



Debra Josephine Kenney

April 13, 1955 - February 1, 2021

Debra Josephine Kenney, 65 of Chillicothe passed away Monday, February 1, 2021 at her home in Chillicothe, MO.


There are no services at this time. Memorials have been suggested to the Family in care of Shannon Doyle and can be left at or mailed to the Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, MO. 64628. On line condolences can be made at www.rhodesfh.com

Debra Josephine daughter of Frank Gemza and Norma (Graf) Gemza Copper was born on April 13, 1955 in North Tonawanda, New York. Debra was an avid animal lover, owls were her spiritual animal and horses were her therapy. She also enjoyed spending time with her family.

Debra is survived by her children, Shannon Doyle and Bryan of Chillicothe, MO; Martin Kenney and Michelle of Greentop, MO; Holly Misztal of the state of New York, and Amy Misztal of the state of New York; five grandchildren, Ariel, Tyler, Kayson, and Brooklyn Doyle all of Chillicothe, MO; and Kate Kenney of Greentop, MO; one sister, Jacquelyn Vertino and Al Hager of the state of New York; one brother Douglas Gemza and Sherrie of the state of Maryland; a lifelong friend Beth Parsons-Suess of Columbia, MO; and several other relatives.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Alayna Kenney, a brother Frank Gemza Jr. and a sister Patricia Lorenz.

Tribute Wall

 Jamies
Palmer

“ I got the news from Bryan when you were taken from this earth and it was like a kick to the gut. We hadn't spoken in awhile but you were always in my thoughts and prayers. I'll never forget the days of you taking me to treatment and how we'd talk about anything and everything also how much I missed you when you stopped driving me. I'm proud I had the opportunity to know you and call you my friend. I'm not a religious man but please be with Shannon Bryan and the kids I can't imagine the pain they feel. Til we meet again my friend thank you for the joy you brought to my life.



Jamie

Jamies Palmer - February 09, 2021 at 10:18 PM

PW

“ Debbie was close friends with my sister Laurie back in the 70's. My brother, Gary, was father to Amy and Holly. This, I didn't find out till years later. There was a period of time she came and stayed with us. I didn't know the circumstances then, and didn't care. All I knew was, I had an extra sister for a while. She was soft spoken and kind always... and so pretty! I loved her dearly. Every night after the dinner dishes were done, we (Debbie, Kim, Laurie and I) would go upstairs and play rummy. We had a notebook we kept score in. The game never ended. We just always continued it. It varied which one of us was winning for the day.
I always hoped we'd get to see her again. My heart and prayers go out to her family, and all who knew her.

Pamela Hettrick White - February 06, 2021 at 01:33 AM

JV

“ Debi and I always shared a room and sometimes a bed, we would lay in bed and start singing quietly at first and without realizing it would get louder and louder and then Mom would yell up to us to shut up and go to sleep we would laugh till we cried, by the 4th or 5th time Mom would threaten to come upstairs (she never did) and we would start singing quietly all over again. Mom always fell asleep before we did. We sang a lot together even when we weren't going to sleep. The Beatles (I saw her standing there) was one of our favorites and Patches, Puff the magic Dragon, and the leader of the pack. All oldies that remind me of her. But the one I remember she also sang to her children was lollipop, I sing it to my grandsons. RIP Deb I love you and miss our childhood. We didn't have much but we had each other and it got us through some pretty awful times 🥺

Jacquelynn vertino - February 03, 2021 at 08:55 PM

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“ Me and Debbie were thick as thieves we shared so much together We ran away when we were kids that made our mothers blame each other for being a bad influence on each other (🤪) we lived together for awhile with our daughters, we leased some property that we had a little farm going,we both had so much in common ohhh we had our arguments but our love for each other prevailed ❤️ I'm sure going to miss you “Doobie”

Frances - February 03, 2021 at 04:48 PM