



## Debra S Bailey

July 10, 1953 - March 23, 2020

Debra S. Bailey, 66, of North Judson, IN, passed away on March 23, 2020. She was born on July 10, 1953 in Lafayette, IN to Phillip and Stella Cook. Debbe graduated from LaCrosse High School and was a member of the United Methodist Church in LaCrosse. She was retired from Knox Middle School after 30 years of service, most recently as a Special Needs Aide, and enjoyed working with children. In fact one of her biggest joys in life was helping others.

On January 16, 1971, she married her best friend and the love of her life, Jerry Bailey. He survives along with their children Jason Bailey, and Kristy (Chris) Smith, of North Judson. Also Surviving are six grandchildren, Steven, Zack, Alex, and Kali Bailey and Jordan and Mackenzie Smith. She had one great grandson Jaxon Bailey. Also surviving are her siblings, Sandy (John) Feely of Speedway, Steve Cook (Karen) of LaCrosse, and Jan (Tim) Krulik, of North Judson.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother-in-law, Rose, and two sisters-in-law, Nancy Bailey and Marge Vandy.

She will be remembered by all who knew her as a devoted wife, mother, and friend who had a huge heart.

Visitation will be Friday, March 27th, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. CT at O'Donnell Funeral Home, North Judson, Indiana.

PLEASE NOTE: As per the Governor's Executive Order we will be limited to no more than 10 people at any one time and will be practicing social distancing requirements. Please plan accordingly and we apologize for any inconvenience. Please feel free to leave condolences to the Bailey Family on our website.

The graveside service has been postponed until a later date due to unforeseen circumstances at the cemetery.

## Cemetery Details

### Oak Grove Cemetery

LaCrosse, IN

## Previous Events

### Visitation

MAR 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc.  
302 Lane Street  
North Judson, IN 46366  
(574) 896-2149

# Tribute Wall

TC

“ I worked with Debbie for many years at KMS. She loved working with her students. I will always remember her contagious smile. My husband, Steve, and I send our sympathy and prayers.  
Terri Campbell

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**Teresa Campbell** - April 02, 2020 at 01:52 PM

AW

“ Kristy, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. May you find comfort in all the special memories you had with her. Sending condolences to you and your family.

Allison (Schumacher) Wenglarz

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**Allison Wenglarz** - March 27, 2020 at 05:01 PM

KA

“ I am still in shock that you are gone. We had so much fun together at Knox. We were always 'on the go' somewhere with our students. I learned a lot from you and Merrily. But most of all, to take time to giggle and enjoy life. I'm sorry that we haven't made time for visits since I left. I wish I would've kept in touch. No time for regrets...Thank you for many great memories. Everyone will miss you and how you made them feel. Rest In Peace my friend ❤️

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**Kristine Arvelo** - March 27, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Debra S Bailey.*



March 27, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Debra S Bailey.*



March 26, 2020 at 11:03 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Debra S Bailey.*



March 26, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ *My prayers go towards the family in this time of need. I new MS. Bailey for many years this completely shocks me. She was one of my special needs aides in school she had a heart on her like gold. Very sweet very kind she will be missed by many rip MS. Bailey may you watch over us heaven gained a awesome angel. Prayers go out to her family.*

**Christine czerniak** - March 26, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Debra S Bailey.*



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March 26, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ *Love, Kerry & Lyndsey Rust purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Debra S Bailey.*



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**Love, Kerry & Lyndsey Rust** - March 26, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Debra S Bailey.*



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March 26, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ *She was the sweetest child and sometimes got in trouble for her giggles. Loved her.*

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**Barb Hucker** - March 26, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra S Bailey.*



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March 26, 2020 at 08:13 AM



“ *She was a good teacher and aide at the same time we all miss her and love her so much I was happy she worked with me in the middle school*

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**jasonrussell** - March 26, 2020 at 01:07 AM



“ *Sending love to kristi, Jason, Jerry and the whole family. I remember hanging out with kristy as kids. Debbie was one of the best moms* ❤️❤️

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**Tanya McClatchey** - March 25, 2020 at 11:00 PM



“ *Jerry, this is Mike and Ruth Coldiron Toosley. Haven't seen you since we graduated ages ago. So sorry to read of your wife's passing. May God bestow his love on you and comfort you*

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**mike and Ruth Toosley** - March 25, 2020 at 09:59 PM

TK

“ I had the honor of working with Debbie for 13 years. One of the most caring, loving people I have ever met. I have so many great memories of her in my classroom. She loved "her kids", and they loved her. I so miss our talks during movie time. I'll never forget when you and Merrily got lost in the corn maze with half the class. I love you and miss you. Tamara

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**Tamara Ann Krick** - March 25, 2020 at 09:33 PM

BK

“ Such a pretty lady, so sorry, Jerry, another family member gone..It's getting smaller all the time..Will send up prayers for you and your family Bill and Kathy Schrag

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**Bill and Kathy** - March 25, 2020 at 08:48 PM

LF

“ Sending love and hugs! She was such lovely person inside and out. I will always remember her beautiful smile, her laugh and her love for her family.  
Jerry not sure if you you remember but you , Debbie and Kristy were in my wedding many years ago ❤️

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**Laurie Fetrow** - March 25, 2020 at 08:25 PM

PB

“ Kristy, Chris and family so sorry for your loss, I didn't really know your mom but your creature and personality speaks a lot of what she was like. Hugs and prayers from Bill and myself.

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**Patti Bush** - March 25, 2020 at 08:22 PM