



## Deborah Hooker Graham

February 11, 1959 - August 8, 2023

Deborah "Debbie" Hooker Graham peacefully transitioned to her eternal home in heaven on August 8, 2023 at the age of 64. She fought the fight of a lifetime with unmatched courage and determination, leaving behind a legacy of love and strength that will forever inspire those who were fortunate enough to share in her journey.

Born on February 11, 1959, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville, Debbie was the beloved daughter of William Harold Hooker and Hazel Camby Hooker and the youngest of three siblings. Debbie is preceded in death by her daddy, William Harold Hooker and by her mother and father-in-law, Bob and Louise Graham.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Edward Graham; daughters, Kristen "McKenzie" Graham & Carly "McCrea" Graham; Mother, Hazel Camby Hooker; Brother, Harold Douglas Hooker (Diane) of Fort Mill; Sister, Donna Burnette (Gary) of Weaverville and countless other loved ones that knew her as Dado and Spanky.

Debbie's love story began at the age of 15 when she met her high school sweetheart, Charles. Their love story blossomed into a lifelong partnership filled with love, devotion, and shared dreams. Together, they ventured to Mooresville in 1986, where Charles and his family took the helm at

Mooresville Oil and Propane. Their bond was unbreakable, a source of strength that allowed them to weather life's storms with grace, resilience, and dedication to their family.

A true embodiment of motherhood, Debbie was a source of unwavering support and inspiration to her daughters, McKenzie and McCrea. She defined its essence through her selflessness, resilience, and boundless affection making them feel cherished beyond measure. She took pride in their achievements and relished in their joys. A firm believer in the power of hope, she held onto it with steady determination even in the face of adversity for them until the very end.

Debbie's faith was the cornerstone of her life, and she lived each day as a testament to her love for Jesus Christ. Despite the hardships she faced, Debbie's spirit remained unbroken. Her optimism and boundless strength illuminated even the darkest moments because she was a believer. Never a complainer, she faced life's challenges with a warrior's heart, leaving an undeniable mark on her family and everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Debbie was a woman of many roles and talents having worked as a travel agent, real estate agent, and a corporate officer for Mooresville Oil & Propane until her recent retirement. Outside of work and family, she loved the outdoors. The allure of the beach, the serenity of the lake, and the joy of the pool brought her immense happiness. She had a green thumb, loved bargain shopping (TJ Maxx), yard/estate sales and had an eye for decorating. She was a true embodiment of class and ladylike charm and carried herself with sophistication that was as captivating as it was genuine.

A celebration of Debbie's life will take place on Saturday, August 12, at Trinity Baptist Church. An informal visitation will begin at 11:30 am, followed by a

ceremony with Dr. Robert Jackson and Rev. Michael Clinkscales starting at 12:30 pm. In the spirit of remembering Debbie's vibrant life, an open mic session will be held, allowing friends and family to share cherished stories and memories.

Debbie's departure is a profound loss for her husband, daughters, mother, siblings, and countless loved ones. She leaves behind a legacy that encompasses not only her indomitable spirit but also her commitment to giving back. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to The American Cancer Society, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Rock Christian Church of Atlanta, and Hatteras Methodist Church.

Debbie's legacy is one of strength, love, faith, and a zest for life. She was a fighter, she was a warrior, and it would not do her justice to say that she lost her battle. She showed resilience and perseverance that everyone should carry with them and showed what strength really is. She will forever be remembered for her incredible journey, her boundless love for her family, and her unshakable commitment to embracing life's challenges with a smile. As she ascends to be with her Heavenly Father, Debbie's spirit will continue to shine brightly, guiding her loved ones with the light of her enduring love and the example she set for all who were blessed to know her.

# Cemetery Details

## Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

AUG 12. 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Trinity Baptist Church  
221 Ervin Road  
Mooresville, NC 28117

## Memorial Service

AUG 12. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Trinity Baptist Church  
221 Ervin Road  
Mooresville, NC 28117

# Tribute Wall



“ Memories 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



August 12, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ Thomas M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.

Thomas M. - August 12, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ Joachim G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.

Joachim G. - August 11, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ I was so blessed to call Deborah a friend and am thankful for the beautiful memories we made together over the years. The “Oakley Girls” were the best of friends. We won’t be the same without Deborah but we will continue to feel her love and remember her zest for life. Praying for comfort for all her precious family.

Ramona Whichello - August 11, 2023 at 07:43 PM

TC

*Tom (Tony) and myself are both deeply sorry for the loss of such a lovely soul. Although I didn't know her personally, I have heard delightful stories from Tom about all of you growing up together and how much of a caring person she was. We're sending heartfelt prayers to her dear family and may the memory of all the precious moments you've all shared with Deborah bring you some comfort in these very difficult times.*

Tom Hooker and Rosemarie Châles-Hooker - August 12, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



August 11, 2023 at 06:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.

August 11, 2023 at 06:44 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



August 11, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.*



August 11, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.*



August 11, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ *Brad A. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.*



**Brad A.** - August 11, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Brad A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.*

**Brad A.** - August 11, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



August 11, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.

August 11, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



August 11, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.

August 11, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



August 11, 2023 at 10:54 AM

MF

“ Margaret Martens and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



Margaret Martens and family - August 11, 2023 at 10:48 AM

MF

“ Margaret Martens and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.

Margaret Martens and family - August 11, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



August 11, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



August 11, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.*



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August 11, 2023 at 10:20 AM



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August 11, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.*



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August 11, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.*



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August 11, 2023 at 09:58 AM

TF

“ The Matthews Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



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The Matthews Family - August 11, 2023 at 09:41 AM

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“ The Matthews Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.

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The Matthews Family - August 11, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



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August 11, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.

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August 11, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.*



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August 11, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ *I have the pleasure of knowing Debbie since high school. She was such a sweet woman, beautiful inside and out. My heart goes out to her family. I know she will be terribly missed.*  
*Kim Plemmons*

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**Kim Plemmons** - August 11, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.*



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August 11, 2023 at 07:37 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.*



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August 11, 2023 at 07:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.

August 11, 2023 at 07:16 AM



“ I had the privilege and joy of knowing Debbie. We were in the same class in high school. She loved to cut up and laugh. Debbie was beautiful, inside and out. She will be missed. Rest in peace, "Cuz." You ran a great race.

**Joe Sloan** - August 11, 2023 at 06:22 AM



“ I remember your mom as one of the kindest people I have ever known. She was always so pleasant and loving. Sorry we will not be able to attend her celebration of life as we are out of the country but know that our hearts are there with you. We will be praying for you all

**Sharon and Rabih Chaaban** - August 11, 2023 at 01:55 AM



“ Our friendship began through the bond our men had with each other. Sharing time together as our boys played was precious time indeed. Such a sweet soul, kind heart, and fun spirit made it a blessing to be around Debbie, her love for her girls mirrored the same for mine as did her love for Charlie mirror my love for Stan. Heaven is a sweeter place now that Debbie has entered it's gates  
❤️

**Debbie Caton** - August 10, 2023 at 10:04 PM

CH

“ Carolyn H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.

Carolyn H. - August 10, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



August 10, 2023 at 09:52 PM

DF

“ I have such fond memories and funny things to hold dear to my heart forever with knowing Deborah as a friend and a lot more than that since elementary school. She truly loved her family and was especially proud of her girls. Charles was her true soulmate. I'm going to miss her terribly. I know her and Denise are together again and just know sweet Deb I will see you again. Love you with all my heart. Donna Fleming

Donna Fleming - August 10, 2023 at 09:45 PM

MY

Your heart will always have a piece missing because of the loss of your momma. Celebrate this because you have loved and been loved so deeply. The deeper the pain, the more LOVE. I'm so sorry. I was so inspired by your momma for her courage through her battle with cancer. She is in complete JOY now with undescrivable PEACE. Well done my faithful servant Debbie Graham ❤️🙏

Michele Yant - August 10, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



August 10, 2023 at 07:32 PM



“ I will always have you in my heart , my dear friend . You were loved and so special to so many !! ❤️ Thank you for giving Cooper Sr. to my son Jacob , on his 8th Birthday and now Jacob is 17 !!! Cooper is so loved in our home 🐾🐾🐾 Cooper sleeps with Jacob every nite in his bed. Thank you for our special friendship that you were to all of us . I love you always .



**Brenda Goodin** - August 10, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ Danny & Vickie Bowen planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.

**Danny & Vickie Bowen** - August 10, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



August 10, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.

August 10, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



August 10, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.

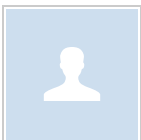
August 10, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.



August 10, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.

August 10, 2023 at 03:33 PM

RE

“ *Richard and Sonya Essick purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.*



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**Richard and Sonya Essick** - August 10, 2023 at 01:35 PM

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“ *Richard and Sonya Essick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.*

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**Richard and Sonya Essick** - August 10, 2023 at 01:35 PM

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“ *A beautiful soul has left us but showed us all a beautiful way to live...*

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**denise francis** - August 09, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.*



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August 09, 2023 at 08:29 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Hooker Graham.*

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August 09, 2023 at 08:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah Hooker Graham.*



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August 09, 2023 at 07:42 PM