



Debora Lynn Pauley

December 28, 1958 - February 11, 2026

Debora “Debbie” Lynn Pauley (nee Estep) of Hurricane, passed away peacefully on February 11, 2026.

Born on December 28, 1958, she was the beloved daughter of Eugene and Helen Estep. Debbie attended DuPont High School and later Marshall University. She dedicated more than 20 years of service as a Lab Technician at Bayer Crop Science, where she was respected for her strong work ethic and attention to detail.

Debbie had a deeply caring heart and a special love for animals. Over the years, she fostered many dogs and cats and generously supported countless others in need. Her compassion extended far beyond her home, touching the lives of both people and animals alike.

More than anything, Debbie cherished time spent with her loved ones. She found joy in reading- often with a cat curled up beside her- and treasured the quiet moments just as much as family gatherings.

She is survived by her children: Allison Pauley, Jillian Priddy, and Jason Pauley; her beloved grandchildren: Lilah and Raena, who brought her immeasurable pride and happiness; and her two sisters: Linda Sadler and Sherry Traylor.

Debbie will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, faith, unrelenting strength, and even a bit of stubbornness that made her who she was.

A Funeral Service for Debbie will be held on Tuesday, February 17th at 2:00pm at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV. Friends may visit with the family an hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Debbie's memory to National Pyr Rescue or Little Victories Animal Rescue. To make memorial contributions in honor of Debbie please visit the National Pyr Rescue site at www.nationalpyr.org or Little Victories Animal Rescue at www.littlevictories.org

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane WV 25526 is honored to serve the Pauley Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Debora Lynn Pauley*



Chapman Funeral Homes - February 18 at 09:10 AM

BH

“ *Linda, I am so sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. It brings me many happy DPHS band memories! I hope you and your family's memories carry you through this difficult time.*

Bill Hudnall - March 07 at 01:42 AM

DH

“ I first met Debbie at Marshall University. Sally Bailey, Judy Collins, me and of course Debbie were all freshmen. It was the beginning of the semester and almost everyone else went home for the weekend. We ran into each other in the basement of The Student Center where the Coffee House was. From there the friendship just took off. Many good memories and some mischievous ones.

We joked that we were the Two Debbie's. She was Debora and I am Deborah. We were born two days apart. She December 28 and me December 30. I'm not sure anyone but us thought that was funny, but we did. Especially on the weekends.

Debbie, initially I felt your passing was like a book unfinished. But I realize that it is actually the beginning of the next chapter.

I will miss you.

Debbie (Deborah) Matthew Hatcher

Debbie Matthee Hatcher - February 26 at 10:26 AM

AV

“ Amy, Cody & Vicki purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Debora Lynn Pauley.



Amy, Cody & Vicki - February 16 at 12:41 PM

JP

“ In memory of Debbie, we made a donation in her memory to Little Victories Animal Rescue. Linda Covert and family, Patty McCracken and family and Jeanette Pauley and family. Our hearts go out to her family.

Jeanette Pauley - February 16 at 11:59 AM

CG

“ I have such fond memories of Debbie and her children, who were my neighbors on LinMuir Lane in Hurricane, WV. There was never a dull moment living there, like the time I saw Jason roll his little sister Jillian down the street in Debbie's office chair. When I called Debbie to ask her to look out her front window, she calmly said, "Why? What are they doing now?" I remember how deeply Debbie loved and protected her children, and did her utmost best to give them every opportunity to succeed, putting her own needs last, most of the time.

I remember hosting "Ladies' night on my deck" with our gang of Christian friends as we tried to solve the world's problems, sipped Margaritas, and ate Chinese food (that was inevitably delivered to Debbie's driveway instead of mine). At her direction, we posted a "look out person" in my front yard and still tipped the driver, because he "was trying to make a living in a foreign country." Debbie's compassion for others and her quick-witted sense of humor are what I will hold in my heart until I see my old friend on the other side.

*Allison, Jason, and Jillian,
Be kind to each other and always remember the good things.
Your old neighbor, Christine*

Christine H. Giel - February 16 at 10:22 AM

TQ

“ My sweet friend. I will always remember our conversations and time together. You will be missed so much.

Terry Quentrill - February 15 at 07:46 PM

JD

“ Joel, Tricia, and Erin Dunlap purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Debora Lynn Pauley.



Joel, Tricia, and Erin Dunlap - February 15 at 07:11 PM

JD

“ Joel, Tricia, and Erin Dunlap planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debora Lynn Pauley.

Joel, Tricia, and Erin Dunlap - February 15 at 07:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Debora Lynn Pauley.



February 15 at 05:10 PM

SF

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Sadler Families - February 15 at 06:25 AM

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DB

“ I'm going to miss that wicked sense of humor you had and the memories we shared growing up. You will be missed by so many people. Love you always.
Cousin Donna

Donna Bennett - February 14 at 08:30 PM

JM

“ Whenever we visited Mamma and Papa we always saw our cousins, with Christmas being the absolute best. I also remember a great trip to Myrtle Beach where Debbie, Sherry, Linda, Jerry, Terry and Anne rode in the back of Papa's pick up truck (it had a cover). It was a great adventure!
My heart is broken she's gone.
Cousin Jerry

Jerry Miller - February 14 at 08:29 PM

JC

“Debbie was one of my first true friends when Cedar Grove combined with DuPont jr at DuPont high school. We were roommates at Marshall and made many memories and friends there. We went on adventures like the time we went to the southern conference basketball tournament with no real plan and no real money but had a good time and hitched a ride back with total strangers. We shared many “Wingdings” and road trips together. I will truly miss you my dear “Derbywood” from “Jerdy Face”. Please play a round of “Layla” for me in the clouds. Love you Debbie. Judy Collins Cleary

Judith Cleary - February 14 at 07:41 PM