



Debra Belyeu

January 18, 1958 - December 23, 2017

On January 18th, 1958, an earthly Angel was born in Paradise, California, and on December 23rd, 2017, God took that Angel to her eternal home in Paradise, Heaven. Debra (Smith) Belyeu was brought into this world by James (Jim) and Barbara (Bo) Smith, who both preceded her in passing. The Smith family moved to Roswell, NM, in the mid-1960s, and it's there that Debra met and married her soulmate, Ted Belyeu on September 9th, 1975. They were married for 42 years. Surviving her are their two sons, Deacon Belyeu and mate Mylinda Carter, children Ebon & Ryker of Roswell; Vance and Valerie Belyeu, children Abigail, Vance (Deux), Alicia, Amaya & Joseph of El Paso, Texas.

Debra is also survived by her sister Melany Gray & husband Alton of Moore, Oklahoma; and her brother Mark Smith & wife Tracy of Ashland, Wisconsin. Brothers-in-law include Dean Belyeu & wife Linda of Roswell; Larry Belyeu of Santa Fe, and sister-in-law Doris Lasiter & husband Jim of Dexter.

She had many nieces and nephews: McKenzie Zimmer & husband Brian of Ozark, Missouri; Kevin Case & wife Nikki and their son Asher of Harrah, Oklahoma; C.J. Smith of Minnesota, MN; Josh Smith of Ft. Drum, New York; Tammy and Gaylan Young of Roswell; Dee Ann and Steve Nunez of Roswell, NM; Dustin and Brook Belyeu & wife of Santa Fe, NM; Kayla Belyeu of San Antonio, TX; Randy Lasiter of Roswell, NM; Matt Lasiter of Roswell, NM; Laurie Lasiter of Roswell, NM.

Debra graduated from Eastern New Mexico University with a Bachelor's

Degree in Nursing and spent an entire career helping others as a Registered Nurse. Her career was spent as an Emergency Room Nurse at St. Mary's Hospital (9 years), TMC Bus Manufacturing Facility (7 years), Levi Straus (10 years), and retired with the NM Department of Health as the Director of Nursing Services after 19 years of service.

Debra was a devout Christian woman and lived by God's Word. She shared the love of Jesus with all those she encountered. She loved 'her boys' (Ted, Deacon, & Vance) and was quick to share her gratitude and appreciation for all three and the individual joys they each brought to her life. She loved planting and digging in the dirt, and feeling the wind while riding the motorcycle with Ted. Debra was very witty and fun to be around; she loved making people smile and laugh, and would go 'above and beyond' for those around her. As was her character, she cared for both of her parents during their aging years to ensure their health and safety needs were met. Debra was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the UNM Cancer Center, friends Don & Dot Bassard, and all friends and family who provided love and care over the recent years. Please celebrate in Debra's life by visiting www.andersonbethany.com to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for her family. Services will be held at 10:00am on Thursday, December 28th, 2017, at Church on the Move, 901 W Brasher Rd, Roswell, NM 88203; lunch reception to follow.

Debra's family lovingly wrote this tribute in her honor.

Tribute Wall



“ *Debra Belyeu*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Ted and boys my thoughts and prayers are with you in this trying time may GOD bless you and your families*



Elsa Nino - January 10, 2018 at 07:41 PM



“ *I remember her being one of the nicest nurses in the ER at St Mary's to get report from while accepting a pt from there to surgical floor* ❤️

Diane Melton Barajas - December 31, 2017 at 09:32 AM



“ *I worked with Debra at Zales downtown back in 1976-1977. We became fast friends and although we didn't see a lot of each other over the years, she always held a special place in my heart. God bless her family, I know she will be missed greatly.*

Cindi Lucero - December 31, 2017 at 02:39 AM

TS

“ *What a legacy Debra leaves! As a nurse, a wife, a mother, a daughter, a sister, a grandma, a dear friend, and beautiful child of God, she walked this earth like very few. We can all learn from her journey and honor her in our walk. She would be pleased. I know I lift her up and pray for her sweet flight. Godspeed, Debra and to all who love her.*

Tina Sanchez - December 31, 2017 at 12:33 AM

EG

“ *May God comfort your precious family as you comforted me just a short time ago. I will certainly miss your fellowship at Sunday morning service, my sweet sweet friend.*

Esther Gibson - December 28, 2017 at 08:43 PM

ME

“ *It was my pleasure to work with Debra. She was always happy, positive, smart, and a devoted professional. I admired Debra's knowledge of nursing and public health and am thankful that I had the opportunity to work with her.*

My sincere condolences to her family, to the staff she worked with, and to the community---her contribution to all was deeply felt and will surely be missed.

*Sincerely,
Melissa Charlie*

Melissa - December 28, 2017 at 07:03 PM

DH

“ Our thoughts and prayers to your dear family!

Pat and Dana Howse



Dana Howse - December 28, 2017 at 10:55 AM

CI

“ Those special memories of you will always bring a smile. If only I could have you back for just a little while. Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do. You always meant so very much to me and always will do too. The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain but you're forever in my heart until we meet again. I will forever cherish you my Sweet Sweet Deb. Your smile always brightened up the room. I'm going to miss your hugs and our conversations. You were always there to guide me. I know that you are up in Heaven smiling down on us and telling us to not cry for you because you are ok. I'm honored to have met such a wonderful lady like you.



Cindy - December 28, 2017 at 10:49 AM

DV

“ Debra was a woman that I admired and respected very much. She always had positive things to say to, and about the people around her. Her energy, optimism, and demeanor were always upbeat. Where ever she was, she exuded a calming presence, and you couldn't help but like her. Her ability to find and bring out the best in a person is a quality that we should strive for. It was a great honor and privilege to know and work with her. I will miss her very much. My sincerest condolences to her family.

Darrell Veitch - December 28, 2017 at 10:36 AM

CA

“ Debra was such a great co-worker and also a great friend. She was always positive, caring and loving person with a beautiful smile. Always encouraging everyone around her. She had a pure heart. She definitely was an angel here on earth and I am blessed and honored to have known her. Love you my friend, you are forever in my heart.



Christine Amicone - December 28, 2017 at 09:41 AM

HD

“ I am so sorry. I worked with Deb at Department of Health. She always epitomized the very best qualities of a supervisor and a compassionate person. She was supportive, kind, generous with her spirit. I truly loved her, along with many others. She was good to everyone. A true joy. The earth is less with her absence. May God rest her soul, may her family have peace. She was a blessing in so many ways.
Holly Dean
High Rolls, New Mexico

holly dean - December 28, 2017 at 12:23 AM

CH

“ It was a honor to have known Debra and to have called her a friend. She was a blessing to me every time I had the privilege of seeing her or talking with her because of her uplifting spirit and great kindness. My deepest thoughts and prayers go out to Ted, the family and Debra's friends during this time.

Claudie Housewright - December 27, 2017 at 09:33 PM

CW

“ I worked with Debra at the Department of Health. She was one of the most sincere and sweetest people I have ever known. Her sweet spirt will be sorely missed on this earth. This world needs more people like her. My sincere condolences to her family. Much love, Carrie Weems

Carrie Weems - December 27, 2017 at 09:22 PM

CS

“ I knew Debra for almost 30 years. She was the kindest, sweetest person I've known. I had lots of good times at her house. She helped me several times throughout my life. When I was in high school and having some problems her and Ted invited me into their home and gave me a safe place to stay until I got my stuff together, they always made me feel like family. Years later she visited me in Albuquerque when I was at my lowest, she fed me, talked with me, cried with me and gave me the strength and guidance I needed to get back on my feet. I will never forget that. Much love and prayers to Ted, Vance & my brother Deacon & your extended family. The world lost a special person and could use more people like Debra in it.

Chad Sweeney - December 27, 2017 at 08:02 PM

KW

“ I have known Deb since our days at St. Mary's. She was one of the kindest people I have ever known. You never had to ask Deb if she was a christian, because you could see Christ shining through her. I know her loss is hard for her family, but the good news is that you will see her again. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Kim Carpenter Webb

kim webb - December 27, 2017 at 07:04 PM

MA

“ Miss Debra I will never forget your kindness, your beauty, and your giving heart. Working for you was awesome you were always patient, and so very understanding. I have great respect and admiration for the person you were and will always be in my heart. I will never forget the way the room would light up when you were present and how you made me smile even when I was sad or going through hard times. I could only wish to be as great a woman as you. My condolences to your family as I'm sure they also knew your greatness. You will forever hold a special place in my heart ❤️.
Always, Margaret

Margaret - December 27, 2017 at 05:43 PM

KR

“ She was a wonderful lady, wife and mom. My deepest condolences to Ted, Deacon & Vance. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God bless and comfort you.

Krisi

Krisi - December 27, 2017 at 05:16 PM

CO

“ Concha lit a candle in memory of Debra Belyeu



Concha - December 27, 2017 at 04:59 PM

CO

“ *My Sweet Lady (as I called you)*

We Only Wanted To Love You

*They say memories are golden, well maybe that is true.
We never wanted memories, We wanted you.*

*A million times we needed you, a million times we cried for you.
If love alone could have saved you, you never would have left.*

*In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place no one could ever fill.*

*If tears could build a stairway and heartache make a lane,
We'd walk the path to heaven and bring you back again.*

*Our heart is broken and nothing seems the same,
But as Spirit calls us one by one, our broken hearts will link again.*

-Author Unknown

RIP MY DEAR FRIEND.

Concha.

Concha - December 27, 2017 at 04:57 PM

AN

“ I knew Deb working at for the Department of Health. I thought of her as a thoughtful and intelligent woman and have nothing but respect for her great work and personality. I will always remember Deb.

*My deep condolences to her family,
God bless you and comfort you,
Keeping you in our prayers,*

April Neri

April Neri - December 27, 2017 at 04:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Debra Belyeu.



December 27, 2017 at 04:25 PM

TL

“ Tracey Luna purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Debra Belyeu.



Tracey Luna - December 27, 2017 at 01:13 PM

NM

“ *Nannette Macias-Ray lit a candle in memory of Debra Belyeu*



Nannette Macias-Ray - December 27, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra Belyeu.*



December 27, 2017 at 12:30 PM

DB

“ *My beautiful Aunt Debra I will miss you so much. You were my second mother and did such a wonderful job teaching me how to be a good person. I work everyday to pass those same things on to my kids. Your and Ted's door was always open to me and it was so wonderful to always have a home to go to in Roswell that was full of love. Over the years growing up with Deacon and Vance they became brothers not cousins and it was because of you and Ted letting me be a member of the family. You were always a positive influence on me and everyone you met. You will be greatly missed but I know you are now at home in Heaven. Bubba I love you so much.*

Dustin Belyeu

Dustin Belyeu - December 27, 2017 at 12:08 PM

TR

“ *Teresa- Ruidoso lit a candle in memory of Debra Belyeu*



Teresa- Ruidoso - December 27, 2017 at 12:04 PM

WB

“ *I knew Deb from when I started working for the Department of Health Regional Office in Roswell. We started to work there around the same time. I also teased her that she looked like Kim Basinger, the actress; but I truly thought that she was a beautiful person inside and out. I had a privilege working with Deb on the Quality Assurance and Improvement project and remembered how she strove for excellence at her work. This was my impression of Deb's character through her career at the Department of Health. I will always remember Deb Belyeu.*

*My deep condolences to her family,
Wanicha Burapa*

Wanicha Burapa - December 27, 2017 at 10:51 AM

MV

“*Deb, as I loved to call her, was an amazing woman and friend. She was my go to girl even after my employment with DOH. I have so many fond memories with Deb. She was always so quick to drop whatever she was doing to lend a hand when I needed it the most. I will never forget when I announced my departure with DOH she came to my office and gave me an anchor. She offered me some words of advice, keep this anchor with you as a remembrance of how the Lord would want me to stay humble and grounded. Til this day I still wear that anchor. Every time I came across an anchor, my sweet Deb would come to mind and it always brought joy to my heart. Deb had such a humble, kind and loving soul. I will miss our conversations and the many memories I had the honor of sharing with her. Heaven is a brighter place with you there. Now you can have all the flan you want (inside joke). Love you always. Til we meet again. ~Maria Vasquez*

Maria Vasquez - December 27, 2017 at 10:37 AM

MC

“*Inspiration. Debra was pure inspiration! As a teenager, living across the street, I remember being welcomed into her home and immediately considered her my second mother. Many an evening was spent sitting at her kitchen countertop watching her prepare dinner, her wedding ring thoughtfully placed on the sill above the sink, as she talked with me about the day's events. God used Debra to show me what it was to love unconditionally. When I struggled with life-altering decisions, Debra took time to comfort and counsel me. I remember praying to be a wife and mother like Debra--her joy deep and constant, her smile infectious, her focus laser-guided, her eternity secure. Thank you, Ted, Deacon, and Vance for sharing her with me. I pray for each of you to have the joy and comfort that only comes from Jesus. Debra will always remain a beautiful source of inspiration to us all.*

*In Him,
Melissa (Stephens) Campos*

Melissa Campos - December 27, 2017 at 10:28 AM

JM

“*Debra was a trooper in so many ways. She was so devout to her faith and a great leader. Working with her for the Dept. of Health was a joy and the trips that we all took around the state were hectic, but Debra certainly kept the trips entertaining! Debra was a great lady and will be missed so much. She gave as much care and devotion to people as well as her plants!! She loved her plants! She also gave me great advice as a new supervisor and always lent a hand to so many. My prayers to Ted and the family. Many blessings to you all. Jimmy Masters.*

Jimmy Masters - December 26, 2017 at 11:38 PM

LM

“ Debra and I go back to St. Mary's days. It was an honor to work with her! Such a blessing to all! Our favorite stories always included her "awful" interview with the Department of Health (she got the job!) and our travels around the state and her valued hairbrushes (5)! That was our last conversation about 3 weeks ago. I loved Debra! Many, many wonderful memories! Love to you all! Debra is with Jesus.
Linda Monk

Linda Monk - December 26, 2017 at 10:54 PM

EB

“ Debra had a smile that warmed all our hearts. To have been a part of her life was truly a blessing. She was more than an angel to me. Debra was my son, Dustin's second mother, a friend for life, and a joy from the first day we met. Debra loved Ted, Deacon, and Vance with all her heart and still had enough to share with all of us. I know she will continue to love and guide us.

Thank you,
Britches

Elizabeth Brockmann - December 26, 2017 at 10:51 PM