



Deborah "Debbie" Jean Linkous Echols

October 17, 1953 - May 23, 2025

Deborah Jean Linkous Echols (Debbie) passed away peacefully May 23, 2025 with her devoted partner of 29 years, Rob Chiles, by her side.

She was a true native of Blacksburg, where she lived her entire life. She was born October 17, 1953 and graduated Blacksburg High School in 1972.

She was preceded in death by her father David H. Linkous, her Mother Betty MacSweeney, whom she adored and her beloved little toy poodle, Jitterbug.

Debbie was a fun and dynamic woman who loved life, gardening, shopping and going on travel adventures. She especially enjoyed visiting Myrtle Beach and Pigeon Forge, TN. If ever something needed to be done, she could be counted on to get it done correctly. Every spring she would light up knowing she was going to be planting flowers and enjoying nature. She loved watching Virginia Tech sports and was an enthusiastic supporter of the University.

Debbie fought valiantly to the end and did not go gentle into that good night. She is now and will forever be deeply missed.

Debbie requested that no services be held and her burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, one of her favorite shopping places was the Thrift Well shop in Christiansburg. Please consider making a donation to them in her name to

support their mission.

Tribute Wall



“ *What a joy to have known her! Love you Debbie! Karen Brown DeBors, BHS Class of 1972*

Karen DeBord - May 31, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ *Diana Albert lit a candle in memory of Deborah "Debbie" Jean Linkous Echols*



Diana Albert - May 29, 2025 at 11:20 PM

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ROBERT EARLY CHILES - May 29, 2025 at 10:29 PM

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Love these photos!!! Debbie is so beautiful! I miss her so much , I really can't believe she is gone. I'm going to miss our weekly visits and funny conversations. Love you Debbie....

April Thompson - May 31, 2025 at 10:41 AM