



Debra Ann Ellison

April 21, 1959 - September 19, 2016

Debra Ann Ellison, 57, of Charlotte, died at her home on Monday, September 19, 2016.

Debbie was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 21, 1959, the daughter of Hugh and Bernadette Koch Van Camp. Her family moved to Pittsburgh, PA, when she was young and she grew up there. Upon graduation from high school, she attended the University of Pittsburgh where she earned a Bachelors Degree in Social Work in 1981. It was in high school where she met George Ellison, whom she married in 1980 in Lower Burrell, PA. She went on to have four beautiful children.

Debbie was a force of nature devoted to her children and to the community spirit of every town she lived in. She insisted that we all relive the 1950's and the America of the simpler, more innocent time. She had a talent to truly make every event, every party and every holiday special not just for her family, but for everyone she knew. No event was complete unless it was completely overdone.

While Debbie fell in love with George Ellison, he was but a sideshow to her children. She obsessed about them day and night. She pushed them to be excellent in school, music and sports. No discussion about Debbie is complete without sports, especially football. Through the years, her Steelers turned into her Giants who then turned into her Panthers. She spent her last day on this earth at the Panther home game this past Sunday. (We will not, however, discuss her post game comments or issues with Cam's play.)

In addition to her children, Debbie had five pets over her adult life. We will not walk through each pet but an honorable mention goes to the true love of her life, Bodie. A picture of Debbie and Bodie hangs on the wall in the Ellison home next to Debbie and George's wedding photo. It is not hard to see in which picture Debbie is happier.

Debbie is survived by her husband, George; three children: Sadie, Garrett and Hugh Ellison, all of New York City; and three siblings: Jack, Sandy and her twin brother Richard Van Camp. She is further survived by numerous other relatives and friends. Debbie was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Terry, and her son, Cuyler, in 2008.

A Mass of Christian Burial honoring the life, love and blessing of Debbie will be held at 11 am on Friday, September 23, 2016, at St Matthew Catholic Church, 8015 Ballantyne Commons Parkway, Charlotte. The family will receive friends at the church for one hour prior to the service. Following the Mass, Debbie will be taken in formal procession to her final place of earthly rest near her son Cuyler at Magnolia Memorial Gardens located on the campus of Calvary Church, 5801 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made Holy Angels of Belmont, NC.

Website : holyangelsnc.org

Phone : 704-825-4161

Debbie's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for them. Please visit her online memorial at www.LoweNeddoFuneralHome.com to share memories, photos and condolences or call 704-545-3553 for additional details.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Memorial Gardens

5801 Pineville–Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28226
http://www.calvarychurch.com/site/18_150_112.cfm

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

SEP 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint. Matthew Catholic Church
8015 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy
Charlotte, NC 28277
lee@loweneddo.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Debra Ann Ellison*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Debra Ann Ellison*

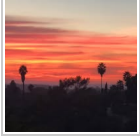
October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *George and family,
Though many years have passed and we have not been touch for
some time, my sincere condolences on Debbie's passing. We had
such great times in college and filled with such laughter and dreams
of what we would all accomplish.*

*Your friend,
Rick Mihaljevic*

Rick Mihaljevic - December 29, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ George and family, Dick, Sandy & Jack, Debbie was my very first friend when we also moved from Cleveland (Alcoa parents) to Cleveland Drive. I will never forget our roving house warming parties, going to her house for sleep overs, and those great days in Jr. high. It seems like yesterday that Debbie (aka Sarge) in 9th grade, lead the chorus of "Oh Lord won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz" in the back of the bus going to a Pirate opener. She was always such an incredibly smart, fun, strong woman. From what I have read, there is no doubt that continued on in her life, long after our early years in Burrell. I just happened to stumble upon the news when I was on FB just thinking about those days. I did not sleep that entire night after I read the news. Although it had been nearly 40 years since we were in touch, I will never forget the friendship and fun times as "kids" that shaped our early years. It was my incredible fortune to have such a wonderful friend then. Lots of love, Terry Mehr-Santa Barbara, CA

Terry Mehr - November 05, 2016 at 11:02 AM

SL

“ To you, George, and your beautiful family.. My heart is full of sadness on the loss of your dearest Debbie. She truly was a beautiful girl, loved by everyone who knew her, and I can tell you so many people back home are feeling your loss. We are praying for you and your wonderful family with tremendous love and friendship. May it help to comfort your hearts knowing so many care, send love, and are thinking of you. Scott and I lit a candle in church for Debbie and for you. Please take good care of yourself and know your angel will always be with you. I am sending you a hug through this message, and I hope you get it.

Our love and friendship always, Scott and Sandy (Falleroni) Laney

Sandy (Falleroni) Laney - October 10, 2016 at 02:30 PM

KD

“ George and Family-
I was saddened to hear about Debbie when my brother Jim told me. I met Debbie when I was a senior and she and her brother were sophomores at Burrell. I still remember the play when you surprised her with the dozen of red roses! She was so shocked but soo very happy. May it comfort you to know how very loved she was by all. Hoping your memories help to ease the sadness you and your family are experiencing. Celebrate her life and all she was and did for all. Blessings. Karen (Wheeler) Daley

Karen Daley - October 05, 2016 at 08:26 PM

MR

“ George and family,
We were so sorry to hear about Debbie. She was such a wonderful friend growing up in LB. She was always the kindest and happiest person. I loved getting the family updates through the years in your Christmas cards. She had such a talent for writing! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and friends. Love, Jack and Marcia Richardson

Marcia Richardson - October 05, 2016 at 08:54 AM

JJ

“ *When I saw her name in the paper Sunday....My heart sunk!!!!!! Debbie was one of the sweetest, nicest people I'd ever known. I never knew her to have a bad word or thought about anyone. I am so very ,deeply sorry or ur LOSS! I will keep u in my prayers & hope your loving memories will bring u comfort in the days to come..... With much Love & Sadness.....,Jackie Jacobs - Montanari*

Jackie Jacobs-Montanari - October 03, 2016 at 12:40 PM

PK

“ *Very sorry to hear about Debbie, George. My condolences to you and the family!*

Paul Klingensmith - October 02, 2016 at 10:24 PM

DW

“ *Dear George, I am so sad to hear about Debbie. While the years have gone by since we have talked, I feel very lucky to have shared such special times together growing up. We went through several years of staying over each other's houses just about nightly, with long talks into the wee hours trying to figure life out (with our little adolescent brains). As you noted, never did she plan a party without going overboard and making it so special for all involved. One of my favorites was the roving party where we had a different course at each home, ending up at Debbie's house with her mom's homemade hot fudge sauce. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the kids. Take special care of yourself during this difficult time.*

Deb Wyant Wasilchak - October 02, 2016 at 05:16 PM

PN

“ *George*

I want to send my condolences to you and your family.

*Pam Anderson
Lower Burrell neighbor*

Pamela Nix - October 02, 2016 at 07:42 AM

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I want to send my condolences to you and your family.

*Pam Anderson
Lower Burrell neighbor*

Pamela Nix - October 02, 2016 at 07:28 AM

LP

“ George, Sadie, Garrett and Hugh,

We were so saddened to hear about Deb. We all have so many wonderful memories of Deb and your family hosting such wonderful neighborhood events. She had such a big heart. We hope those memories make you smile during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you -

Mike, Lauren, Kelsey and Scott Peterson

Lauren Peterson - September 30, 2016 at 05:49 AM

MC

“ Dear Mr. Ellison, Sadie, Garrett, and Hugh,
I was so taken aback when I heard Mrs. Ellison's name read during the petitions at mass today. I am so very sorry to learn of her passing. Please know I would have sung at the service. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this incredibly difficult time. If you need anything please let me or anyone in your PDS family know.

Ms. Credell Coleman - September 25, 2016 at 07:11 PM

JD

“ Dear Mr. Ellison,

I am so sorry for your loss and am thinking of you and your family at this time.

Jessica Dwyer

Jessica Dwyer - September 23, 2016 at 11:07 AM

AB

“ *I want to send my condolences to the Ellison family by donating to Holy Angels.*

Debbie was such a loving and energetic person, and I am so sad to hear about this loss. My childhood memories of summer all include the Ellison family, from swim team to Fourth of July parties. No summer is complete without made from scratch ice cream eaten from a coffee can!

Hugh, Sadie, Garrett, and George are all in my thoughts.

-Anna Bickers

Anna Bickers - September 23, 2016 at 09:14 AM

CL

“ *I am privileged to be able to call Debbie my friend, my confidant. In the few years we spent together on the Palisades Women's club board we grew to respect each other's strengths and laugh at our weaknesses. We loved our dogs, our children, our Panthers and our husbands...not necessarily in that order. I will miss the times we had together but mostly the laughter. Debbie's kind and giving nature is her legacy. She will be missed and remembered forever.*

Connie Lowry - September 22, 2016 at 07:23 PM

WC

“ *With Love, The KICK Crew purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Debra Ann Ellison.*



With Love, The KICK Crew - September 22, 2016 at 12:46 PM

Dolly
Queen

“ *Dear Mr. Ellison, Sadie, Garrett, and Hugh:*

My husband Shane Queen and I are so saddened to hear about the loss of Deb.

Shane has been the lawn person for your home on Kieldon Court for quite some time.

He also supplied Deb plenty of firewood during the winter months over the past years.

My son Quentin helped Shane deliver firewood too when he was younger; he just turned 20 in September. Deb was always so sweet go give Quentin the reindeer food and goodie bags at Christmas when he was a young boy. It always meant a lot to me personally.

We are truly so very sorry for your loss. Shane told me that he cried when he heard the news from you, Mr. Ellison. I know you don't personally know me, but if there is anything that Shane and I can do to help you all during this sad time, please do not ever hesitate to contact us.

God bless you.

*Shane & Jaynes (Dolly) Queen
Monroe NC 28112*

Dolly Queen - September 22, 2016 at 12:17 PM

LM

“ George, Sadie, Garrett, & Hugh,

So sorry and sad to hear about Debbie! We will always remember her smiles and laughter, her wonderful hospitality, and her generous, caring, and kind spirit. She will be greatly missed. Praying for you all during this hard time.

Lou, Steve, Molly & Ellie McAdams

PS Your 4th of July parties were always the best!



Lou McAdams - September 22, 2016 at 11:01 AM