



Deborah Haseman Bui

June 27, 1957 - May 1, 2019

On May 1, 2019, Deborah Haseman Bui, age 61, of The Woodlands, Texas, formerly of Pittsburgh, beloved wife of Richard (Rick) Bui; mother of Jonathan (Joanna) Bui and Justin Bui; sister of Gayle Forsythe; grandmother of Ella and Matthew; Deborah was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Dorothy Haseman. Friends received Sunday, May 5, from 1 - 3 and 6 - 8 pm at Simons Funeral Home, Inc., 7720 Perry Highway, www.simonsfuneralhome.com. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, 11:00 am, at Memorial Park Presbyterian Church, 8800 Peebles Road. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in memory of Deborah to the MD Anderson Cancer Center. www.mdanderson.org.

Cemetery Details

Allegheny County Memorial Park

1600 Duncan Avenue
Allison Park, PA 15101

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Simons Funeral Home, Inc.
7720 Perry Highway
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Visitation

MAY 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Memorial Park Presbyterian Church
8800 Peebles Road
Allison Park, PA 15101

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Dear Rick,
I just found out about Debbie's passing. I am in shock and so sorry for you and your family. I feel blessed to have been her friend at IUP, as one of the Whitmyre Six. Deb was wonderful and caring and kept us laughing. I will always hold those memories close. Deb was the driving force behind us reconnecting and spending precious moments together a few times over the years. I am grateful for her expert planning skills and persistence in that regard! Chris and I especially enjoyed our visit with you both at your home in Philly. I think Deb was pregnant with Jonathan at the time but you all didn't know it yet. I remember her giving me the good news soon after that visit. She was so, so happy!
Our deepest condolences to you, Jonathan, Justin, and all who Debbie held dear. She will always be in our hearts.
Love, Lisa and Chris

Lisa Brown - March 31, 2020 at 11:10 PM

SS

“ Dear Rick, We are so very sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. From the first time we met your family in Fox Meadow as neighbors we instantly bonded. Call it a hockey thing! Debbie hosted many bunkos, progressive dinner parties, etc.... with a smile! Blessed to have crossed paths with you and your family. Lifting all of you up in prayer during this difficult time. We remember best what we love most. Jeff and Sue Schwerer

Sue Schwerer - May 05, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Deborah Haseman Bui.



May 04, 2019 at 07:06 PM



“ It feels like I have known the Bui family forever. Working with Rick over the last 20 years and him always sharing his family pride and stories. Always driving the story was Debbie. I met Debbie on several occasions and she was full of so much energy. Truly fun to be with and talk to. I will never forget the time we were transitioning from Aberdeen to Houston. Rick and Debbie were immediately there to help. Debbie helped find a neighborhood and realtor. Later she and Rick would watch over the construction while still moving from Aberdeen. Once landed, Debbie was quick to provide a guided tour of the woodlands and make it feel like home.

I am grateful to have known her.

My deepest sympathies Rick to you and the boys, Jonathan and Justin. You are in our thoughts and prayers and Debbie forever in our memory.

Lynn

Lynn Fox - May 03, 2019 at 03:19 PM



“ *Rick and Family. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you have been in my thoughts and prayers for quite some time. I will continue to pray for comfort, healing and strength for you all.*

Chase Oliver

Chase Oliver - May 03, 2019 at 03:15 PM

“Debbie and I met as freshman when we attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania. We were a third of the Whitmyre Six, a group of Freshman located in the same area of the dorm floor. We spent a lot of time together and had a lot of fun—study popcorn breaks, pranks on the RA, and parties to name a few. At the end of our first year, the Whitmyre Six elected to switch roommates for our sophomore year. Debbie and I were now roommates.

Debbie and I shared an institutional looking dorm room with cinder block walls painted in light mint green for 2 years. This is where I got to know the real Debbie. Her love for her family – yelling into the phone so her partially deaf father could hear her; seeking advice from her brother in law and sister. She always exhibited honesty and integrity – working her way through college, as well as giving truthful advice to her friends. Debbie was the leader who usually coordinated our social activities.

We continued to stay in contact after we graduated. Debbie got married, I went to graduate school. After I finished grad school, I found a job in Philadelphia, where low and behold, Rick was transferred. I remember her first pregnancy; had the privilege of filming Jonathan's christening. Her laugh was so infectious that I could only laugh myself when I recorded several pieces of the video horizontally. I did not know that the video recorder only filmed vertically, so when I filmed horizontally, everyone had to tilt their head to view the footage.

We tried to get together on a regular basis even when we lived in different states. We shared great times during our spa weekends, the beach, as well as in her home. I had the opportunity to visit in the multiple states where Debbie and Rick lived – Oklahoma, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Houston. Some of my best times were making 120+ dozen cookies for her son, Jonathan's wedding. She wanted to make sure her son had a traditional Pittsburgh Cookie Table at his wedding. Debbie came to Milwaukee to visit for a few days prior to going to Valparaiso University to watch her son, Justin

in a track meet. It was very gracious of her as I had a dog, which she was allergic.

But most of all, for over twenty plus years, we continued to talk to each other almost weekly. We talked about everything that was going on in our lives. Sometimes, more than weekly. She always kept me informed when a new book was being released from one of our favorite authors. What she was putting in the Christmas Shoe boxes she was making for one of her favorite charities. As well as the mundane – what she was having for dinner. We shared our WW successes and failures. She tried recipes and gave me critiques as well as sent me copies of the ones she liked. When I told her my favorite chocolate chip cookie recipe was missing from my 1975 edition of the Betty Crocker cookbook, she saved me by having a copy. We had an ongoing conversation regarding the merits of two movies – Talladega Nights and Elf. Debbie loved these two movies and could not understand why in the world I did not find them funny.

So, I will sit down and watch these two films in honor of my friend. But I still have a void in my life and will miss her immensely.

Rick, Jonathan and Justin – you have my deepest sympathies. You will always be in my prayers.

Lissa Bauwin - May 03, 2019 at 01:04 PM

PM

Dear Rick and Family, Debbie was one of my closest childhood friends from Spring Hill. I went on several vacations with her family to New Jersey. Debbie's Uncle Unc went with us and he was a hoot. Although I was a grade older than Debbie in school, we walked together every day. Although we did attend different high schools, she attended one of Allegheny's proms (both of our dresses were home made). We both ended up at IUP.

Sadly, we lost contact over 10 or so years ago. I was saddened by the news of her death. I will treasure our childhood memories forever.

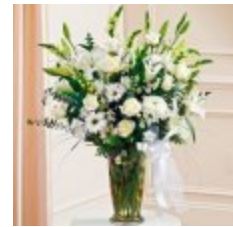
Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Patty Kelly Mahafkey

Patty Mahafkey - May 03, 2019 at 04:57 PM

FH

“ *From your Friends at Baker Hughes purchased the White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of Deborah Haseman Bui.*



From your Friends at Baker Hughes - May 03, 2019 at 10:51 AM

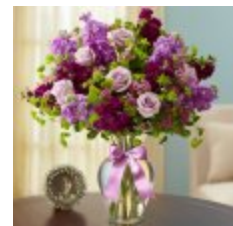
RW

“ *Rick and Family. I was very saddened to hear of Deborah's passing. Please know that Kathryn and I have you in our prayers. Please accept our most sincere condolences.*

Rick and Kathryn White - May 03, 2019 at 10:37 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Deborah Haseman Bui.*



May 03, 2019 at 10:33 AM

NP

“ Rick and Family,
I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your beautiful wife and mother, Debbie. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Thinking of you. Nicole Paez

Nicole Paez - May 03, 2019 at 10:19 AM

DK

“ Rick and Family. So sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. I have had you all in my thoughts and prayers for some time now. I will continue to pray for your healing and wellbeing. Celebrate and cherish the wonderful memories of Debbie and know you have the love and support of many.

Don Kaminski - May 03, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Deborah Haseman Bui.



May 02, 2019 at 09:58 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Deborah Haseman Bui.



May 02, 2019 at 07:49 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Haseman Bui.



May 02, 2019 at 03:45 PM



“ Rick and family. My heart goes out to you and your family. Debbie was such a wonderful person, inside and out. I remember seeing her at Dan and Terri's and we would talk like we just saw each other the day before. Loving and sweet. Our lives were truly touched by an amazing person she was. God Bless and rest in peace my friend.

Eleanor Heavens Short - May 02, 2019 at 03:38 PM

“BUI WOMAN!! ...Mrs. Heavens!” This was Deb and my telephone greetings on our regular chats throughout our 34 year friendship. The Buis and Heavens met in classes at Crozier when we were each expecting our first children. We snickered together at the startling comments and eye-rolling antics of other would-be parents and found kindred spirits in each other. When we were swapping pleasantries upon meeting, Deb and I discovered we shared June 27th for a birthday! Two crabs in their shells!!

Despite the years and miles between us, after two and three children, respectively, we found ways to stay connected. We have funny, compelling memories from Chichester, Tulsa, Pittsburgh, the Grand Canyon, Sedona, Scottsdale, Key West, the Woodlands, Grand Bahama Island, and Las Vegas. Debbie was smart, witty, funny, loving and above all, kind. She and I shared a love for reading and writing...not one holiday escaped us sending cards to each other.

It is with such heavy hearts that Dan and I say “So long” to a dearest friend and truly humble, inspiring woman. We will miss our holiday phone calls, with recipe swaps and decorating ideas!

You fought a valiant battle, Deb, with Rick, Gale, Justin, Jonathan, Joanna, Ella, and Matthew by your side. Through it all you stayed loving, caring and sweet. Peace be with you as you are in the Hands of your loving Lord. Rest with Mom and Dad. Until we meet again! Much love, Terri, Dan, Meredith, Anthony, Finn, Sullivan, Courtney and Allyson Heavens



Terri Heavens - May 02, 2019 at 12:40 PM

DS

Dear Rick --

I am just seeing Debbie's obituary today. I remember her well from our days at IUP when you were dating, our years at CAS together and coming to your wedding. I gasped when I read of her passing. You have my sincere sympathy on this terrible loss of your dear wife. Keeping you in my prayers. Dottie Postles Staffen

Dottie Staffen - May 08, 2019 at 11:38 AM