



Debra Lusk

September 5, 1950 - October 26, 2015

ATHENS – Debra J. Lusk, 65, of Athens, formerly of Bud, passed away Monday, October 26, 2015 at her residence. Debby was born September 5, 1950 at Bluefield Hospital in Bluefield, WV and was the daughter of the late William P. Lusk and Roberta Carson Lusk of Bud.

At 2 years of age, Debby contracted polio – a disabling disease that limited her physical abilities but did little to affect her independent spirit and determination. After graduating Herndon High School in 1968, Debby worked at Wyoming General Hospital for a year prior to enrolling at Concord College where she completed a BS degree and teaching certification in English.

Determined to be a positive influence and example of independence and success, Debby pursued a MA degree and certification in special education at the WV College of Graduate Studies (now Marshall University). She taught both elementary and high school special education until her retirement from Wyoming County Schools in 2002.

Throughout her life, Debby traveled extensively, was a sponsor of student organizations, and a member of the WV State Special Education Advisory Council. She was a member of Athens Baptist Church.

Debby is survived by her mother, Roberta Lusk; her two sisters, Diane

Quesenberry of Athens and Linda Clark of Frametown, WV; her brother, William (Bill) Lusk and wife Yvonne of Floyd, VA; two nieces, Melissa Wilson and Christina Hughes and husband Drew; five nephews, Joseph Quesenberry, IV and wife Fran, Andy Lusk, Aaron Lusk and wife Krista, Jarrod Lusk and Nathan Clark. Also left to cherish her memory are five great-nieces, Ari, Ali, Abi, Rhys and Kyndal; two great-nephews, Brandon and Collin; and special friends, Sandra Goodwin and Dr. Nancy Burton (Burt); and Debby's beloved papillon, "Baby."

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 29, 2015 at Athens Baptist Church in Athens, WV with the Reverend Charles Drake officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to either the March of Dimes or Athens Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. until service hour at the Athens Baptist Church in Athens, WV.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute to Debby, or share online condolences with the family, please visit www.bailey-kirk.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Athens Baptist Church
102 State Street
Athens, WV 24712

Memorial Service

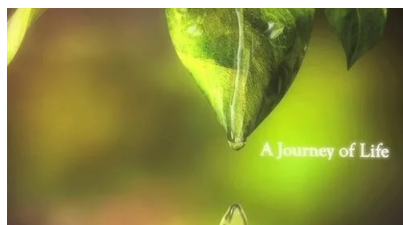
OCT **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Athens Baptist Church
102 State Street
Athens, WV 24712

Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Debra Lusk*

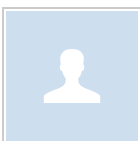


Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - October 29, 2015 at 08:34 AM

WI

What a beautiful and loving tribute. She was such an inspiration to everyone that knew her. She was so very beautiful. I'm so proud to have had her as my cousin. I was always in awe of her beauty, determination and truly beautiful spirit. I know she got that from her parents, Uncle Bill and Aunt Bobbie. Truly amazing people. I would like the entire family to know I am with you in spirit and prayer. The time we got to spend with all of you were some of my best memories. I love you all. I will keep you closely in my heart and know God will help you find comfort. I will now and forever love you Debbie. May you rest in peace. Forever and ever. Amen
Andy and Wendy Izdepski

Wendy Izdepski - October 29, 2015 at 03:45 PM



“ *Debra Lusk*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM

BH

“ I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your loved one. Although, I did not know Debby personally, I want to share a beautiful scripture with your family. It is found at Isaiah 41:10, 13 and it shows the love God has for us. It says, God will take us by the right hand saying, do not be afraid for I am with you. These comforting words reveal how our Heavenly Father, Jehovah God, tenderly and compassionately cares for us. I hope these beautiful words bring you a measure of comfort during the difficult days ahead.

Belinda Hylton - January 23, 2016 at 03:05 AM

PM

“ Debbie was such a beautiful, kind and caring soul. I always had great admiration for her. So grateful to have known her and her wonderful family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Pam Burrell Mills - October 29, 2015 at 10:26 PM

PN

“ I am so very sorry for your loss, and wish send my condolences to the family. I pray for God to give you the strength and comfort you need to face this painful and sorrowful time. My love and prayers are with you.

Patricia Nixon

Patricia Nixon - October 29, 2015 at 09:11 PM



VH

“ We're thinking of all of you during this heartbreaking time. Debby was a very sweet, cheerful, and special person and friend. I always admired her beautiful hair and smile. While she was working at HCS, she never failed to help me with something and share her supplies (and we teachers know how precious those supplies are). We joked about how I could depend on her to correct my grammar before sending out notices and letters. There are many memories that we hold close to our hearts. We pray that you feel God's presence as He cradles you with comfort, peace, and strength. You will always have our love and be in our prayers.



Veronica & Randy Hamilton - October 28, 2015 at 11:04 PM

PL

“ I remember her sweet spirit and how kind she always was to me. My love goes to all of her family and friends. She was a very special person who will always be remembered.

Peggy Lusk - October 28, 2015 at 08:52 PM

AD

“ Anthony Dunn lit a candle in memory of Debra Lusk



Anthony Dunn - October 28, 2015 at 03:40 PM

EG

“ *Debby Lusk was special to everyone. SHE WAS SIMPLY ONE OF A KIND!!!*

It has been my personal privilege to have known Debby for over 50 years and as I think back over those years there are thoughts of great admiration and tremendous respect. Every superlative that I can think of applied to Debby. She gave her best to everything she ever did including dedication to her loving family, her education and her long, successful, and giving career. Even though her life was filled with difficulties most of us will ever know, she never complained and she ultimately excelled at every thing she did during her entire life. Challenges to Debby were all in a day's work and she always rose to conquer all of those challenges.

Debby was a stunningly beautiful person with gorgeous eyes, a captivating smile, and a wonderfully sweet personality. She was equally beautiful on the inside with a giant heart and loving disposition. She always treated everyone she came in contact with as being a special person and that was one of her great gifts to us all.

The world is a much better place because she graced her world and everyone in it. She will be sadly missed by all those that had the privilege to know and love her. She lives on through her legacy of love and caring as she lives too, WALKING with her hand in GOD'S.

With deepest sympathy to all of her family.

Earl Goodwin

Earl J. Goodwin - October 28, 2015 at 03:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra Lusk.*



October 28, 2015 at 02:38 PM

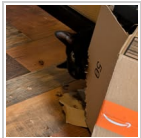


“ *While I had only met and talked with Debby a handful of times, she was still a true inspiration to me. There are very few people in this world that make such an impact on your life, but Debby certainly made an impact on mine, and I will never forget her. She certainly left her glorious mark on this world.*



For Her Loved Ones, I found a quote that seems appropriate, "What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the Master calls a butterfly"--Richard Bach

Janet Burton-Barton - October 28, 2015 at 02:15 PM



“ *She was such a sweet lady. I remember her (and her cocker spaniel, Duffy) being my neighbor when I was young. She and her family hold a special place in my family's heart. She will be missed! Love and prayers to you all!*



April Wall-Parker - October 28, 2015 at 09:24 AM

SW

“ *Deepest Condolences to to the family Deb was a joy and I enjoyed cleaning for her and just sitting and talking with her she was one of the sweetest and and I admired her deeply love always she loved her family and community and they loved her*



sharon wood - October 28, 2015 at 09:03 AM

JQ

“ *Debby was always an inspiration and role model for me. She set her goals and standards amazingly high and always found ways to attain them. My life was better by knowing her through the years and I had great respect for her opinion on practically any issues we ever discussed. I will miss you very much and you were definitely the best sister-in-law anyone could have ever had! Joe Mack Quesenberry*

Joe Quesenberry - October 28, 2015 at 07:35 AM



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



October 27, 2015 at 08:11 PM

CC

“ I will never forget what a beautiful person Debbie was. I always said she had the face of an angel. My memories take me back to the years when we were small. We had a huge "Lusk" family and we would meet so many times "over-in-the-country" for family gatherings. Some of my best memories. Aunt Bobbie and Uncle Bill were wonderful parents. My daddy and mother loved them dearly. There are so many of our family in heaven meeting Debbie now. We all have that to look forward to. Prayers to the whole family - especailly dear Aunt Bobbie. Love you - Cathy and Ray St. Clair

Cathy and Ray St. Clair - October 27, 2015 at 07:52 PM

CA

“ Debbie and I grew up in the same town, rode the same bus, and attended Concord together. She drove her own car and gave me a ride home many, many times. On one of those weekend trips home, we hit a huge rock that had fallen into the rode above Matoaka. She didn't panic, but drove the car without power steering to the garage in Matoaka. I always admired her spirit , determination, and strength. I never go through Matoaka without thinking of her. She will be missed by many. Cathy Adkins

Cathy Adkins - October 27, 2015 at 07:25 PM

PQ

“ Debby and I shared secrets, love and friendship for so many years. She was so special and dear to me. I can't begin to describe the friendship we had for so many years. Debby, you may be gone, but will never be forgotten. Love and prayers, Pam and Ron Quesenberry

Pam Quesenberry - October 27, 2015 at 07:06 PM



“ I can't begin to tell you all how my heart is breaking. I love you Aunt Bobby, Diane, Linda, Billy and Burt. I wish I could be there with all of you...I will be in my heart. Debby has always been, and always will be, my biggest hero. Rexanna

Rexanna Richardson Smith - October 27, 2015 at 06:35 PM

SM

Praying for peace and comfort today and in the days ahead. Debbie was a inspiration to all who knew her.

susie mcbride - October 28, 2015 at 08:53 PM

PL

“ Debbie has been a life long friend to my husband Jesse Lester and he is heartbroken! She was a special lady, co-worker, and dear friend. We are praying for the family and Debbie will be sadly missed.



Pam Lester - October 27, 2015 at 05:53 PM

LF

“ Larry W. Bailey jr, Laura and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Debra Lusk.



Larry W. Bailey jr, Laura and family - October 27, 2015 at 05:43 PM

AP

“ *My mother, Sharolette Ford worked with Debby for years and loved it. Debby will always be so special to them whom knew her.*



Angela Perkins - October 27, 2015 at 03:54 PM

RL

“ *Debra always had a smile for everyone. Our prayers. Roger and Kathy Lambert*

Roger Lambert - October 27, 2015 at 01:35 PM

ST

“ *So sorry to hear of her passing. She was so sweet! I know she'll be sorely missed by all of her loved ones.*

Sandra Taylor - October 27, 2015 at 01:20 PM

TS

“ *The Stanleys purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Debra Lusk.*



The Stanleys - October 27, 2015 at 12:20 PM

PH

“ I will always remember that beautiful face and smile. I was older but had a special place in my heart for her because of her determination.

She was an inspiration to many, even ones that just witnessed her WILL to be the best that she could be regardless of her struggles.

My prayers are with the family.

Rebecca (Patty) Adkins Hickman

Patty Adkins Hickman - October 27, 2015 at 11:56 AM

CM

There was a young man that Debbie taught at HHS who loved her very much. She made a huge difference in his life, she gave him confidence in himself. She was a wonderful teacher despite her personal struggles, She will be missed by this family.

Carol Mckinney - October 27, 2015 at 06:05 PM

LR

Although Debby attended Herndon High and I attended Mullens High I will always remember her as a sweet and beautiful person. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. I also worked with her mom at Wyoming General for several years. I am so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful lady and her family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Lynn Richmond Reilley

Lynn Richmond Reilley - October 27, 2015 at 11:31 PM