



Deborah Mercure

January 31, 1952 - October 5, 2023

Deborah ("Deb") Mercure passed away on October 5th in Mooresville, NC after a brief battle with cancer. She was 71 years old. She was the daughter of the late Louis Remillard and the late Marion Boyd, both of Riverside, RI. She is preceded in death by her sister Barbara ("Dodie") Button. She is survived by her daughter, Kelly O'Donnell, of Mooresville, NC and her son-in-law, Drew O'Donnell. She leaves two grandchildren, Andrew ("Andy") O'Donnell and Isabelle O'Donnell. Deb was an animal lover and also leaves her two beloved grand dogs, Gladys and Louie, and her cat Rosie.

Deb was raised in Riverside, RI and was a graduate of East Providence High School class of 1970. She worked for the American Heart Association Rhode Island Affiliate for 40 years where she had many roles over the years, more recently as an IT specialist and Functional Systems Analyst.

She called Pawtucket, RI home for nearly forty years but in 2018 Deb moved to North Carolina to be close to her daughter and grandchildren. In retirement she enjoyed traveling, including a trip to Italy with her family, a cruise, and many excursions with friends.

She was an avid reader and always had a book and a Coke in her hands. She did the crosswords every day. She also loved to go antiquing for vintage perfume bottles and tins. She lived for her family and made a full-time job out

of attending events for her grandchildren. She never missed a cross country meet, a school play, a graduation, or anywhere where she could show her love and support. Deb was a helper. She was always there to support friends and her extended family. She was known for being a very calm, reasonable and level-headed woman who never raised her voice and always looked for the best in everyone. Her kindness will be missed by all.

A memorial service is being planned for Rhode Island. Details to follow.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the family of Mrs. Mercure. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Debbi was one of the first folks I met when I joined the Heart Association, - friendly, welcoming and helpful as I started my 24 year journey with what was then, the Rhode Island Heart Association. We worked together in educational programs, hand in glove, for many years before she became the IT guru for our office. Soon, she was promoted by National to cover IT services for all of Southern New England. But, we loved her so much we felt she was "always Rhode Island"! Smile....*



Memories of Deb are such a swirl....so many committee meetings, conferences, fund raisers, stroke club activities, holiday parties, taking "in-house blood pressure readings" and cheering on the Rites and Reason, Brown University play promoting Women and Heart Disease, "Heart to Heart, Ain't Your Life Worth Saving?"

One of my fondest and fun memories is the year our office participated in the Annual United Way Agency Race which was held at Kennedy Square. All participating UW agencies had to run around the square using something with wheels and describing the service of their agency, preferably with costume.

Deb, Jackie, Adele and I became the Wizard of Oz family). In full costume, we pushed a box carrier with a Heart Display. We were laughing and laughing as we ran in costume (Dorothy, Tin Man, Scarecrow and Lion) and pushed the box carrier as fast as we could around the square. Huffing and puffing and still laughing, we FINALLY reached the end receiving a big applause! No, we didn't come in first. We came in Last! But, we did WIN an award, THE SPIRIT AWARD! It was a great day!

So, as I bid my friend, Deb "good-bye", I will always remember her as full of a special Spirit that she shared with everyone who crossed her path. Rest In Peace, my friend..... You will be missed.

Glenda Rickabaugh - November 03, 2023 at 07:07 PM



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



October 13, 2023 at 05:20 PM



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

October 13, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah Mercure.*



October 10, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ *Debbie has been an amazing aunt though out my life. Debbie has been a great support person, when family members has been in need. Our family has been blessed to have her in our life. I'll never forget you auntie Debbie. All my love to you 🤗🥺💕*

Diane Gagnon - October 08, 2023 at 07:55 PM

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“*Deb was one of a kind. Always willing to help anyone. She was so patient and compassionate toward everyone. I worked with Deb for years at American Heart Association in the I.T Dept. We would sometimes car pool together from R.I. to Framingham and had so many laughs together on those sometimes long rides to and from work on the Mass Turnpike. Deb will be missed by so many, especially me. God Bless you my friend 🙏 and may God comfort you and welcome you into heaven.*”

Paul DaSilva - October 08, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“*Beverly Holt lit a candle in memory of Deborah Mercure*”



Beverly Holt - October 08, 2023 at 06:04 AM

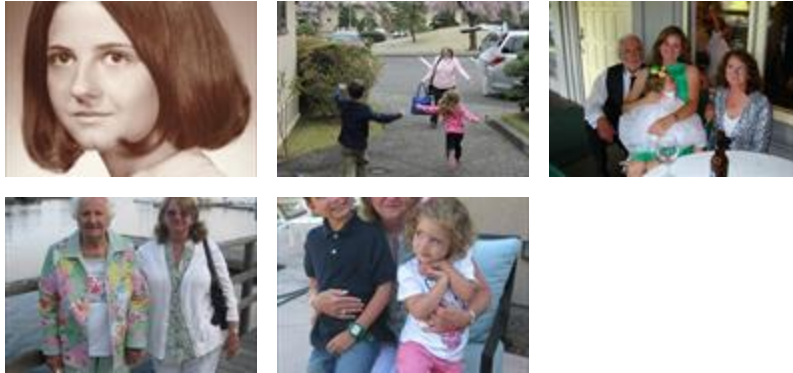
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“*I had the pleasure of working with Deb at the American Heart Association. She was such a wonderful co-worker and always willing to help us “work smarter; not harder.” She shared her computer wisdom with me -and taught me how to merge data for the thousands of letters we prepared at the AHA. I took that knowledge with me to my next job but always references Deb as my mentor.*”

Diane Grenon - October 07, 2023 at 11:27 PM

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Kelly O'Donnell - October 07, 2023 at 02:30 PM

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“ Deb has been my friend since we were in kindergarten. We spent many days together. WE used to ride our bikes everywhere we also used stilts and hula hoops all the time. She loved her bike. Her father did it all over for her and she loved it. We hung around with a group of kids all the time mostly at her house. Her mother passed when we were 14 it was a hard time for Deb. Her father was a funny guy and always took us places we called him speedy gonsolise he loved it. I always went everywhere with them and knew her whole family she always came with us too we were like family to each other. Deb had a sister Dodie we used to go to her house and babysit all the time. She always came on vacation with us. We would go to Mishnock every year and we always had fun. She met Kenny and they got married they had a beautiful daughter Kelly. Who they were crazy about. I was Debs maid of honor and she was mine also. I can not believe she is gone it doesnt seem real. I will always miss her and think of her. Love you Deb.

Sandy Medeiros - October 07, 2023 at 01:42 PM

JG

I am sorry this is so late. Your Mom will always have a special place in my heart. Great memories of growing up in Riverside. My sincere condolences.

John Gomersall - February 26, 2024 at 11:37 AM