



Debra Summers

February 5, 1965 - May 26, 2009

Debra Ann Summers, age 44 of Timnath, Colorado, formerly of Topeka, Kansas, died May 26, 2009 at Poudre Valley Hospital in Ft. Collins after a brief battle with lung cancer. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in El Dorado, Kansas. Debra Ann Davenport, born February 5, 1965 in Wichita, Kansas, was the middle child of Harold and Nancy Davenport. She grew up in El Dorado, KS and became a Christian at the age of 6, at the First Baptist Church. She loved to play softball and did so enthusiastically throughout her life. She graduated from El Dorado High School in 1983 with honors and went on to Butler County Junior College on a softball scholarship, Debbie graduated from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, with a degree in Business Administration. She was manager at The Athletes Foot store in Topeka. On April 18, 1992 she and George Summers were married. She worked for the Kansas Service for the Blind until she became a stay-at-home-mom raising their three children. Due to George's job transfer, the Summers moved to Fort Collins, CO in July of 2007 and now reside in Timnath, CO. Over the years, Debbie worked at other jobs. Her last job was teaching adult education; a job she thoroughly enjoyed. She continued to play fast pitch softball as well as coach her daughters in the sport. She started the Topeka Thunder; the Topeka Fury; and the Rhythm fast pitch softball teams. Most recently when she coached the girls, 12 and under, Xplosion organization in Windsor, CO. Debbie was preceded in death by her father, Harold Davenport, Jr. She is survived by her husband, George; three

children, Crystal, Christopher and Carolyn; her mother, Nancy and husband, Charlie Ketterman of Rose Hill, KS; a brother, Brad (and wife, Sheryl) Davenport of Wichita, KS; and her sister, Sherry (and husband, Stan) Cowan of Pflugerville, TX. The family requests that any memorial donations please be made to "Summer's Memorial" Fund. To contribute, please make checks out to NCX and on the memo line please write "Summer's Memorial". You may mail donations to: NCX, PO Box 714, Windsor, CO 80550 Please go to www.goesfuneralcare.com to see her complete obituary, sign the guestbook and express your own thoughts and memories of Debbie.

Go

to picasaweb.google.com/votivelady22/Movies02 to view a tribute to Debbie.

Tribute Wall



“ 16 years yesterday since Debbie's death on Memorial Day! Many fond memories!

Brad Davenport - May 27, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ Debra Summers

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ I was greatly saddened to hear of Debbie's untimely passing. She was a truly good person and a stellar role model for many, many others. My heartfelt sympathy to the family.

Lee White - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ George,

My deepest sympathy to you and your entire family. I know how quickly this whole thing hit you. While I only met Debby once, I know Mari has been very upset over the suddenness of it all. My thoughts are with you and the children. May your faith sustain you.

Connie Loftus

Connie Loftus - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I am very saddened by the news of Debbie's passing. She was the kind of person who could touch anyone who crossed her path--in a positive manner. I remember her as a woman with a kind heart and a friend to all. I know she will be missed greatly.

Darin Weidenheimer - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Debbie touched the lives of so many people. I am blessed to have known her and am grateful for the memories she has given me. She was a true friend. My thoughts and prayers to her family.

Linette (Nolan) Liby - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ George and Children -- We're so sorry we didn't have the opportunity to know Debra better. Our very best to your family during this time. May the love of Christ surround your pain and comfort you in a wonderful way.
Your Neighbors -- The Holstens

Jon and Ceri Holsten - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Deb,
We always remember you every time we give Jackson a bath and we use the towel you gave us. You were such a kind and generous person, we will always remember that. Rest in peace Deb and we will all join you someday. -Lauren, Jesse and Jackson

Lauren & Jesse - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ She will be missed, I only met her once and had a very nice visit with her. I had a brother that God took at the early age of 32 and left six sons at home, we wonder why this happens but we just have to trust that God knows what is best for us.

LaVern and Wanda (Eilert) Poppe

LaVern & Wanda (Eilert) Poppe - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I extend my sympathy to the family, and Pray for the Lord to give you His peace & comfort in this very difficult time.

Lillian Harms - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers. May the love of your family and friends help you get through this difficult time.

Emily Walter - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I loved to hear Debbie talk. She had such a love of life, of George, of her children and of her students and she expressed it with such exuberance. Many times we'd sit and talk after work and solve the problems of the world, it was always fun and enlightening. I'm so glad I got to know Debbie.

Jean Domann - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“Debbie was so loved. We were sisters in Christ, dear friends and coworkers. We pored over Scripture and study books to discover what we thought and believed. We were political and news junkies whose appetites were insatiable.

We helped form a book discussion group many years ago with books ranging from spiritual (from Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism to reincarnation) to politically themed nonfiction books, to outstanding fiction such as *The Life of Pi* to historical fiction and nonfiction such as *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and *A People's History of the United States*! No book was too controversial or daunting for our group to tackle. Debbie added so much to the group because she was sharp as a tack, intellectually reflective and an ardent defender of her thoughts and beliefs; our group meetings were inspiring, intellectually challenging and invigorating!

Her work as teacher at the adult education center was remarkable. She had an incredible ability to reach the students.

I will miss her so much. She was an inspiration to me with indefatigable energy and optimism.

My love and care to George, Crystal, Christopher and Carolyn. They were her world.

Mari John - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LP

“Dear Nancy and family: We were so saddened to hear of Debbie's death. We did not know she lived so close to us. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and we pray that God will bless you throughout this trial and give you His peace.

Sincerely, Larry and Jodi Parsons

Larry and Jodi Parsons - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ We didnt ever meet, but she must have been a wonderful mother, friend, and daughter. We are praying and thinking of the family during these times.

Lynn & Anna Jacobson - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ I was so lucky to meet Debbie when I started teaching at the Adult Education Center in Topeka. She instantly took me under her wing and told me everything I would ever need to know about teaching adult ed. She was one of several awesome mentors I was blessed with. She always made time to stop in and see how things were going. Our last meeting was in the garage of her house before she left for CO. She was cleaning things out and had a bat bag full of goodies ready for the next generation of ball players. I will be reminded about what an amazing women she was every time my daughters are wearing one of those batting helmets, swinging the bat, or catching a ball in one of those hand-me-down gloves. God's blessings to her family during this difficult time.

PHIL & BETTY WILES - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Debbie was a kind, smart, and inspiring person. She will be sorely missed. My heart goes out to her family.

Amy Seeber - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We were blessed to have Debbie as a co-worker at the Adult Education Center. She always brightened the room. Shortly after Debbie came to work, we discovered that we both grew up in El Dorado (Debbie was a couple of years ahead of me). We would laugh and exchange stories. Debbie spoke often of her family. She loved you all very much. I was always amazed and in Awe of Debbie. She will be missed. God Bless you.

Melissa Smith - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ It is so difficult to lose a person you love and care about. Please know that a little bit of Debbie lives in each of us who met her, and because of that we are each blessed. Debbie's contagious enthusiasm was evident in all that she pursued. She encouraged students and fellow staff members alike to go that extra mile, to think outside the box, and to care without judging. Know that we will miss her, but we will not forget her. Blessings.

Sheila Dalrymple

Sheila & Mike Dalrymple - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Summers Family,*

We are sorry to hear the sad news about Debbie, we didn't get the opportunity to get to know her very well but the couple of times we met she was very kind and very friendly in spite of her condition.

Our prayers and thoughts are with you all during this difficult time and take comfort that she is now with our heavenly father and is at peace.

*Sincerely,
The Appleton's*

Janie & Don Appleton - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ *Thank you all for sharing your thoughts with us about Debbie. She was a special daughter who will be greatly missed. We are glad she is no longer suffering and is waiting for us in Heaven. It is so special to read comments from so many of the people she touched with her life.*

She always talked so fast, maybe that was because she only had a limited time on this earth and she had a lot to say.

We all loved her dearly. She was so brave and optimistic in handling her illness. She never felt "why me?" or was angry about any of it. I'm proud of her example to many of us.

I know she is with her Dad and many other loved ones in God's care.

Her Mother, Nancy

Nancy (Davenport) Ketterman - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ George, kids and family,
I am so sad about Debbie's death. I felt she was an amazing person. A great friend and a wonderful Mother. I admired her in so many ways. I enjoyed so much being in Sunday School with her and later in the book club with her. I respected all that she had to say and contribute to those groups. I am thinking of each of you at this time of sorrow.

Love,
Pam Kellim

Pam Kellim - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ I want to wish my deepest sympathy to the family of Debbie. I knew from grade school on and always thought of her fondly. She never had a bad word for anybody, and was always a happy warm loveing person. She will be deeply missed.

Stacy & Chad Neumayer - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Our deepest sympathy to all friends and family of Debbie Summers. We just briefly knew Debbie. My daughter was very fond of her from the first time she met her at a softball field. We will always hold a part of Debbie in our hearts. Our prayers are now with the family and friends.

Jonte Rosebrough - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ We'll my friend you will truly be missed. I will always remember, you for the rest of my life, and what you have done for me. Now you can go on to that Softball Diamond in the sky.Doctor K

Henry Kendel - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NW

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Norman & Nellie Woods - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *We were surprised and saddened to hear that Debbie passed away. A couple of weeks ago Mackenzie was asked by her little sister which ball team was her favorite and she replied The Rhythm. Mackenzie not only enjoyed playing for Debbie she learned alot, too.*

The Lincolns

Jill Lincoln - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Please accept my condolences on your loss. God Bless you and your family, and may He give you comfort and strength in this time.*

Ken Conrad - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *Dear George, Chrystal, Christopher and Carolyn,*

I was so surprised to learn of Debbie's death - so young. I fondly remember both of you in Sunday School back at First Baptist, and those beautiful children in childcare with my own kids.

May our Heavenly Father hold you all close and remind you often of our glorious hope in Christ Jesus.

Patty Rogenmoser

Patty Rogenmoser - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ We are heart broken for you in your loss of a daughter, sister, wife, mother & friend. May the love of God, family & friends sustain you in your grief.

Curt, Stacy & Jaclyn Annis - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

D(

“ I have known Debbie since grade school. I will always remember all the things we shared. She will truly be missed. I am grateful we had the opportunity to get together one last time and share memories with special friends. Just want you to know your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Daneen Ehm (Brison) - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ The last time when I saw Debbie was in her brand new "dream house" in Colorado on December 30th, 2008. It was the day Debbie shaved her hair due to her treatments. I still remember her beautiful smile relishing the most spectacular Rocky Mountain view over her bedroom window. Debbie said she so enjoyed watching the sunset. She truly helped me to understand the depth of one's journey. I will hold her high spirit dear in my heart. I just want you to know that my heart hurts for you, but I will pray for strength for your family.

Ji Soo Abbuehl - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Debbie's passing. I have fond childhood memories of "Fredrick Drive" I am keeping your family in prayer during this difficult time. I pray that you will find peace and comfort knowing that she is in the arms of Jesus.

Susan Shaft Anderson - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ I can't think of many memories from Jr. High, High School or Juco that do not include Debbie. What a woman she grew up to be! She will be missed dearly. Her legacy lives on through her three beautiful children and I'm sure they will make her proud. Thank you for sharing your wife, mother, daughter and sister with us. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Susan Domann - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Our sincere condolences to you and your family.

Michael & Deborah Eilert

Michael Eilert - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Dear George and family,
Peter and I are shocked and saddened to learn of Debbie's death. Please e-mail us and let us know how you and the children are coping! You are in our thoughts and prayers!
Carol

Carol Thawngmung - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Sincerest condolences to Debbie's families in Colorado & Kansas, a very sad feeling falls upon me when I hear that one of my former students has passed on. I was one of her Jr High teachers & neighborhood friends as she grew up in El Dorado(on Fredrick Dr)as she was part of the neighborhood group of kids that keep it alive & filled with excitement.She & her sister were part of our family as they babysat my oldest daughter. May God receive her with open arms for she has done so much good in this world.

Art Torrez - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ To the Summers Family:

I recently learned about Debbie's passing. My heart sincerely goes out to your family.

I worked and collaborated with Debbie during her time at the GED program in Topeka. I would come to her classroom and do presentations to her students about their next opportunity inside of education. I remember, fondly, our talks about her individual students and how much potential she saw in them.

One time, one of her students was supposed to meet me at Washburn University to enroll and she didn't show-up. I called Debbie out of concern and within minutes Debbie had tracked down the student. After Debbie gave the student a pep-talk, she finally made it to the school. Debbie was not going to let anyone fail, not on her watch - and the students she touched will forever thank her for her tenacity.

Those who knew Debbie saw her passion surface when it came to education and all the jewels she knew it planned to offer the future. She was such an amazing advocate for education! Her presence and energy was truly infectious! I feel blessed to have served together on our mission to allow education to be a positive change agent.

She will be missed, but never forgotten.

Respectfully,

*Michael Lemon
former EOC Counselor*

Michael Lemon - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ I meet Debbie when we were seven years old. We played on the same softball team and that was the start of so many, many memories!!! And years and years of softball games. She was such a wonderful person, who always made me laugh and never, ever had a negative thing to say. As so many have said before she touched every person that she met in a positive way. I will cherish every memory that I have for the rest of my life. Thanks for the good times, Deb!!

Veanine Benton - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM