



## Deborah Jane Spicer

August 2, 1958 - September 26, 2025

Deborah Jane Spicer 67, of Hurricane, WV passed away on September 26, 2025 after a courageous eleven-year battle with cancer.

Born on August 2, 1958 in Huntington, WV, Debbie was the daughter of Betty Jane Hager Bailey and the late Charles Milton Bailey Jr.. In addition to her father, she was also preceded in death by her brother, Charles David Bailey; and her beloved in-laws: Gertrude A. and Kenneth M. Spicer.

From an early age, Debbie carried a love for learning that shaped her life's work and inspired everyone around her. She graduated from Vinson High School, went on to earn her Bachelor's degree from Marshall University, a Master's from West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, and later a second Master's from West Virginia University. While at Marshall, she was a proud member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, where she built friendships that lasted her lifetime.

Education was not just Debbie's career; it was her calling. She began teaching Exceptional Education at Cheat Lake Elementary, where she was quickly recognized as Monongalia County's Special Education Educator of the Year. Over the years, she served students and families across Putnam County as an Educational Diagnostician, Assistant Principal at Poca Middle School, and as Principal of both Hometown Elementary and Hurricane Town

Elementary.

Her vision and leadership left a lasting mark. She was instrumental in bringing Franklin Covey's The Leader in Me program to schools across Putnam County, helping Hurricane Town Elementary achieve the rare designation of a "Lighthouse School." For her tireless commitment to children, she was honored as Putnam County's Administrator of the Year. Even after retirement, Debbie continued her work in education by training teachers in The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and tutoring students at local schools.

As dedicated as she was to her work, Debbie's greatest devotion was always to her family. She was fiercely loyal and protective, finding her greatest joy in supporting the people she loved. She poured herself completely into being a daughter, wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin, and "Nan," and her family always knew they were her highest priority.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Dr. Craig Spicer; sons: Jared (Banks) Spicer of Charlotte, NC, and Chase Spicer of Cornelius, NC; and her granddaughters, Talbot and Sutton Spicer of Charlotte, NC, who lovingly called her "Nan." She is also survived by Cindy (Ryan) Cassell of Pritchard, WV; Christie (Dannie) Crum of Buffalo, WV; Crissy (Larry) Wall of West Frankfort, IL; Sean Spicer of West Frankfort, IL; as well as many cherished aunts, cousins, great-nieces, nephews, and dear friends who became like family.

Debbie's warmth and generosity created a sense of belonging for everyone who knew her. Her home was always open, her table always full. She loved the beach, long days at the lake, Jimmy Buffett music, beautiful flowers and cheering on Marshall Football, but most of all, she loved being surrounded by her family.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to Dr. Stephen Woolums for his compassionate care, which gave them many more years of memories with Debbie that will be treasured forever.

Friends may visit the family from 6:00pm until 8:00p.m. Friday October 3, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home in Hurricane, WV. Funeral Service for Debbie will be 1:00pm Saturday October 4, 2025, at Chapman Funeral Home with burial to follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Huntington, WV.

Debbie's legacy will live on through the family she adored, the students she guided, the teachers she inspired, and the countless lives she touched with her kindness, wisdom, and love.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting Debbie's tribute page at: [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com).

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV is honored to serve the Spicer family.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

2124 Enslow Avenue  
Huntington, WV 25701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane  
3941 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
(304) 757-7531  
info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com  
<https://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Deborah Jane Spicer



Chapman Funeral Homes - October 03, 2025 at 07:45 PM

EH

My sincere condolences to Craig and the family on the loss of Debbie. I will remember her smile, her laughter, and what a true Sigma sister she was.

Elizabeth Hanrahan - October 17, 2025 at 06:21 PM

NB

“ Nich & Madison Boles purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.



Nich & Madison Boles - October 03, 2025 at 07:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Jane Spicer.

October 03, 2025 at 05:08 PM

NS

“ With deep condolences for Dr spicer and family - I will always remember Debbie’s warm loving welcoming smile. May your love for Debbie always remain in your hearts

nancy smith - October 03, 2025 at 07:47 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.



October 02, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Jane Spicer.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Jane Spicer.

October 02, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.



October 02, 2025 at 01:15 PM

CS

“ Chad and Shirley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.



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**Chad and Shirley** - October 01, 2025 at 11:03 PM

KL

“ Craig, I was so sorry to hear of Debbie's death. I pray that your many beautiful memories will comfort you and your family at this time of grief. 🙏🙏 Kathy Gleason Leonard

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**Kathryn Leonard** - October 01, 2025 at 08:28 PM

HC

“ HCTec purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.



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**HCTec** - October 01, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.



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October 01, 2025 at 02:55 PM

MF

“ *Michael and Jean Preston and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.*



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**Michael and Jean Preston and family** - October 01, 2025 at 10:44 AM

DO

“ *Chase, I am so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. She was such a very special person to me and to everyone who knew her. One thing I remember from your days in first grade, I worried about your asthma care. On the phone she told me to open the back door and allow you to take some deep breaths. I know she loved you with all her heart and I know that love was returned to you. Remember the fun, happy, joyous time. But cry and be sorrowful as well. I wish you comfort and peace as you grieve. Loved you then and love you still. Donna Blake*

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**Donna** - September 30, 2025 at 10:13 PM

MN

“ *Mike, Teresa, Emily, and Nathan purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.*



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**Mike, Teresa, Emily, and Nathan** - September 30, 2025 at 08:20 PM

MN

“ Mike, Teresa, Emily, and Nathan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Jane Spicer.

Mike, Teresa, Emily, and Nathan - September 30, 2025 at 08:20 PM

TM

“ The Corey's- Mike, Cathy, Elizabeth & MC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Jane Spicer.

The Corey's- Mike, Cathy, Elizabeth & MC - September 30, 2025 at 07:48 PM

TM

“ The Corey's- Mike, Cathy, Elizabeth & MC purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.



The Corey's- Mike, Cathy, Elizabeth & MC - September 30, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.



September 30, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.*



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September 30, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ *Love, Chuck and Candi Hatfield planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Jane Spicer.*

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**Love, Chuck and Candi Hatfield** - September 30, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ *Love, Chuck and Candi Hatfield purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.*



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**Love, Chuck and Candi Hatfield** - September 30, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ *Matt de la Vega purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.*



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**Matt de la Vega** - September 30, 2025 at 03:31 PM

LW

“ Love, The Overholts and The Welch's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.



Love, The Overholts and The Welch's - September 30, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.



September 30, 2025 at 02:39 PM

MW

“ Michael Wilcox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Jane Spicer.

Michael Wilcox - September 30, 2025 at 02:18 PM

MW

“ Michael Wilcox purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Deborah Jane Spicer.



Michael Wilcox - September 30, 2025 at 02:18 PM

MW

“ Meeting Debbie and Craig as a first year dental student was one of my life’s blessings. Debbie was the person who you could always count on to lift you up, especially after either a rough day in class, clinic or just life in general. She was always the kindest, most caring person in the room. Words cannot express how I felt about Deb, Craig, Jared and Chase. This world lost, but heaven gain an angel. God bless the Spicer family

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**Michael Wilcox** - September 30, 2025 at 02:05 PM

JB

*In honor of Debbie Jane, I thank GOD, that she was such a positive influence on me, when we were teenagers. Debbie found a good man, and had the family that she desired as a beautiful young woman. I am so sorry for Craig and the boy's loss. Thanks to the love of our savior JESUS CHRIST, we will someday live in eternity with her. GOD BLESS you Craig, and your entire family. It is my prayer, that GOD comforts your family and gives you peace.*

*Sincerely,  
John Barr*

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**John Barr** - October 01, 2025 at 12:13 AM