



Deborah Ann Martin

June 20, 1964 - April 9, 2020

Deborah Ann (Zinn) Martin, 55, of Gainesville, VA passed away on April 9, 2020 after an eighteen-month battle with lung cancer.

She was born on June 20, 1964 in Herington, KS to Gerald and Ruth Zinn. Deb spent her childhood in eastern Kansas, was actively involved in sports, culminating with participation in volleyball while exceling in cross country and track at Wamego, KS high school, winning several meets/events on the local, county, and State level. After high school, Deb attended Manhattan Technical College in Manhattan, KS. One of Deb's interest included bowling, where she met her husband Ed Martin in 1988. She married Ed on December 30, 1991 and took residence in Woodbridge, VA until 2005, when the family relocated to Wamego, KS in 2005. The family returned to Gainesville, VA in 2012 where she resided until her death.

Deb was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth Elaine Zinn. She is survived by her husband, Edward L. Martin, her father, Gerald D Zinn, her sister, Deanna J Zinn, two children, Justin P Young, and Ruthie Ann & husband Daniel Rotchford, and one grandchild, Jackson D Young.

Her greatest joys, when not watching her kids in sports, specifically Justin in basketball and football, Ruthie in gymnastics, track and softball, were knitting, crocheting, painting and other assorted arts and crafts. Deb had undying love for animals. While in Virginia, she traveled "home" for nearly every holiday, especially the 4th of July where she loved the celebrations in Wamego. Her bowling career was shortened by the onset of Fibromyalgia which was

diagnosed in the late 2000's. Deb relished shopping, the wine and paint parties, and the annual "Visit to Santa" trips with her sister and friends. She will be put to rest in Herington, KS. Memorial services will be planned in Virginia and Kansas at a later date. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made in honor of Mrs. Martin online at: inovacancer.org/donate or by mail to:
Inova Schar Cancer Institute
8110 Gatehouse Road, Suite 200 East
Falls Church, VA 22042

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Martin.*



June 17, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Martin.*



April 15, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time and in the times to come. I got to know Debbie while she was growing up when her Dad and I played Fast Pitch softball for many many years. When Debbie and her family moved back to Wamego I had the privilege to have her daughter Ruthie as a 8th grade student. She was also a member of my Track team. Then, a few years ago I got to meet Justin while he worked as our school resource officer. What a GREAT family (Zinn-Martin). You will be missed... Tom Wilson*

Tom Wilson - April 12, 2020 at 05:51 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of coaching Debbie in track her senior year in high school. I always enjoyed her enthusiasm and love for life. She was on the first team that I ever took to State as a high school track coach. I also had the opportunity of coaching Ruthie in cross country her freshman year at Wamego High School before they moved to Virginia. Our thoughts and prayers go out the the family.
Rick Patton

Rick Patton - April 10, 2020 at 03:47 PM

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“ I am sorry for your loss. With deepest sympathy as you remember Deb.

I babysat Deb and Deanna when they were young, living in Wamego. My love, thoughts and prayers go out to the Zinn and Martin families.

With heartfelt condolences,

*Roberta (Johnson) Robinson
Olathe, KS*

Roberta Robinson - April 10, 2020 at 02:24 PM

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“ *Debbie was a classmate of mine. Both of us had last names beginning with "Z". When we had to line up by alphabetical order by last name, we both commented that we were last and we were the end of the line. Her laughter was contagious.*

Sending prayers of love, light, courage, peace, and comfort to the Martin & Zinn families.

*Blessings,
Nancy Zoeller Scheopner*



Nancy Scheopner - April 10, 2020 at 10:59 AM