



Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter

May 21, 1960 - May 6, 2025

Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter passed peacefully at home on May 6, 2025 surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

Deborah was born on May 21, 1960, in Memphis, Tennessee. As a child, her family moved to Matthews, NC where she was raised and attended East Mecklenburg High School then the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After receiving her doctorate degree in optometry from the Southern College of Optometry, she practiced her profession in Charlotte and Matthews, NC for nearly 40 years.

Her favorite hobbies included golfing with her family, paddleboarding on Lake Norman, and lounging on the beautiful beaches of South Carolina. More than anything, Debbie's life centered around her family and love for them.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Betty Black.

She is survived by her father, Dr. James Black; children, Nicole and Brennan Carpenter; and brother, Jon Black.

She touched everyone in her life with kindness and her gentle nature, and she will be dearly missed by her patients, friends, and family.

A celebration of her life will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 9 at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home located at 494 E Plaza Dr, Mooresville, NC 28115. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 12:00-1:00 PM.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Rd, Statesville, NC 28625.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Black-Carpenter family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

MAY 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

MAY 9. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

LM

“ I came into the office today and I was excited to see your smiling face as shown in this picture and I heard the news of your passing. I was a young college student when I first came to your practice in Matthews and that was over 20 years ago. You held my daughter after she was born and a year ago you got her fitted for her first pair of glasses for middle school. I am in complete shock and disbelief. Prayers and condolences to your family. You had a heart gold and you will be terribly missed.

Leesah McConnell - February 19 at 04:35 PM

DF

“ I'm just learning about the passing of Dr. Black. I had been her patient for over 10 years. I will truly miss our yearly chat. My condolences to the family.



Delphia Florence - November 07, 2025 at 11:37 AM

JS

“ Jan Shevik sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter



jan Shevik - October 06, 2025 at 02:42 PM

JS

“ *Jan Shevik lit a candle in memory of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter*



jan Shevik - October 06, 2025 at 02:41 PM

JS

“ *I had no idea til I called for my yearly appointment. I'm devastated to find she passed in May. As a doctor she was thorough, caring and detailed. As my friend she was funny, joyful and caring. I always looked forward to seeing her; chatting, catching up and just life. I will miss her terribly. I've been her patient and I hope her friend for 19 years. My condolences to her husband, her family and her coworkers. Hugs and prayers. Such a beautiful lady inside and out. Love to all.*

jan Shevik - October 06, 2025 at 02:40 PM

KG

Greg and I are so sorry to hear this news. We ha e known Debbie , her mother and father, children and Matt since 1991 as we were neighbors in Stratfordshire in Matthews. We are so sad to hear this news.

kendy gaertner - November 20, 2025 at 11:44 AM

MR

When I called today, to make my husband and my yearly eye appointment, I was saddened and shocked to learn of Dr. Black's passing. She was an excellent doctor, and one of the nicest people I've met. She has been our eye doctor more years than I remember, and will be terribly missed. Our warmest thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Miranda Rhodes - January 28 at 04:39 PM

VG

“ I called to make an appointment this morning July 28th, with my long time optometrist Dr. Black, I was shocked to here of her passing. She and I would always get our girl talk in before she examined me. She was always caring and very professional. I will miss her deeply! Valarie Gardner

Valarie Gardner - July 28, 2025 at 08:51 AM

DC

“ I can't remember what year Deborah became my Optometrist because I started with her Dad when I moved to Matthews 1988. She made me feel like I was her best friend and my yearly visit was a chance to catch up on our children and our lives. This was one Dr's appointment I did not mind going to. I saw her in 2024 and then saw Dr. Carpenter in 2025 and he shared that Debra was ill and would not be back. I just looked up her obituary today. Sincere condolences to the family. Debra Cunningham

Debra Cunningham - July 15, 2025 at 08:46 AM

IW

“ I was very Saddened to hear of the passing of Dr Deborah! She was my eye doctor ever since she graduated from school and joined the practice! She was a very sweet lady and she was loved! I will miss seeing and talking to her when I go for my exams! Rest in Peace Sweet lady! Your presence will Truly be missed !!!💔🙏🕊️🌹



Ivory Wilson - July 03, 2025 at 02:14 PM

IW

I actually started out seeing Dr Jim Black when I was 19 years old! When Dr Deborah joined the practice, she became my Doctor and we had been together since then! She was the Best, I was so 😞 Sad to hear that she is no longer with us! I loved her and I will miss her Dearly! It will not be the same going for my eye appointments!

Ivory Wilson - July 03, 2025 at 02:25 PM

JM

“ *So sorry to hear of Dr. Black's passing. I saw her father Jim until he retired and then Dr. Deborah for the last 10 years. She was such a kind and considerate woman who loved her family and loved to talk about them all. I will miss our friendly conversations during my eye exams. Prayers for the family and everyone else who will dearly miss this extraordinary woman.*

Jeff Mauney - May 19, 2025 at 02:12 PM

MC

*I just heard of DrBlacks passing when making an appmt
I am really shocked at hearing this she was such a wonderful caring person and great Dr
We have been with her and her dad since coming to Charlotte in the 80's and now with her husband and she
I we will certainly miss her smile and exam conversations sharing family We are so sorry for her family as well as all who knew her
She was special and caring to all
Blessings to all the Black Family and Carpenter Family
Carosella Family*

maureen Carosella - June 03, 2025 at 10:16 AM

RW

*Dr. Black was such a special and caring human being!!! She was so very kind and compassionate. She was an extraordinary skilled doctor. I enjoyed my visits with her and the conversations we would have while she was examining me. She was truly interested in you as much as a person as she was a patient. She was a truly remarkable human being. If you did not know her you missed a blessing in your life!!! My sincere and heartfelt sympathies for the loss of one who loved you all so dearly!!!
I am so very sorry this is so late but we only came to know of her passing today!!! 🙏❤️❤️🙏*

Ruby Willinsky - October 23, 2025 at 03:45 PM

CC

“ Sorry to hear of Debbie’s passing.

Chris L Clodfelter - May 14, 2025 at 10:22 PM



“ We did not know your lovely family member but we wanted you to know we feel your loss of such a fine person.

Gary and Nancy Archie
 Mooresville N.C 28115

Nancy Archie - May 10, 2025 at 03:29 PM

LB

“ Debbie and I met when Brendon and Kerby played soccer together. Our families enjoyed being together and Debbie always made me laugh. I even saw her as a patient. I’m so sorry for the loss of your mother! She was a beautiful person!

Lisa Ballard - May 10, 2025 at 09:02 AM

PB

“ My deepest sympathies to Jim, Jon, Nicole and Brandon. Debbie was a special person! You all are in my prayers for strength and peace.
Patti Beasley

Patti Beasley - May 10, 2025 at 08:50 AM

MS

“ Morgan Stack purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.



Morgan Stack - May 09, 2025 at 07:47 AM

JF

“ John Byrd & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.



John Byrd & Family - May 08, 2025 at 11:38 PM

JF

“ John Byrd & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.

John Byrd & Family - May 08, 2025 at 11:38 PM

MR

“ Monica, Paris, and Arden Ross purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.



Monica, Paris, and Arden Ross - May 08, 2025 at 09:44 PM

MR

“ Monica, Paris, and Arden Ross planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.

Monica, Paris, and Arden Ross - May 08, 2025 at 09:44 PM

PP

“ Priya P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.

Priya P. - May 08, 2025 at 09:02 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.



May 08, 2025 at 07:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.

May 08, 2025 at 07:01 PM

WH

“ Waverly H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.

Waverly H. - May 08, 2025 at 06:57 PM

BR

“ Bob and Theresa Rucho purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.



Bob and Theresa Rucho - May 08, 2025 at 05:15 PM

CQ

“ Christy Q. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.

Christy Q. - May 08, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.



May 08, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.

May 08, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.*



May 08, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.

May 08, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ *Lavender Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.*



May 08, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.*



May 08, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.

May 08, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.*



May 08, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.

May 08, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.*



May 08, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *Shianne Roan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.*



Shianne Roan - May 08, 2025 at 11:21 AM

SR

“ Shianne Roan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.

Shianne Roan - May 08, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.



May 08, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.

May 08, 2025 at 11:16 AM

DB

“ Dana Bunn lit a candle in memory of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter



Dana Bunn - May 08, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Deborah Black-Carpenter.*



May 08, 2025 at 09:49 AM