



Mrs. Debra "Debbie" (Fontana) DeLaFleur

November 4, 1959 - March 8, 2023

UTICA - Mrs. Debra "Debbie" (Fontana) DeLaFleur, age 63, passed away on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Debbie was born in Utica on November 4, 1959. She was the daughter of Gail V. (Burlingham) Fontana and the late Robert R. "Bob" Fontana. Debbie was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. She furthered her studies at the Utica School of Nursing where she received her New York State License as a Registered Nurse. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the State University of New York.

On September 17, 2005 she wed Fred DeLaFleur with whom she shared a loving and mutually devoted marriage.

Debbie was a Registered Nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital for many years. In subsequent years, she was employed by the Lutheran Homes and the House of the Good Shepherd. Health issues eventually precluded her from working in health care.

After retiring from nursing, Debbie was able to spend quality time with Fred and her cat, Curtis. She adored children and enjoyed babysitting. Once she left health care, she was able to enjoy lunch dates with friends and former co-workers, sharing laughs and reminiscing.

Debbie had a generous heart and was a “best friend” to her mom. They had a beautiful relationship and did everything together. She adored her niece Alison and nephew Dan. Debbie shared a special bond with Alison, they spent a considerable amount of time together. Debbie thought of Alison as a daughter. She was thrilled to become a great aunt to Nathan and showered him with all the love in her heart. Whatever she had she shared. She went above and beyond for her family, always focusing on their needs. She held a charitable, humble heart and always looked for the good in everyone. She had a great talent for knitting and shared her creations with her loved ones. She practiced her Catholic faith as a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Debbie is survived by her beloved husband, Fred; her mother and best friend, Gail V. Fontana; her brothers and their spouses, Robert J. “Rob” Fontana and Charles A. Jones, and Michael R. “Mike” and Gail A. Fontana. She also leaves her niece, Alison Fontana-Jennings; her nephew, Daniel Fontana; and her great-nephew, Nathan Jennings. She also leaves behind her in-laws and members of Fred’s family; and many friends. She was predeceased by her life-long friend and Maid of Honor, Ann Vallee.

The family is grateful to the staff of the MVHS Rehabilitation & Nursing Center for their care and compassion.

In keeping with Debra’s wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Debra’s Memorial Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St. There will be an opportunity to greet Debbie’s family at the conclusion of Mass. For those unable to attend, the mass may be viewed live online at <https://www.youtube.com/c/stmaryofmountcarmelblessedsacrament>. Inurnment

will take place at Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Fond memories and messages of encouragement may be shared at www.EananceFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAR 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay St
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482

Tribute Wall

PA

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and Gail my special thoughts to you. Many thoughts of all our talks. And Fred I am so sorry for your loss.*

Paula - March 24, 2023 at 11:34 PM

DD

“ *Allison. Very sorry for you and the family's loss. I understand I honestly do. She was always pleasant and kind and always smiled when we use to see her and the banquet hall for outings. May she rest In peace. God Bless. Amen.*

David DeSantis. - March 21, 2023 at 09:04 AM

PT

“ *We, neighbors of Debbie, during the time she lived in Applewood Community are saddened to read of her passing . We wish to send our love and prayers to the family. We do not have updated address to which we can express our loss but we do remember her when joining neighbors to enjoy our yearly, summer picnic. She will be remembered in our prayers. Patricia Trzeciak a neighbor within the Community.*

Patricia Trzecuak - March 20, 2023 at 09:04 AM

TD

“ *Fred my old friend, I am very sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Tom DeRosa
Wh'tb '76*

tom derosa - March 18, 2023 at 08:29 PM

AM

“ Gail, my condolences for your loss
Allen Migliaccio

allen migliaccio - March 17, 2023 at 02:30 PM

NT

“ Gail, Fred & family, so sorry to hear about Debbie's passing-she taught me so much working together when I was a student and she was a LPN followed by my graduation and working with her,Ann and Fred on 3A! We shared lots of great times and memories both at work and out of work! My condolences to you all!

Nancy Traxel - March 16, 2023 at 07:07 PM

GP

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Gina Paratore

gina paratore - March 16, 2023 at 06:04 PM

DD

“ Gail we are so saddened to hear the passing of Debbie we have great memories of working side by side with her and at St.Elizabeth Hospital. And we remember when you and Debbie would come visit us and our daughter when we lived in Utica. Sending you and the family our thoughts and prayers and condolence. Love, Dawn&Larry DeGironimo

Dawn DeGironimo - March 16, 2023 at 03:58 PM

AE

“ Gail and family, I am so sorry to hear about this sad loss for you all. May you all find comfort and peace knowing you are remembered dearly. Debbie will be missed.

Amy Elinskas - March 16, 2023 at 03:53 PM

GA

“ Gail and family. I'm so so very sorry for your great loss. May God give you comfort at this time.

Gail Szlosek Augustine - March 16, 2023 at 03:46 PM

TB

“ Deepest condolences to the Fontana and DeLaFleur families.



Tammy Bottini - March 13, 2023 at 02:44 PM