



Debra Kay Nance

May 2, 1954 - June 20, 2010

Debra Debbie Kay Nance, age 56, of Fair Play, Missouri passed away on Sunday, June 20, 2010 in a car accident near Weaubleau, Missouri.

She was born May 2, 1954 in Sedalia, Missouri to James Richard Shinn and Ina Evalene (Tucker) Shinn.

Debbie served as Postmaster at Fair Play Post Office in Fair Play, Missouri for 20 years. She was a former board member of the Fair Play Library, and was past president and current member of the Community Betterment Association in Fair Play. She was saved at the age of eight at Hogles Creek Missionary Baptist Church and was a Charter Member of the Freedom Missionary Baptist Church near Warsaw, Missouri. Love thy neighbor as thyself is how Debbie lived her life. With a heart of gold she helped everyone she met. Debbie had a strong desire that everyone would know her savior and she will be greatly missed by her brothers and sisters in Christ.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Gary McMillin who died while serving in Vietnam in 1970.

Debbie is survived by her daughter, Jessi Loehr of Bolivar, Missouri, a son, Ricky Nance and his wife Cassy of Collins, Missouri, her parents, James & Ina Shinn of Osceola, Missouri, two brothers, Jim Shinn and his wife Terri of

Osceola, Missouri, Billy Shinn and his wife Melanie of El Dorado Springs, Missouri, one sister, Donna Hart and her husband Bill of Osceola, Missouri, her grandmother, Ina Tucker of Warsaw, Missouri, five grandchildren, Seth Loehr, Justus Loehr, Demetrius King, Tommy Nance and Daniel Nance, many nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00am, Thursday, June 24, 2010 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri with Brother Carl DeFreece officiating. Musical selections will be Theres A Great Day Coming and Victory In Jesus sung by Emily Shinn. There will be a congregational song, Amazing Grace. A Video Presentation will be played with the background song of, Rock Of Ages, which was sung the night she was saved. Juanita Smith will be playing the piano. A visitation will be held on Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:30pm at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri. Burial will be at the Freedom Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery near Warsaw, Missouri, in Benton County, about an hour from Bolivar. Songs that will be sung at the cemetery will be Ill Fly Away and Peace In The Valley. Pallbearers will be Craig Hart, Ryan Shinn, Chad Shinn, Randy Ridgway, Mike Nance and Zane Durnell. Honorary Pallbearers will be Jamey Nance and Travis Nance.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Freedom Missionary Baptist Church c/o Butler Funeral Home, 407 E. Broadway, Bolivar, Missouri 65613.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Debra Kay Nance*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Debra Kay Nance*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *At one time Debbie was my very best friend but time and distance changed that, however in my heart she will always be dear to me. When I think of her parents and Donna I have only fond memories. Please know that my thoughts are with you.*

Judy Cauthon Porter - July 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I always admired Debbie; she was so pretty and energetic. She will greatly missed; may the family lean on God through this time of sorrow.*

Cousin Sherri Breshears-Burrier

Sherri Burrier - June 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were sorry to hear about Debra, hang in there and lean on Jesus.*

Dean And Patty Anderson - June 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Mitch and I are so sorry for your loss. Debbie was a wonderful person and she will be missed greatly by all who knew her.
Connie & Mitch Dori

Connie Dori - June 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ The Gibson Family is so sorry for your loss! Debbie was a great friend, a very caring individual and she will be greatly missed! We are sorry that we could not make it to the services but your family is in our thoughts and prayers! I am going to miss her smile!

Duane & Melanie Gibson - June 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. The Fair Play community will greatly miss her.

Betty & Brent Gamble - June 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ I knew Debra through our Postmaster meetings with the Post Office. She seemed like a very nice lady and she will be missed. May God be with you and your families.

Valerie Francis - June 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy for your loss. My thoughts are with your family during this difficult time.

Debbie Creasy - June 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ My sympathies to all the family and freinds. Debbie was such a sweetheart of a lady. Will miss seeing her at Hannah's. She will be greatly missed.

Berdena Beamer - June 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Ricki, Cassy and family- May the Lord bless you in this time of need. Keep the memories.

Davea Smith - June 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Richard, Evalene, and Family,
We are so sorry about Debbie. Parents should always be the first to go. Darrell and I cope by thinking that God has a very special purpose for the children he takes before the parents. We absolutely know what you are going through and our love and prayers are with you. Not much comfort for now we know, but God does heal.
Love to all of you,
Darrell & Linda Schulz

Darrell & Linda Schulz - June 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Debra Kay Nance

Joe Marshall - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

Jeanean Berryman Sieving - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our sympathy is with the Nance at this time of sorrow from the Postal family in Long Lane Mo.

Denise Searcy - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss...May the many memories of Debbie's life help you cope with the days to come.
Thinking of you ALL and wishing you PEACE.
With Love The Barnes Families

Eddie and Roxane Barnes - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Everyone who ever knew Debbie has suffered a loss. Her smile and kind words were well known. She will be missed.

Debra Igo - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ May you have comfort in knowing that Debbie is with our Lord. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was a great friend to everyone and went above and beyond just being the Postmaster to the people of Fair Play.

Judy (Guinn) Hougham - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Jessie and family,

I'm so sorry for your loss. Debbie was always smiling anytime I saw her. I hope time will help you heal. God Bless and keep you!
Kathy

Mike & Kathy Stanley - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *My prayers are with you all. Our Lord will give you strength and peace as He has promised.*
Judy Dampier, PM Tunas, MO.

Judy Dampier - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Debbie was such a great lady! I always made a point to go to her post office. She was so pleasant and friendly. She will be missed. Thinking of the family.* -Julie Proctor & Family

Julie Proctor - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Thinking of your family. Debbie was a great lady and will be greatly missed.* -Kathy Welsh

Kathy Welsh - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *So very sorry to hear your loss of Debbie. May the wonderful memories you have of her help to carry you this sad time. Our thoughts & prayers are with your family.*
Joe & Dianne Bockelman

Dianne Bockelman - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *She is greatly missed already. may the Lord be with her family in their time of grief. Rest in Peace!*

Pat Wolivar Powell - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Debbie's death. My prayers and thoughts are with you-Debbie's family. I am a former Weaubleau schoolmate of Debbie's and have fond memories of Debbie during that time. I was a 1971 graduate.

JoAnn (Richter) Zimmerman - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ I want to express my deepest heartfelt condolences to the family of Debbie Nance. I have known debbie most of my life beginning at weaubleau high. She was a very sweet and loving person. She always had time to listen to people and show she cared. I will miss her smile and i will miss the way she would walk past me and lightly pat my back when she saw me. I want to tell her grandchildren that she will always live on in them. I know how much she loved them and they loved her. She will forever be a part of you always hold tight to the love that she showed you and make her a proud grandma always. Remember it is always darkest before the dawn. I will miss the wonderfull person she was but i will rember her kindenss and keep her memory alive in my heart.

sondra krtek (nicholas) - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ You are all in my prayers. I hope you can find some comfort in your memories you all have of Debbie. I have some very nice ones of when we were in school together. She would always tell me I didn't spell my name the right way and then laugh. I would have to tell her I had the new version because she was older then me. I know you all will remember your own special time with her that will put a smile on your face. She would want you to do that. In Gods love, Deb

Debbie Berryman-Arnold - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *God be with you our love*

larry&june walthall - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time of great sorrow. Take comfort in the fact that Debra is watching from heaven where there is no pain or sorrow. May God bless your family.*

Buffy Merriman - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *such a sad day, Nancy will be sadly missed at our Postmaster meetings. Best wishes to all the family*

Becky Russell - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *my thoughts and prayers are with the friends and family, she will be greatly missed, but find peace in knowing she now walks with Jesus!!*

Sharon - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Debbie's Postal Family will greatly miss her.*

Jo Ann Carter - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Deepest Sympathy and a moment of prayer for the family and friends. I am so very sorry for this great loss. May you find comfort.*

Leslie Martin - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your familys.

Carol Hartman, Postmaster - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ My prayers are with you all so sorry for your loss.

Peggy Turner Post Master Huggins Mo. - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you in this great time of sorrow. Debbie was a wonderful person. She always was there if I needed her. I know she will be truely missed by all of us. May God Bless all of the family and friends.

Angie Swearingin - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Yyour family is in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you and take care.

Debbie & Gary Nichols - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ My prayers go out to this family. Pam Rodely PM Hartshorn Mo.

Pam Rodely Postmaster - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Debbie will be greatly missed amongst out postal family!

Nancy Thornton - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dear family,
I graduated with Debbie in the class of 1972 from Warsaw High School.
I am so sorry for your loss.
May you be comforted in the arms of Jesus and know that Debbie is with Him now.
I will keep you in my prayers.

Donna (Turpen) Grotz - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ My thoughts and Prayers are with your family and friends.

Ruth Persinger - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.

Junior & Laveta Smith & Family - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Deep sympathy for my Aunt Donna and her family for their loss.
Thinking of you all.
Love Amber

Amber Mcabee - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To all of the family,
Debbie will be greatly missed. I know she's where she wanted to spend eternity. I always knew growing up on Sunday mornings that Debbie would have a bright smile and a hug for us at church. You are all in my heart and prayers. I pray some day, to see that bright smile once again. May God give you strength and comfort in the time to come. We love you.
Steph and Austin

Stephanie and Austin Henderson - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ To each of you that love Debbie---I am so sorry for your loss of Debbie. I will remember you in my prayers & pray for God's peace that passes all understanding. She rests in God's arms as the Bible says that if we are absent in the body we are present with the Lord & she will be there waiting for each of us to come home & be there with her for all eternity. She will but turn around one day & we will all be there with her.
In Christ's love,
Anita Hart

Anita Hart - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ May the grace of God bring you peace and comfort now and in the days ahead.

With our Sympathy and Prayers to all of Debbie's family.

Joe Dale and Roberta

Joe Dale and Roberta Hedrick - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all your family. I know God's love and comfort will help you through this terrible time of sorrow.*

Sharon Breshears - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. God bless you.*

Scott Hager - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Praying God will give you comfort and peace.*

Jackie and Connie Mooney - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *My prayer is for the Lord to hold each one of you in His loving arms and give you the comfort that can only come from Him.*

Love and sympathy, Donna Meyer

Donna Meyer - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM