



## Debra Sue Bach

October 16, 1951 - August 1, 2014

Debra Sue Bach, 62, was called to be with God on August 1, 2014, at her home in Bismarck with her loving and caring husband at her side. Services will be held at 10:30 am Monday, August 4, 2014, at First Evangelical Free Church, with Rev. Kevin Lardy officiating. Burial will be at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan. Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Sunday, August 3, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a prayer service/time of sharing will begin at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Debra was born on October 16, 1951, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the daughter of Norma Purvis and Don Carter. She was raised in southeast Colorado where she attended many schools. She graduated from La Junta High School in 1969 and married Joe Horak two weeks thereafter. They had two children Bryan and Lori. Deb attended Nebraska Western College in Scottsbluff, Nebraska in 1978 & 1979 where she was enrolled to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. Her dedication at the college was evident with her being ranked number one in her class on the state board exam. It was during that time she met the love of her life and best friend who she trusted dearly, Jim, who was working for Basin Electric in Scottsbluff. Deb worked as a nurse for Saint Alexius Medical Center for 18 years and retired in 1998 due to health issues. Her dedication and commitment as a nurse was one of the many ways she fulfilled her desire to take care of others. In addition to providing excellent patient care she was a joy to work alongside. Many of her best friendships were formed during her

time at Saint Alexius. Deb's strong conviction to serve the Lord was evident through her ministries in discipleship counseling. She was very active in Freedom in Christ Ministry, Caring for People God's Way, Evangelism Explosion, and leading many Beth Moore Bible Studies. From the time she was a little girl until her departure she had a deep Christian faith, a kind and giving heart and a beautiful smile. She always knew there was a better place waiting for her and was looking forward to the day of meeting her Lord and Savior. She had a love for house plants and flowers. Her yard and home were filled with the brilliant colors of life. She loved being with her 3 grandkids, singing nursery songs and making them her famous Grammy Sammys. Debra is survived by her husband, Jim, Bismarck, North Dakota; four children, Bryan Horak, La Junta, Colorado; Lori Matt Senechal, Springfield, Illinois; Joshua Beth Bach, Madison, Wisconsin; and Jarrett Jenna Bach, Bismarck; three grandchildren, Caleb and Cohen Senechal and Sienna Bach; three brothers, Mike Cornell, Colorado; David Cornell, Kansas; Greg Carter, Texas; two sisters, Karen Bishop, Colorado, and Terri Ken Powell, Texas; one brother-in-law, Bill Dillys Bach; two sisters-in-law, Carla Bob Hillard and Karen Whitey Holt. Debra was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Dennis Cornell. In lieu of flowers memorials can be given locally to Ruth Meiers Hospitality House, Victorious Living, or World Vision International.

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Jim, Lori, & family: so very sad to hear of Deb's passing! My thoughts, memories, & prayers are with you!* ”

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**Jennifer Dockter-Lago** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Jim & family, We were so sorry to hear of Debra's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your difficult time Terry & DeeAnn Hartman* ”

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**Terry & DeeAnn Hartman** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *To all my family who will be there for the funeral, I will be there in heart, spirit, and mind. I LOVE you all. God Bless us who are without her now!* ”

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**Bryan Horak** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ *Jim, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. My sympathies to you and your family.* ”

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**Deb Zillich** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *We can't find words to say anything to help in a time like this except Debbie is ok. Keep your family close like she would want. We will be in Bismarck next weekend and hope to see you.* ”

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**Bob and Kris Weber** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Jim, Brian, Lori, Josh, Jarrett - Words cannot truly express the sorrow I feel for you on the loss of your wife and best friend, and Mother. Though I have very distantly known you for better than 3 decades, I only came to really know your Mom when she gave so much of herself to Grandma Norma in her last months. I am so incredibly blessed to have gotten to know her deeply and in God. If I could only explain how much she gave to me during a very difficult time. She was the most generous and loving woman and I will miss her everyday. I wish for you peacefulness in your memories and love in your heart. The most important part of her and her life was you and your families. In loving spirit and sympathy, Becky Bird, Raymond, Robert and Shane Cornell

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**Becky Bird** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM