew you and I would be good friends and I will always have you in my heart and I loved making matching sun dresses for you and Carlye to wear on your birthday. Love you so much by now I know you aren't in any pain but you will be missed by so many people and all the kids you taught 


Cathy Mauck - September 24, 2022 at 09:41 AM

DG

“ Debbie you know i already have your birthday card ready for you. I loved when you would call and laugh so hard. Too many happy memories. love you  

Donna Gershon - September 24, 2022 at 09:31 AM

LM

“ Debbie was one of the best. I was very fortunate to meet her 39 years ago. She was an amazing mentor for a new teacher. I never met a teacher who loved her students so completely and gave so much. I am sure every child who passed through her classroom held a spot in her heart and they never forgot being in Mrs. Johnson's first grade  She will be missed. Sending our love to Earl and the family . Bruce and Lisa Morgan

Lisa Morgan - September 23, 2022 at 11:13 PM

CS

“ Such an amazing lady. The world got a little darker when she left us but heaven got a lot brighter. Her smile and laughter could light up a room like a ray of sunshine. Sending lots of love, many thoughts and prayers to the family, friends, co-workers and to all the students whose lives she touched. I will cherish my memories of her, she will always be my sunshine. I will miss you forever and I will never forget you sweet Debbie

Christine Souders - September 23, 2022 at 10:38 PM

DM

“ I am just heart broken about Debbie! But if she could not get better then I am glad she is with her Lord and Savior and is now whole again. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Wish I could be with you. All my love, Dal Mallory

Dal Mallory - September 23, 2022 at 10:00 PM