



Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar

May 7, 1971 - January 10, 2016

Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar, age 44, of Rome, NY, passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute after a courageous battle with Leukemia. At the time of her passing, her loving family was by her side.

Born at the US Naval Hospital, Subic Bay, Philippines on May 7, 1971, Debra Lee was the daughter of Crispin and Dionicia "Julie" (Alipio) Hooks. She was a graduate of Notre Dame High School and attended MVCC where she received her Associate degree in Graphic Design. On October 16, 2004 she married John E. Klar with whom she shared her love and devotion.

At one time, Debra Lee held employment at FiServ Banking and later accepted a position at Partners Trust Bank. More recently, she worked for the Bank of New York Mellon Corporation at the Oriskany branch in the International Loans Division up until her illness. Debra Lee always offered fidelity and a friendly smile to everyone in her circle of life. Wherever she went, she brought her benevolent nature with her, and lasting friendships were formed. She was a loving and caring wife and mother, a beautiful daughter, and a thoughtful, caring, and giving sister. She was a gifted and talented painter, and enjoyed camping. She excelled at bowling and was proud of the several bowling records she held locally. Debra Lee was always the party planner and the baker for family events, and added her unique touch to the gatherings.

Debra Lee is survived by her husband, John; her parents, Crispin and Julie

Hooks of Westmoreland; her sons, Jonathon C. Klar who she lovingly referred to as "Mini-Me", and Dominic F. Klar who she affectionately called her "gordita". She will remain in the hearts of her brother and sister-in-law, Dennis F. and Kimberly J. Bowman-Hooks of New Hartford; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, special cousins, in-laws, Tammy Bottini, Francis "Franny" Klar, Jr., and Louis "Louie" Klar; and many loving, dear friends. She was predeceased by and her brother-in-law, Paul E. Bottini, Jr., and her paternal grandmother, Gladys Hooks, Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Debra Lee's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 at the Church of the Annunciation in Clark Mills where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Kevin Bunger. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall

TH

“ Dennis & family, so very sorry to hear of the loss of your sister. What a beautiful angel heaven has gained. May her memory be eternal. Chuck & Theresa Haddad

Theresa Haddad - January 19, 2016 at 01:43 PM

AH

“ I worked with Deb at Partners Trust - she made this part time job the funniest
Position always laughing,,it was a pleasure to know and work with her.
My thought and prayers to her whole family and to all of us that knew her.

Anne Harrell - January 18, 2016 at 05:07 AM

JC

“ This week has been really hard. I'm gonna miss her smile and laugh. Deb was a good friend and there for me if I needed to talk. Praying for her family that they can have the strength to get through this difficult time. We are gonna miss her deeply. Rip Deb

Joe Schiavetta & Lisa Calenzo - January 17, 2016 at 08:52 PM

TB

“ Tammy Bottini lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar



Tammy Bottini - January 17, 2016 at 05:57 PM

TB

There are no words that will heal, or time that will pass that will make anything easier. My heart breaks that you are no longer on this earth, but you will live on in all our hearts. Especially John's and your wonderful little men. I can still hear Johns voice on the phone the day you were diagnosed, those horrible words, But you never looked back, never gave up and fought to the end. You leave a beautiful legacy that will carry always. My parents never gave me a sister, but my brother did. I am honored and blessed to have had you in my life, your the most beautiful, courageous soul. Never heard you say anything bad about anyone. I will love you and carry your memories always and , will be here for John, Jonathon and Dominic always. Fly high beautiful angel and give Mom, Dad, Karen and Paul a big hug from us.

Tammy Bottini - January 17, 2016 at 06:06 PM

MK

“ Mk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar



mk - January 17, 2016 at 02:46 PM

KS

“ Karen M. Schrader lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar



Karen M. Schrader - January 16, 2016 at 09:44 PM

CC

“ My heart goes out to Debs family. We worked in the same building at bny mellon. We started in the same training class. Although we wouldn't speak to each other everyday, Deb would always make an effort to stop and talk to me like no time had passed. She would always ask how I was doing, had that great smile and personable nature. She was such a positive force to be reckoned with. This world won't be the same without her.

*"Those we love don't go away.
They walk beside us everyday... Unseen, Unheard but always near.
Still loved, still missed and very dear."*

CCM - January 16, 2016 at 07:12 PM

LK

“ Debbie my heart cries out loud for you ! May God's will be with you,your family,and Johnny and the boy's always and forever...Love always your bother in law uncle Louie

Louie Klar - January 16, 2016 at 02:59 PM

RR

“ Resty, Ed & Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar



Resty, Ed & Ryan - January 16, 2016 at 01:37 PM

ER

We are going to miss you a lot Deb! Our prayers to the family.

Ed, Resty & Ryan - January 16, 2016 at 01:42 PM

RG

“ Resty Guerrero lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar



Resty Guerrero - January 16, 2016 at 01:33 PM

JH

“ Joan Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar



Joan Harris - January 15, 2016 at 06:20 PM

TZ

“ So sorry for your loss



Tammy Zink-Cieslak - January 15, 2016 at 05:47 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar.



January 15, 2016 at 01:53 PM

JC

“ Jeff, Jamie, & Celeste purchased the Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers for the family of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar.



Jeff, Jamie, & Celeste - January 15, 2016 at 01:48 PM

AO

“ Ann Marie Ollerenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar



ann marie ollerenshaw - January 15, 2016 at 07:33 AM

DR

“ Daniel Rose lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar



Daniel Rose - January 15, 2016 at 07:02 AM

DR

I had the pleasure of working with Deb at Partners trust bank. She was one of the nicest people I have ever meant. She made me feel comfortable from the very first day I met her. We had alot of laughs during our time at the bank and I will never forget such a caring kind person as Deb. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time.

Daniel Rose - January 15, 2016 at 07:06 AM

EB

“ Chatting with her and sending messages with each other made us closer... telling her that our all her relatives in Philippines love her dearly and miss her... knowing how painful it may be for her to undergo a lot of treatment, her smiles and time to share inspired me a lot... seeing her photos and following her everyday for two years made me believe he is a woman of courage, strength and power.... Deb, I am sure you are now holding Jesus' hands and resting peacefully....



Emily Pauline Bazar - January 14, 2016 at 11:00 PM

AH

“ I will miss her forever! Debbie, was so special to me since childhood. Deb always made me feel so good about myself. Just being around her whether it was in person or text she had this uncanny way of putting you in a good mood. Her love was unconditional... And it was her uncommon grace that I admired so very much. My heartfelt love and sympathy will be forever yours. There will be a void within my heart always for your beautiful Mother, Wife, Daughter and Sister. ❤️



Alan J Humphrey - January 14, 2016 at 09:32 PM

SB

“ Love you Deb. You were the most genuine and kind hearted person I know. You would do anything for anyone. Gonna miss your big smile, random walks while you took special pics for hubby and the shoe collection ..lol. I appreciate you lending me your sexy cheetah wedges when I broke my shoe at wrk. RIP beautiful lady we will miss you

Sally B. - January 14, 2016 at 09:09 PM

JH

“ *Judy Hooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar*



judy hooks - January 14, 2016 at 08:50 PM

VH

“ *Valerie And Kurt Hagen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar*



Valerie and Kurt Hagen - January 14, 2016 at 08:24 PM

PH

“ *Pam Humphrey-Matthews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar*



Pam Humphrey-Matthews - January 14, 2016 at 08:02 PM

ML

“ *Michele LaPaglia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar*



Michele LaPaglia - January 14, 2016 at 07:58 PM

ML

To Johnny and the boys and to all of Deb's family. There are no words that will make this easier. Deb was a beautiful person. Always laughing and smiling and ready to help anyone anyway she can. I know she fought hard and even then she did it with flair. She will be missed by all. Bless you Deb....you are pain free now. Rest in peace beautiful lady.

Michele LaPaglia - January 14, 2016 at 08:00 PM



“ *Deb, you had a radiant smile & a beautiful soul. I'll forever remember all our Art classes together in high school. Such a gifted Artist. Shine on beautiful friend...*


Marea Capalupo Kessler - January 14, 2016 at 07:49 PM

DB

“ *Debbie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar*



Debbie Brown - January 14, 2016 at 07:43 PM

 Traci Uscier-St Thomas

“ *Traci Uscier-St Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar*



Traci Uscier-St Thomas - January 14, 2016 at 07:26 PM



“ *Gonna miss you Deb you were classy in school always fought for what you believed and were a fighter til the end. We love you and you will be missed*

Lenamarie Parrotta - January 14, 2016 at 07:18 PM

LR

“ *Lori Rosoff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar*



lori rosoff - January 14, 2016 at 06:56 PM

LR

Your smile your laughter lite up a room.you put everyone else above you.the world today is dimmer without you.there are no words to say on how much you will be missed.my prayers go out to your family

lori rosoff - January 14, 2016 at 06:59 PM



Darlene
Plumb

“ Even though I only have know Debbie a short time because of our kids, I am at a loss for words. I watched her lift up people with her smile and never once showed any fear. She spent the summer with her boys and a couple girly girls lol. I will hold on to the memories of her taking my daughter to the park with her boys and have picnics, the side walk art that she made into a contest on fb, and the few trips my daughter spent going to the boys games. Oh and how can I forget her painting the girls nails. For only having boys she sure knew how to make a couple little girls feel awesome. I can't express enough of how much you will be missed not only by your family but by mine as well. To John, Johnathan, and Dominic if you need anything at all I'm only around the corner even if it's to talk.. Rest in Peace my friend!

Darlene Plumb - January 14, 2016 at 06:34 PM

KS

“ Thoughts and prayers to all of the family. Debbie you will be truly missed by so many. Rest in Peace and watch over all your loved ones down here.

Karen M. Schrader - January 14, 2016 at 06:30 PM

MM

“ You will be truly missed Deb, you had a smile that could light up a room. You fought your fight always with a smile on your face, you were an inspiration to all. Rest easy my sweet friend. Thoughts and Prayers to John, Jonathan & Dominic as she lives within you and will forever be your angel watching from above. Until we meet again.

Melissa Morgan - January 14, 2016 at 05:43 PM

MB

“ *Debbie the courage and strength you displayed throughout your battle was truly amazing. Fly high sweetie<3*



Michelle Bach - January 14, 2016 at 05:08 PM

BB

“ *Barb Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar*



Barb Bowman - January 14, 2016 at 05:06 PM

BB

I am so sorry for loss. My prayers go out to her husband, her boys, her parents, brother and sister in law and the rest of her family and friends. She is an angel.

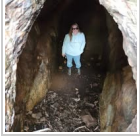
Barb Bowman - January 14, 2016 at 05:11 PM

 Misty Roman

“ *Misty Roman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar*



Misty Roman - January 14, 2016 at 04:46 PM



“ *RIP Deb. I will miss seeing your smile and your positivity. You were such a breath of fresh air.*



Renee Hart - January 14, 2016 at 04:19 PM



“ *So sorry for the loss of Debby. My condolences go out to family . all my prayers and love are sent . love Gina Ficchi cates*

Gina Ficchi Cates - January 14, 2016 at 03:53 PM



“ *Michelle Argen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar*



Michelle Argen - January 14, 2016 at 03:32 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear Dominic's Mom had passed. We remember you all as such a wonderful preschool family. God Bless. Lisa Roach*

LisaRoach - January 14, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ *My condolences go out to the HOOKS KLAR families on the loss of Deb, she had a beautiful smile. Fly with the angels beautiful lady*

Kimberly thibodeau - January 14, 2016 at 03:06 PM



“ Kara Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar



Kara Washington - January 14, 2016 at 02:53 PM



“ Cindy Goff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debra Lee "Debbie" Hooks-Klar



Cindy Goff - January 14, 2016 at 02:41 PM



So sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved Deb. She put up a good fight but she just got tired. May she RIP . Praying for her survivors now.....

Debbie Delafleur - January 14, 2016 at 03:22 PM



I have been in awe of the beauty and grace of Deb and the love shown everyday by her family, John and Deb should be an inspiration for all! She left a beautiful legacy, God Bless this angel and her beautiful family!

judith balch - January 14, 2016 at 05:40 PM



Rest in peace beautiful lady, gone way too soon but you gave a brave fight with many smiles and we will all miss seeing your posts on Facebook. My condolences to the whole family. You're free now Deb.!

Tina Rodriguez - January 14, 2016 at 07:16 PM