



Debra J. Burns

November 6, 1953 - November 13, 2021

Debra Jo Burns, 68, was received into the arms of her Savior on November 13, 2021.

Deb was born to the late Robert and Maxine (Bentley) Strehle on November 6, 1953 in Pontiac MI. Deb graduated from Waterford-Kettering High School in 1971.

While attending high school, Deb worked at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital and continued her employ for an additional 10 years there as she pursued her true passion studying the arts at Oakland University.

Deb eventually relocated to Leland MI, where she worked in both the restaurant industry as a server and in the medical field as a CNA.

Deb married Terry in May 2005. Deb joined Terry in his travels as a long haul truck driver and together, their journey led them near and far. They enjoyed a small traveling companion, Gizmo (a chihuahua), who left her small but mighty legacy with them in her passing. Deb and Terry raised their 'small' army of dogs with enthusiasm at their home in Kalkaska MI. Their affection for their canine family was very evident; it wasn't uncommon to stop by to find them cooking meals for their mixed breed of small loves, whom they affectionately referred to as: the late Bubba (FUBAR); SNAFU (Bubette); Bird (Shit Bird); Chloe, and Jax.

Deb will be remembered by friends and family for her creative artistic talent and her love and passion for Terry and the dogs.

Deb was notoriously loquacious and made many friends as a result of that

flair. Deb never met a stranger and her affection for people was contagious. Deb is survived by her husband, Terry; son, Allan Strehle; sisters, Delma (Tim) Yost of West Branch MI, and Diane (Frank) Beek of Mio MI; brother, Dale (Jalane) Strehle of Howard OH.

Deb was preceded in death by her parents, siblings: brothers, Douglas and Daniel Strehle, and sisters, Donna May and Denise Maxine Strehle.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

Arts for All of Northern MI

1129 Woodmere Ave

Suite A

Traverse City MI 49686

Cremation arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall



“ *Debra J. Burns*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Debra J. Burns*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *You will always be my one true love although we are apart you will always live in my heart and I'm looking forward to the day that I can hold you in my arms again you was my beautiful wife and now you are my beautiful angel nite nite babe I love you*

Terry Burns - December 12, 2021 at 09:40 PM

“ Remembering Englands' Rose –A tribute by Sir Elton John

*Goodbye Terry's Rose - May you ever grow in our hearts
You were the grace that placed itself - Where lives were torn apart
You called out to our countryside - And you whispered to those in
pain
Now you belong to Heaven - And the stars spell out your name*

*And it seems to me you lived your life Like a candle in the wind
Never fading with the sunset When the rain set in
And your footsteps will always fall here
Along Grand Traverse' greenest hills
Your candle's burned out long before - Your legend ever will*

*Loveliness we've lost, These empty days without your smile
This torch we'll always carry For our family's golden child
And even though we try, The truth brings us to tears
All our words cannot express The joy you brought us through the
years*

*And it seems to me you lived your life Like a candle in the wind
Never fading with the sunset When the rain set in
And your footsteps will always fall here
Along Michigan's greenest hills
Your candle's burned out long before Your legend ever will*

*Goodbye Michigan's rose - May you ever grow in our hearts
You were the grace that placed itself - Where lives were torn apart
Goodbye Terry's rose - From a countryside lost without your soul
Who'll miss the wings of your compassion - More than you'll ever
know*

*And it seems to me you lived your life Like a candle in the wind
Never fading with the sunset When the rain set in
And your footsteps will always fall here Along God's greenest hills
Your candle's burned out long before Your legend ever will*

A Tribute from Elton John to Englands' Princess Lady Di

(a tune borrowed from Candle in the Wind) and revised for our sister.

Thank you, Sir E. John from my family

Dale Strehle - November 28, 2021 at 10:03 PM

NH

“ Love and prayers to the family of Debby Strehle Burns as she makes her journey home to be United with her mother and father, brothers, grandparents, and family. Condolences to her family!❤️❤️

Nancy Hotchkiss - November 14, 2021 at 05:16 PM

MK

She always made me feel welcomed, she had a good and kind heart.💕. prayers for Terry and family.

Merline king - November 15, 2021 at 01:14 PM

CS

“ Grew up with her, worked with her, swam with her....my condolences to her loving family. Cindy Strehle

Cynthia Strehle - November 14, 2021 at 04:45 PM

AB

“ Aunt Nan & Uncle George, Becky & Brian purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Debra J. Burns.



Aunt Nan & Uncle George, Becky & Brian - November 14, 2021 at 01:29 PM