



Deborah Ann Roark

January 5, 1962 - November 18, 2022

Deborah Ann Roark, affectionately known as Debbie to family and friends, was born in London, KY and raised by her loving parents Ethel and Oliver Smith. She went home to be with the Lord unexpectedly on November 18 following a medical emergency.

Those she left behind will forever miss her infectious laugh and her encouraging smile. Debbie also possessed a dedicated work ethic and sense of determination that served her well throughout her life as she raised her son Michael as a single parent. Debbie's career path included work in data entry and more recently at Hardee's where she was known for making the best biscuits ever!

Debbie was also an entrepreneur who ran her own jewelry business, hosting fun parties at people's homes as well as selling at flea markets and other retail opportunities. She had an eye for unique pieces of jewelry and loved helping someone connect with a keepsake they were going to love.

When not working, Debbie enjoyed travel and music. "Uptown Funk" by Bruno Mars was her favorite song and she couldn't sit still when it was on. Debbie was also an avid animal lover, often feeding stray cats and taking care of any animal in need. She loved her little chihuahua Diesel, sharing every meal with him and treating him like a king.

But Debbie's true pride and joy was her son Michael. As a well-known pool player, Mike competes all over the country and Debbie was always his biggest fan. She always followed the brackets of the tournaments and kept up with where he was in the standings. She was always quick with an encouraging word or text and so proud of her boy. That pride was not only in terms of his professional accomplishments, but also in his new family. He wed Michaela Evans in October of 2021, and became stepfather to her son Caleb. Debbie warmly embraced her new family and became a doting grandma.

Debbie was one of those rare individuals who knew how to work hard and play hard too. She had a zest for life and a deep love for her family and friends. Her warm laugh and mischievous smile will be missed, but the legacy of love she left behind lives on in her son Mike and all those who knew her and were touched by her sweet spirit.

Funeral arrangements for Deborah Ann Roark will be held on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel of House-Rawlings Funeral Home with Charlie Williams officiating. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 beginning at 5:00 p.m. until the funeral hour also at the funeral home. Anyone wishing to donate to help offset funeral expenses may do so through the following link: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=ZUFYVHR5X89B2

The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

House-Rawlings Funeral Home
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Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ House-Rawlings Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Deborah Ann Roark



House-Rawlings Funeral Home - November 22, 2022 at 05:52 PM

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Debbie you was always a friend in school, I know your family will miss you. Rest in peace our classmate 1980 South Laurel High School. Praying for her son and family.

Netta Brown Williams - November 22, 2022 at 06:11 PM

KW

“ Kathy Walker lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Roark



Kathy Walker - December 18, 2022 at 07:16 PM



“ 20 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



House-Rawlings Funeral Home - November 22, 2022 at 05:20 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of *Deborah Ann Roark*.



November 22, 2022 at 01:51 PM