



## Debra Lawrence Spess

September 20, 1957 - September 29, 2019

Debra Lawrence Spess, 62, of Mooresville, passed away on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at her residence.

She was born on September 20, 1957 in Detroit, MI, to the late Wellington “Bob” Lawrence and Betty Goodall Lawrence. Deb loved being a mom, wife, nurse, and helping people. She was a hospice nurse for over 25 years. Deb enjoyed watching hockey, especially the Red Wings, horses, Mackinac Island Michigan, and visiting the upper Peninsula. She loved her fur babies.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Doug and Denny Lawrence.

She is survived by her husband, Bernie Spess; sons, Daniel Spess and wife, Casey, Michael D. and wife, Rhian; and brothers, Bob and Ron Lawrence.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 3 - 5 PM, Saturday, November 9 at Twin Creek Stables, 175 Owens Farm Rd., Mooresville, NC 28115. The family request casual dress and to please bring your own lawn chair.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to any suicide prevention group.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Spess

family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 9. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Twin Creek Stables  
175 Owens Farm Rd.  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall



“ *Debra Lawrence Spess*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Debra Lawrence Spess*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Debra Lawrence Spess*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Jane Whitley lit a candle in memory of Debra Lawrence Spess*



Jane Whitley - October 05, 2019 at 06:10 AM



“ *Kathy Whipkey lit a candle in memory of Debra Lawrence Spess*



Kathy Whipkey - October 04, 2019 at 08:40 PM

RO

“ *Rosanna lit a candle in memory of Debra Lawrence Spess*



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**Rosanna** - October 04, 2019 at 04:10 PM

DM

“ *SO very sorry to hear about this. Lovely lady. Prayers will continue for Bernie and the family. <3*

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**Debra Clancy Melton** - October 04, 2019 at 09:00 AM

JW

“ *Jo Warren-Long lit a candle in memory of Debra Lawrence Spess*



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**Jo Warren-Long** - October 04, 2019 at 08:35 AM

LR

“ *Lynn Richman-Johnston lit a candle in memory of Debra Lawrence Spess*



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**Lynn Richman-Johnston** - October 04, 2019 at 05:56 AM

MP

“ *Debbie to soon gone from this world, but will always be remembered in our hearts. Speaking love, peace, and comfort over the family. Miss you Margie Pockat.*

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**Margie Pockat** - October 03, 2019 at 11:48 PM

DB

“ *I just love you, Deb❤️❤️ Those words every time we hugged ... So much we shared! I meant it when I told you God sent you to me... can't wait to see you again, dear girl!*  
*Love and prayers of comfort Bernie and Daniel and all your dear ones, too 🙏❤🙏*

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**Denise Beaty** - October 03, 2019 at 09:23 PM

VU

“ *Deb, we've been friends and sisters for nigh on 50 years. I will always remember my first time meeting you. .that beautiful hair and shy smile. Thanks Bernie for sharing your girl!  
All the fun we had as a foursome, the laughs, the love. You were always braver than me.  
You took me skydiving! Literally! I remember driving up that dirt road in Ann Arbor, going What! Skydiving! Cool! Oh wait skydiving in a freaking CORN field! We laughed so hard  
I remember spending the night at your house all those times, falling asleep as dawn was coming into your open bedroom window, breeze blowing the curtains.  
Your family taught me to say "I love you" often and mean it. I wish Danny could have known you as a teenager, he'd a loved you then too!  
I was always so proud of you. Of Bernie, of how you made a great life, beautiful son and the loyalty to your family and loved ones. Being apart in distance never lessened our bond.  
This distance won't either.  
I love you.*

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**Vickie Underwood** - October 03, 2019 at 11:14 AM

Ron  
Lawrence

“ *Ron Lawrence purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Debra Lawrence Spess.*



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**Ron Lawrence** - October 03, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ *My beautiful sister Debra; I will forever remember and love you. I will miss your laughter, and smile, your gracious heart, and the love you always showed me. I will never forget the times we shared all of our life, and celebrate our love. I know we will meet again in heaven, and celebrate God’s love together forever.*

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**Ron Lawrence** - October 03, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ *Vickie Underwood lit a candle in memory of Debra Lawrence Spess*



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**Vickie Underwood** - October 03, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“ *Dob was a wonderful person with a true heart for hospice and Jesus. We have and will continue to miss her at hospice. Gone home but not forgotten Kathy Summer.*

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**Kathy Summer** - October 03, 2019 at 08:40 AM



“ *Linda Fulton lit a candle in memory of Debra Lawrence Spess*



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**Linda Fulton** - October 03, 2019 at 08:27 AM

LF

“ *Deb was such a wonderful person. My condolences to the family.*

Linda Fulton - October 03, 2019 at 08:26 AM

HS

“ *Debra you was so beautiful. You will be missed.*



Hortensia Scott - October 02, 2019 at 08:18 PM

AH

“ *Dearest Bernie and family.  
Words cannot express how badly I feel at this time.  
I am so sorry for "our loss".  
So many memories of Deb over almost twenty years of friendship.  
Time separated us in intervals, but, after years of being apart we  
picked up right where we left off.  
Deb was a true friend to me and I'll keep her spirit in my heart  
forever.  
Praying for strength and comfort for you all.  
Many Blessings.  
Alice Bullard Hill*

Alice Bullard Hill - October 02, 2019 at 07:08 PM

ES

“ My name is Elisabeth Soles and I wanted to share the memory that I have of Deb.

Years ago when I started here at HPCCR, I oriented with Deb. I remember

the plan was that I meet her in the afternoon at a local facility and sit in on a

admission with her. I arrived a few minutes early, as I sat in the parking lot waiting

I see an SUV drive up and the nurse gets out. I was so impressed, with her. For

you see I had left another Hospice organization that lacked "appearance" for

the lack of a better word. When Deb got out of her SUV her hair was nice, her scrubs were not all wrinkled. She was pleasant and friendly. I observed her with the patient and then with the family.

Always professional, answering all questions and it struck me that she spoke with the family, just as she had spoke with me. I believe that Deb had a kind,

loving spirit and I pray that she is in Heaven looking down on all of us. My prayer for her

family would be love, peace and unity.. be there for one another and reach out to others that can help in any way. Although I have seen Deb many times recently, this is my memory of her that I will always hold in my heart.

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Elisabeth Soles - October 02, 2019 at 11:31 AM