



Debra L. Vetter

August 11, 1949 - January 23, 2023

Debra Louise Vetter: From Walk, Trot, Canter to Gallop; A Fierce & Unstoppable Free Spirit Debra Louise Vetter, 73, of Manassas, Virginia, passed away on January 23rd, 2023, following complications from open heart surgery. Debbie was born in Santa Monica, California on August 11th, 1949. Growing up as one of seven siblings, Debbie learned to think quick, act smart and make savvy decisions. It also taught her to stand up for herself, to live for today and to never take no for an answer. She truly was an unyielding force, fearless and strong. The equestrian life was central to Debbie's happiness; her love of riding represented a guiding philosophy in her life. Her true passion was taking care of her horses and going on long cross country endurance rides, as well as participating in judged pleasure rides across rivers and through the woods. She was adamant about rescuing animals and determined to provide them with a better life. She fostered several rounds of dogs, including Great Danes. Good wasn't good enough for Debbie, she pushed all the boundaries, lived life in the moment and enjoyed countless adventures. Vacations were frequent for Debbie as she didn't believe life made sense living if it wasn't for fun. Jim and Debbie would enjoy Las Vegas for gambling and New Orleans for great food. Debbie worked in graphic design as an illustrator for most of her career with TRW before becoming a contract coordinator for Northrup Grumman. She retired happily with her husband and continued to work walking dogs and taking care of animals. She loved to read and to cross stitch, when she wasn't raising her favorite flowers such as iris,

lilies and roses. She also continued improving her home, something she was truly proud of, decorating it year after year with flowers galore and beautiful landscaping. Debbie could make anything grow. She lived life fully. Debbie is survived by retired Navy serviceman and loving husband Jim Brannan, as well as her six siblings, her son David Vetter, grandson Cameron Vetter and her two dogs Dixie & Deuce. Her siblings include Bruce Rowland, Linda Kelly, Bret Rowland, Sharron Lewis, Rebecca Riva & Brian Rowland. A memorial service will be held at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, VA on Wednesday, February 1st at 1:00PM, as Debbie did not believe in getting up early. Those attending are encouraged to wear something red in honor of Debbie's favorite color. The service will be live-streamed by the Funeral Home for those not able to attend. In lieu of flowers sympathies should take the form of a donation to the Equine Rescue League of Loudoun County.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Funeral Service for Debra L. Vetter in memory of Debra L. Vetter*



Pierce Funeral Home - January 31, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Debra L. Vetter.*



February 01, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *The thing I remember most about about Debbie were her quick smile and sense of humor. She once told me that getting a harness on a very small and very energetic puppy we were caring for was like dressing a Barbie Doll that wiggled! I also remember how much she loved our little dog Annie and that she was always wearing flip-flops, no matter how cold it was. I hope you have the prettiest flip flops in Heaven Debbie! Love, Didi and Tony* ❤️



Diabe Wooster - January 31, 2023 at 04:16 PM

DW

That's Diane Wooster

Diane Wooster - January 31, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra L. Vetter.*



January 30, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra L. Vetter.*



January 29, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Debra L. Vetter.*



January 29, 2023 at 08:01 PM

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“ *The Riva Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Debra L. Vetter.*



The Riva Family - January 29, 2023 at 07:30 PM

DM

“ *Working and traveling with Debbie was always such fun, and I loved to hear her laugh. BMB to you my friend. You will be missed.*

Darcel McClain - January 29, 2023 at 07:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Debra L. Vetter.*



January 29, 2023 at 06:41 PM