



## Deborah Lynn "Deb" Sarver

April 30, 1955 - August 27, 2017

Bluefield, WV- Deborah Lynn (Deb) Coppinger Sarver of Liberty Street, Bluefield, WV, went to be with her Lord and Savior Sunday, August 27, 2017, after a courageous three year battle with ovarian cancer.

Born April 30, 1955 in Bluefield, WV, she was the daughter of the late Bud and Carolyn Coppinger. Deb graduated from Bluefield High School in 1973 and attended Virginia Tech. On Valentine's Day 1976, she married the one true love of her life, Pete Sarver, with whom she made her home and raised two wonderful sons. Deb was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where she loved serving as a circle leader. She was also active in the Christian Women's Club organization of Bluefield along with her mother. The aim of her participation and leadership in civic organizations in Bluefield was to serve the community that she loved. She served as a member of the Bluefield City Board, the Arts and Science Center of Bluefield, and Director of the Holiday of Lights. At Bluefield High School, she was a Volunteer for the Centennial Committee and the Mentor Program, Huddle Group Coach for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and had the distinct honor of coaching the BHS Girls Tennis Team to win its only Women's State Championship. She was named West Virginia Tennis Coach of the Year the following year. At the time of her death, she was serving as President of Women of the Church at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Deb's positive attitude amid many challenges was the result of her passionate love for her Lord. She found great delight in studying God's Word, listening to contemporary Christian music, and

enjoying God's gift of nature including flowers and birds. She also found great joy in serving her family, friends, and others.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her infant daughter and her mother-in-law Janet Sarver.

Survivors include her husband of 41 years, Pete Sarver; sons Brandon Sarver and his wife Aimee of Simpsonville, SC and Brent Sarver of Sydney, Australia; grandsons Will and Reid Sarver of Simpsonville, SC; sister Cindy Thompson of Winston-Salem, NC; brother Wally Coppinger of Charlotte, NC; father-in-law Jack Sarver, sister-in-law Karen and her husband Benny Disibbio and their families.

Services for Deb will be held Saturday, September 2, 2017. A graveside service will be held at 10:30 AM at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Bluefield, WV with Pastor Jonathan Rockness officiating. Those wishing to attend the service are asked to meet at the cemetery. At 12:00 PM, there will be a celebration of life worship service at Westminster Presbyterian Church followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Mercer County Bible in the Schools Fund, P.O. Box 543, Bluefield, WV 24701, Bluefield Union Mission, P.O. Box 4056, Bluefield, WV 24701 or Westminster Presbyterian Church Women of the Church Fund, 2005 Washington St., Bluefield, WV, 24701. For additional charitable contributions in honor of Deb, memory sharing, and other celebratory elements, please visit [tinyurl.com/CelebrateDeb](http://tinyurl.com/CelebrateDeb).

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mrs. Deborah Lynn (Deb) Coppinger Sarver.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

Monte Vista Park Cemetery  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Memorial Service

SEP 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
2005 Washington Street  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Lynn "Deb" Sarver*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *I was not a personal friend of Debbie but I went to Bluefield High School with her and she was always friendly and had a beautiful smile for everyone. I am so sorry for your loss. God bless the Sarver and Coppinger families.*

*Gloria Shumate Dilts*

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**Gloria Shumate Dilts** - September 13, 2017 at 08:37 PM



“ *I am so sorry that Deb has passed.*

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**Tom Blevins** - September 03, 2017 at 12:58 PM



“ *I was so sorry to about Deb. I will always remember her kindness, strength, and love for her family. May the grace of God, his endless mercy, and his peace that passes all understanding bless you. Pete, Brent, and Brandon and your family, you all have such wonderful memories of her as her legacy to you. I hope they will bring you comfort and healing in the coming weeks.*

*Judy Black*

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**Judy Black** - September 01, 2017 at 08:03 PM

VG

“ We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear wife and mother. She was such a kind person to everyone. Knowing that no words can ease your pain right now, please know we have your family in our prayers. We felt blessed to have known Deb as part of the Sarver family.

*Mark, Vanessa, Megan (Stephens) and Ian Godfrey*

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**Vanessa Godfrey** - September 01, 2017 at 05:44 PM

JF

“ I knew Deb since our High School day's. She was on the City Board of Directors that hired me as a City Manager. She was very kind and very appreciative of City employee's. Truly a kindhearted, compassionate person that love the community where we live. Giving of her time and working hard to make our City a better place to live and raise a family. It was a great pleasure working along her side and being a part of the many accomplishments. She was instrumental in getting the Holiday of Lights started and so much more. My deepest condolences to Pete Sarver and their family.

*Jim Ferguson*

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**Jim Ferguson** - September 01, 2017 at 09:46 AM

KA

“ So very sorry for your loss. She was beautiful inside and out. Prayers to you and may you all rest in the knowledge that she is rejoicing with her Lord. Much love. Kathi Stogner

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**kathi** - September 01, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Deborah Lynn "Deb" Sarver.*



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August 31, 2017 at 10:15 PM



“ *Our family is heartbroken over the loss of Deb. Knowing her for many years, we witnessed first, her love for God and her daily walk with Him. Secondly, she valued her family with intense love, pride, and devotion to them. Thirdly, she was a most giving and caring person to her friends and community. She was a wonderful "2nd Mom" to our children, along with spending countless hours coaching, mentoring, and traveling with so many young people. Her presence brightened every room she entered and every event she was a part of. She was stronger than any individual we know, as she fought the fight of her life, always staying positive and putting her faith in God. Our loss is certainly Heaven's gain. Our lives were touched by a beautiful lady, both outwardly and inside. We will cherish our memories until we meet again, but we will miss you, Deb, forever. You will live on always in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace during this difficult time are with Pete, Brandon, Aimee, boys, Brent , Cindy, and Wally.  
Love, Elaine, Bill, Christopher, and Katie*

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**Elaine Hincer** - August 31, 2017 at 09:22 PM

DJ

“ *Deb was a lovely lady, inside and out. I have many great memories of times I spent with Pete and her. She brought joy to many people..that's the way life should be remembered. Pete, you are in our prayers.*

*Don Jackson*

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**Don Jackson** - August 31, 2017 at 07:31 PM

RP

“ *Pete, Lynne and I are with you and your family in this your time of sorrow. I did not have the honor of knowing Deb, but I do know that she was your partner in this life and she's now awaiting to be your partner in heven. Ronnie Phelps*

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**Ronnie Phelps** - August 31, 2017 at 01:33 PM

GW

“ *Brandon and Aimee, please know of our prayers for you during this time. It is obvious that your mom was a very special lady - she certainly leaves a grand legacy for you all!*

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**Ginny & Mark Williams** - August 31, 2017 at 12:05 PM

SH

“ *Deb was a wonderful lady, she was loved by all. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this time.*



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**Susan Honaker** - August 31, 2017 at 10:58 AM

JF

“ Dear Pete and family, I have been most sadden by the loss of your Ded, partner of your life. We grew up together on Monterey Hill. We shared some interesting childhood escapees along with Cindy. I know that God will hold you close in this time of sorrow and Celebration of her life. May God Bless you. Jana Johnson Fox

Jana Johnson Fox - August 31, 2017 at 08:47 AM

GS

“ So sorry for Deb's family and community. She was a Christian who shared her faith, and she will be missed by her community. She was involved, outgoing, and engaged. She is with her Savior now.

Greg Shrewsbury

Greg Shrewsbury - August 31, 2017 at 07:41 AM

GR

“ Sorry to hear abt Deb. Just remember Pete. She's in Heaven still smiling. May God ease your grief. Love you Pete.

Gteg Ridley - August 31, 2017 at 02:09 AM

GS

“ So sorry to hear of Deb's passing. Our deepest sympathy to her loving family and friends. She was a beautiful lady, always smiling and gracious. She will definitely be missed. May her soul and the souls of all our faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen. George and Wanda Simons



George and Wanda Simons - August 31, 2017 at 12:38 AM

PG

“ Sending prayers of healing for the Sarver family.  
I am so very sorry for your loss.  
Pam Adams Gillette



Pam Adams Gillette - August 30, 2017 at 11:08 PM

JL

“ Sorry to hear of this. Enjoy our time at BHS and she was a good person to be around. R.I. P.



John O. Lowe - August 30, 2017 at 08:57 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Lynn "Deb" Sarver.



August 30, 2017 at 07:17 PM

PC

“ Jenny and I send our deepest condolences to the Sarver/Coppinger families. Deb will always be remembered as a Godly woman who's personality would brighten the darkest day. Heaven has certainly gained an angel.  
Love and Prayers,  
Jenny and Paula Carriker

Paula Carriker - August 30, 2017 at 07:12 PM

RT

“ *Randy Townley*  
*Pete so sorry to hear of Deb's passing. She's is in a better place now . You and your family are in my prayers...*

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**Randy Townley** - August 30, 2017 at 08:52 AM

TG

“ *Pete, Brandon, Brent and family: We are so sorry for your loss. May the wonderful memories you had with Deb sustain you through these days. Our thoughts and prayers are for you and your family. God Bless!*

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**Tom & Karen Gordon** - August 30, 2017 at 08:12 AM

JM

“ *So sorry Pete to hear of Deb,s passing. My prayers are with you and your family. I met her once at your home when we had a reunion gathering, I thought she was a very special and sweet lady. My deepest sympathy.*

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**john mastrandrea** - August 30, 2017 at 07:28 AM

PB

“ I am so sorry for your loss! I haven't seen Deb for years, but memories of our childhood on Monterey Hill have been flooding my mind this week. GOOD memories!! We had so much fun playing in the snow, Barbies, cars, jacks, cards, tether ball, riding bikes, roller skating, ice skating at Falls Mills, jumping off her roof, swinging, running the neighborhood, Claytor Lake, church camp, and so many more. Everyone should have the blessing of a friend like that! May God give you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

*Thanks for the memories, Deb!*

*Patrice Dula Boggs*

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**Patrice Boggs** - August 30, 2017 at 07:02 AM

JE

“ Pete, Brandon and Brent we were so saddened to hear about Deb's passing. She had such a kind and compassionate spirit and she touched the lives of everyone she met. We pray that God will comfort you all and give you peace.

*Judi and Dean Evans*

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**Judi and Dean Evans** - August 29, 2017 at 10:52 PM

KB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Deb's passing. What a beautiful and loving person that has left this world. Now, she is God's gift. Pete, Brandon, Brent, and family; my deepest sympathy and prayers. My heart is heavy hearing this news. Deb was a wonderful person that brightened a room when she entered. She will be missed. If there is anything I can do, please let me know. Bless you.

*Kathy Boyd*

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**Kathy Boyd** - August 29, 2017 at 09:20 PM

BW

“ *There are no words to express the sadness for your loss. Deb was loved by so many and brightened the room with her presence. The stars will be a little brighter as she enters her heavenly home. May God grant you comfort and peace knowing that she is no longer suffering.*

*Barbara Wills*

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**Barbara Wills** - August 29, 2017 at 08:08 PM



“ *Darrell and Sharon Neal.*



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**Sharon Neal** - August 29, 2017 at 07:33 PM



*Darrell is so sorry to hear of the passing of his beautiful friend.*

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**Sharon Neal** - August 29, 2017 at 07:34 PM

DS

*So sorry to hear of the passing of one of the most wonderful women I have ever known. Her faith in God and her wise judgment in her decision making made her so very special. I will always cherish her and will never forget the impact she made while serving on the Board of Directors of the City. Beautiful inside and out. God bless you and the rest of the family, Pete. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Rejoice knowing that she is pain free and Heaven has gained another angel.*

*Drema and Robert Shireman*

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**Drema Shireman** - September 01, 2017 at 03:46 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Lynn "Deb" Sarver.*



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August 29, 2017 at 07:01 PM



“ *Shelby Stress lit a candle in memory of Deborah Lynn "Deb" Sarver*



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**Shelby Stress** - August 29, 2017 at 01:59 PM



“ *Bill and I are devastated with the loss of our sweet Deb. Our prayers are with you and all your family. One thing is for sure. All of heaven gasped at the beauty of this wonderful angel as she walked through those golden gates to meet her Lord and Savior. Know she will always watch over all of you, as she did for the short time you were blessed to have her with you. You were true soulmates, Pete, and you will continue to be until she welcomes you with open arms once again. Your love for her was something to see and we know it will continue to grow in her absence. We are here for you 24/7 any time of the day or night. You are part of our family forever. Blessings, Bill and Toni.*

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**Toni Albert** - August 29, 2017 at 01:39 PM

FA

“ *Pip and I send our love and prayers to Pete and Deb's family. She was a bright spot in anyone's day and has left the earth much too soon*

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**Fran and Pip Alba** - August 29, 2017 at 11:11 AM

JS

“ *Joe And Karen Simon lit a candle in memory of Deborah Lynn "Deb" Sarver*



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**Joe and Karen Simon** - August 29, 2017 at 08:54 AM