



Deborah Ann Combs

August 12, 1954 - May 14, 2016

Deborah Ann Combs, 61, of Springdale, died Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Bentonville Health and Rehab in Bentonville, Arkansas. Deborah was the second child and second daughter of Hoyt Combs, Jr. and Jessie Mae nee Cunningham Combs, born on August 12, 1954. Deborah was born with Down Syndrome, and in her last years also suffered from dementia, which contributed to her death.

Deborah was among the first four students at the Elizabeth Richardson Center in Fayetteville, and was in the first graduating class in 1975. Deborah was very helpful to her parents, loving to vacuum, wash clothes, fold laundry, help with meals, and to wash the dishes, or load the dishwasher. She was also very loving, often hugging or speaking with people she had just met. The family was always amazed at Deborah's ability to remember birthdays, and an early phone call from her on your birthday was a sure thing, until recent years. Deborah was preceded in death by her parents and her paternal grandparents, Hoyt Combs, Sr. and Cliffee Clara nee Emmett Combs, as well as her maternal grandparents, William Calvin Cunningham and Cora M. nee Ree Cunningham, and Cora's later husbands, Marvin Pennell and Orville Keck. Cora changed her surname back to Pennell before her death. Deborah's aunt, Helen Marie nee Combs Harris (Herndon) and her three uncles, William Calvin, Jr. Cunningham, Alvin Bill Cunningham, and Gene Autry Cunningham also preceded her. Finally, her older sister, Linda Marie nee Combs Wehmeyer, preceded her as well. Linda was Deborah's care giver

after the death of their mom in 2004.

Deborah is survived by her brother Ronnie Hoyt Combs and his wife, Nanetta Jean nee Netherton Combs, her nephew, Jerid Hoyt Combs (Brittany) along with great nieces Mackenzie and Brielynn and by her niece, Ashley nee Combs Lawson (Mitch) as well as her great niece Keirstyn. Also surviving Deborah is her brother-in-law, David Henry Wehmeyer of Springdale, his son Joshua David Wehmeyer, and his wife Rachel nee Williams Wehmeyer, and a new great niece, Reagan Elizabeth, all from Virginia Beach, VA; also David's brothers and sisters and their spouses and families: Arthur Wehmeyer (Linda), Sherry Dahlberg (Svenn), Dennis Wehmeyer (Kathy), and Linda Struttmann (Tim); and by Deborah's three aunts: Lola, LueVerne, and Bonnie Cunningham, and their families. Finally, Deborah is survived by many friends from the several Bible studies, Assemblies, Feast sites, etc. she was a part of over the years, and by other friends and neighbors who impacted her life and allowed Deborah to impact their lives.

Deborah had a child-like trust in her savior and messiah, Yahshua, and was re-baptized 09/21/2009, at the same time David and Linda were re-baptized into Yahshua.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation to the Springdale Senior Center, 203 Park Street, Springdale, AR 72764, or the charity of your choice.

To sign the guestbook online, please visit www.siscofuneral.com.

The family wishes to commend the staff of Bentonville Health and Rehab for their kindnesses and care they gave Deborah over the last three years.

Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Ann Combs*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Debbie always had a smile to share and was always ready to give a hug!
She will be missed.*

Art & Linda Wehmeyer

Art Wehmeyer - June 23, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ *Debbie was so full of joy and so void of bitterness. David and Linda provided such a stable, happy, and peaceful quality of life for her while they could. After Linda left planet Earth and Deb needed to transition to assisted living, the rehab staff took good care of her . I thank God for the joy Deb is now experiencing in heaven! I think of her every time I touch one of the hangers she covered with yarn and gave me.*

Hallelujah!

Susie McGowan - May 21, 2016 at 11:03 AM

JA

“ We're so sorry for your loss. Debbie loved to ride in my little red truck & to go to garage sales We loved to watch Diagnosis Murder(she loved Dick Van Dyke) & color in coloring books together. Special time together.

She was so lovable & a joy to be around.
We will see her again.

All our love,
Judy & Ted Arriola

Judy Arriola - May 20, 2016 at 10:39 PM

LS

“ To all of Debbie's family...
Although living in Missouri, (and having not visited as much as I should have,) I still love and remember Debbie as a kind, loving, sweet person. On one of our last visits (while my brother David's wife Linda was still with us), Debbie shared her room with me so kindly, eager to see that I was comfortable and show me all her things...I won't forget the sounds of her alarm clock (one of those with multiple sounds of the beach, forests, rain, etc.) It was awesome to spend that time with her.

As my bother mentioned in his beautiful obituary, she now awaits to be raised with Jesus, and suffers not...I personally believe she has been reunited with her parents and with Linda...and what a great joy that must be for all of them!

We hold you all close in prayer...God's comfort and blessings to each of you...

Linda & Tim Struttmann and family
(Sister & brother-in-law of David Wehmeyer)

Linda Struttmann - May 20, 2016 at 09:31 AM

JS

“ My memories of Debbie was that she was a sweet little bundle of love and hugs.

Jeannette Sharp - May 19, 2016 at 10:03 PM



“ I had the joy of being one of debs nurses for the last year and a half. She was a joy to care for. She is greatly missed here at Bentonville health and rehab.

Melissa Johnson - May 19, 2016 at 06:57 PM

BS

“ I met Debbie at the feast. I gave her a Hershey candy bar I brought in my pocket as a snack and she gave me a great hug. The last time I saw her she smiled real big, gave me a hug and said "you wanna hug you like hugs". She had me figured out...just give me a hug and I'm a happy camper.

Bill Simmon - May 18, 2016 at 10:18 AM

CM

“ I lost a very sweet dear friend who I grew up with. . Which I will never forget as long as I live.



Carol Diane Massie - May 17, 2016 at 08:51 PM

PP

“ I remember her as "Debbie", and as David mentioned, she was very free with her hugs and smiles! A beautiful soul!

Patricia Peachey - May 17, 2016 at 05:37 PM

NH

“ *Deborah made a beautiful difference in this world and a light along the way. Although I never met her she was legendary to me through her family tributes heard over the years. To God be the glory.*
Natalie Howarth, Ontario, Canada

Natalie Howarth - May 17, 2016 at 08:07 AM

CB

I met Debbie when she was 7 years old I took her and my son Steve Barron to Richardson Center Every morning when Richardson Center was first started ia a basement of a church in Fayetteville. She was truly a sweet and wonderful person.she has now joined her family and Steve in Heaven. May God be with her family and friends as they go through this sad time

Charlene Barron - May 18, 2016 at 11:21 AM