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Lady Debra Kay Brinkerhoff, age 63, passed beautifully to the spirit world on Wednesday morning, May 23, 2018. She was surrounded by family who loved her deeply. She valiantly and bravely fought pancreatic cancer during the last months of her life.

Lady Deb was born June 5th, 1954 in Sacramento California, to Dean and Gloria Moser. She was raised in North Hollywood California and graduated from North Hollywood High School, before studying at Ricks College. She met her Knight in Shining Armor, Wilford Duain Brinkerhoff, and they were sealed for Time and All Eternity in the Los Angeles Temple on October 12, 1974. After their wedding they moved to the booming metropolis of Bicknell Utah (that's Bicknell Bottoms to be exact). Debra and Duain raised their 4 crazy kids on the family farm.

Debra loves music, butterflies, the color purple, and she loves to make up words! She created a culture of kindness, an atmosphere of love and acceptance, and a feeling of fun wherever she went. Debra has the greatest capacity to love... unconditionally. She has the ability to make everyone she meets feel how special they are. She can soften any heart and bring a smile to any face. She is a master at coining phrases that are fun and meaningful—and these phrases will continue in her family forever. For example: “I’ll give you \$100 if...”, “I chubby your cheeks”, “Children of the Earth”, “I lovelor blind you”, “I hug you! I kiss you! I tickle you!”, “Always believe that good things will come!”

Debra loves her Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ with all her soul! This is evident by the way she lived her life. Every kind word, every loving smile or touch, every ray of light she shares, is a reflection of the Love of our Heavenly Father. Her faith and testimony continue to be one of her most beautiful and influential gifts that she shares with all who know her. The depth of her influence for good on this earth cannot be quantified and will continue to bless generations to come!



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Debra teaches us, by her sweet example, how to live.... always looking Heavenward. Believing, loving, lifting, finding joy in the journey, simplifying, creating, living in gratitude and humility, living by faith, forgiving, and trusting.

Debra is preceded in death by her father, Dean Porter Moser. She is survived by her husband, Wilford Duain Brinkerhoff, their "earth" children, Joshua & Kristina Brinkerhoff, Nathan & Sara Brinkerhoff, Heidi & Troy Andersen, Heather & Jackson Westenskow and 11 grandchildren. Also her Mother Gloria Moser Nixon, her sisters Melinda & M. LaDon Torgersen, Julie & Tony DeSandre, and brothers Steven Moser & Mike Talbot, & Mick Voges; as well as many other supportive and loving nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Debra will never be forgotten as a beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, niece, cousin, aunt, grandmother and friend.

A celebration and remembrance of Debra's life will begin with a viewing on May 31st from 6-8 PM in the Grandview 9th Ward Building (1555 N 1350 W, Provo, UT 84604). Another viewing will be held June 1st from 11:30-12:30 PM with funeral services to follow at 1 PM, also in the Grandview 9th Ward Building. Interment will be at East Lawn Memorial in Provo, following the funeral services.

In honor of this day, and this celebration, we invite all who can to wear something purple for Debra. (it could be a tie, a dress, a flower, or even just a small ribbon) In lieu of flowers, please consider donating at <https://www.gofundme.com/u6p6a-do-it-for-deb>



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RS

Ritch Sorenson posted:

Paula and I loved being with Debbie and Duain in their farm house by Bicknell. We felt warmth and at home there. Debbie's smile, friendliness and quick laugh were at the center of that warmth. When we visited, it seemed that she wrapped us in a warm blanket like the warm, homey blankets in her bedrooms. Debbie and Duain have a great family, which are a reflection of Debbie. Some of our favorite memories are spending time with them. We had a ton of fun camping with Debbie, Duain and their kids in the mountains above Bicknell--Debbie was at the heart of that fun. Seeing her warm, friendly smile on this page brings many happy memories and makes us long to see Debbie again. She is a wonderful person. Love, Ritch and Paula Sorenson

June 4 at 6:15 AM

FJ

Faun Jackson posted:

She was beautiful through and through. In her obituary the sentence, "She has the ability to make everyone she meets feel how special they are." stood out to me. That is exactly right. Her smile and love for everyone was evident ALWAYS. My thoughts, love and prayers to her sweet family. May you feel our loving Heavenly Father's arms wrapped around you all at this time.

May 31 at 5:55 AM



Kathleen Greer posted:

Duaine and Debra were friends in our ward in west Provo. My husband was their home teacher at the time. Debra had an bubbly personality and infectious chuckle. She was an angel to her grandmother who lived in her home. Cherish all your memories and remembrances. Follow her example. Kathy Greer

May 30 at 1:13 PM



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MY

Marva Yapias posted:

We lived in the same ward as the Brinkerhoff's in west Provo for several years. Duaine was our home teacher and Debra would often come with him. I don't think I have ever met anyone who had a bigger heart or a more ready smile than Debra Brinkerhoff. As a single mom with 5 children I certainly appreciated her kind words and eager smile. We will never forget her kind and gentle heart. Much love Marva, Tyson, Andrew, Alex, Amanda and Elder Brandon Yapias

May 30 at 7:23 AM

PB

Patti Bruin May 31 at 4:23 AM

Well I remember how wonderful she was to my mom. My mom talked about her all the time. When I meet this beautiful lady I knew why. Prayers and love to her family. Much love. Patti Bruin

JB

Janae Hatch Blake posted:

Together you raised an awesome family! I send my condolences to you all. Losing someone to cancer is painful and time seems to drag as we miss them daily, but live everyday with the knowledge that this time is short compared with the eternities and the fact that we will see them again soon! She was such a sweetheart! My heart goes out to you all!

May 29 at 8:42 PM

DF

Deann Frazier posted:

So sorry Duane. My condolences to you and your family. Deann (Rees) Frazier

May 28 at 5:10 PM

JO

Jeffrey Oswald posted:

All never forget how kind and sweet Debbie was to me I have very fond memories of her and the farm in Bicknell. She will be greatly missed. Jeans boy. Jeff Oswald

May 27 at 1:24 PM



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Mark And Becky Nixon Barraclough posted:

Debbie was a beautiful Angelic gift to the world! The room lit up with her smile when she walked in. We are so thankful for her and appreciate how she touched our families lives with so much love and service! she made us feel like we were so special and loved. we appreciate her service of love to her mother and our father she always made our father feel loved and valued. Our special love and thanks to Duain also for all he did for us and our Father.

May 27 at 4:24 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Debra by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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