



## Debra "Debby" Lynn (Vander Horst) Myers

July 5, 1952 - June 10, 2020

Debra "Debby" Lynn (Vander Horst) Myers, 67, of Dublin, OH, passed away peacefully and unexpectedly at home on Wednesday June 10, 2020. She was born July 5, 1952 to Donald and Bernice "Ben" (Schmitz) Vander Horst. She spent her early years in Pittsburgh, PA, and then moved to Celina, OH, where she graduated from Celina Senior High School. She attended Eastern Kentucky University and graduated from Ohio Dominican University with a degree in Library Science. On September 29, 1973 she married Douglas L. Myers in Celina, OH, and they built their life together in Dublin.

Surviving along with her husband are their three daughters Toby (Brad) Carpenter, of Lewis Center, OH, and their daughters Tatem (15) and Finley (11); Lindsay (Kevin) Hinshaw, of Clemmons, NC, and their children Taylor (11), Maxwell (9) and William (18 months); and Ashley (Paul) Kaczmarczyk, of Schaumburg, IL, and their sons Alexander (5) and Bennett (3).

Also surviving are her siblings Don (Jan) Vander Horst, Jr; Kurt (Nancy) Vander Horst; Karol (Steve, deceased) Halm; Jay (Annette) Vander Horst; Judy (Mark) Sichterman; brother-in-law Brad (Steve Rowlands) Myers; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Debby was passionate about service and education, which was evident in her work with children as a librarian, and with TWIG (a group supporting Nationwide Children's Hospital), Girl Scouts, and Dublin Latchkey. She was an enthusiastic grandmother, and it was apparent to anyone who met Debby how much she adored her family.

In light of the current pandemic, a private Mass for immediate family with Celebrant Father Matthew Morris, assisted by Deacon Frank Iannarino will glorify her life at St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church in Dublin, where she was a member. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for donations to be made in her honor to NC4K, a local charity that supports children battling cancer and their families.

To give: <https://www.classy.org/give/290032/#!/donation/checkout>



# Comments

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“ I just learned of Debby's passing and cannot express how deeply saddened I am. We met in college and for 3 years were nearly inseparable. Over the years we lost touch but I made as one of my New Years resolutions this year was to call Debby. I never did and am heartbroken that I didn't. We shared good times, sad times, and lots of laughs. Her laughter was infectious and her smile bright. Memories of Dirty Ernies, Telford shenanigans and drinking hooch down by the river (sounds like an snl skit) flood my mind along with trips to Celina in the summer and the infamous Christmas night party. May you Rest In Peace dear friend and May your family be comforted by how many people loved her. You always think you have more time. My very deepest condolences.

**Eveanna B Barry** - July 24 at 08:46 AM

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“ Doug and family,  
We are so very sorry for your loss. The highlight of seeing you (and often Debby) at your office every tax season are the conversations about your children and grandchildren. What a wonderful family and life you and Debby built and shared. May the many fond memories of Debby bring you comfort until you meet again in God's time.  
Our deepest condolences,  
Doug and Marie Lessells

**Doug Lessells** - June 19 at 11:39 AM

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“ Doug - I am thinking of you as you and yours grieve at the loss of Debby. It's been a long time since I've seen the both of you, but I remember Debby's bright, fun, and sparkling ways -- Joe and Connie's wedding and your visits to the old Centerburg homestead. Joe let me know of your loss and I grieve with you as do many others whose life she has touched. I enjoyed reading some of the comments. I can say from experience after losing Joe's dad in 1993 that in time the wonderful memories of your love and the joys, and even hard times, peace will fill your heart and those memories will carry you on. Wishing you peace and love. Dodie Melvin (Joe's Mom)

**Dodie Wilke Melvin** - June 19 at 11:18 AM

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“ Mrs. Myers was always so sweet and friendly to me. During our middle school years, BlackHawk Ct. was a common place to hang out and have fun! Mrs. Myers was always so welcoming and sweet which is a testament to the wonderful daughters she raised. May love and peace find their way to your family during this time.

Mark Fauris and Family

Mark Fauris - June 19 at 08:39 AM

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“ Thinking and praying for all of Debby's family. Debby always lit up the room with her gentle smile and loving heart. Her laugh was infectious and her kindness was undeniable. She will forever be remembered! Sending love and comfort to all of you!  
Love,  
Sid and Lindsay (Simons) Bartos

lindsay bartos - June 18 at 05:54 PM

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“ To Doug and Family,  
Our sincere condolences go out to all of you. Both the Vander Horst and Myers' families are special to us. We share your grief and sorrow.  
May Debby rest in peace. Amen. Marie and Bob McKirnan and Family

Bob McKirnan - June 18 at 01:55 PM

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“ I have known Debbie since high school. Among many other reasons. I had the pleasure of playing volleyball and basketball with her. We have stayed friendly since that point on. She was always laughing and it was great to be around such a fun person with a great attitude.  
I was shocked and very sadden with her passing.  
My heart of full of sadness goes out to her whole family. Especially her brother Don, my classmate and friend.  
The Joy of knowing her will always turn the " frown" upside down.  
With you today in prayers. Connie Steinbrunner

Connie Steinbrunner - June 18 at 01:06 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Debra "Debby" Lynn (Vander Horst) Myers.



June 18 at 11:51 AM

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“ Cathy Sankey lit a candle in memory of Debra "Debby" Lynn (Vander Horst) Myers



**Cathy Sankey** - June 18 at 09:16 AM



“ Doug and entire family, You have our sincere sympathy. I remember so fondly seeing Debby in the neighborhood and at all those wonderful Girl Scout camps and events Debby led and planned. Her smile always showed her love for her girls and family. She made all of our lives better and for that we are truly blessed for knowing and loving Debby.

**Cathy Sankey** - June 18 at 09:21 AM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Debra "Debby" Lynn (Vander Horst) Myers.



June 18 at 09:01 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra "Debby" Lynn (Vander Horst) Myers.



June 18 at 08:20 AM

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“ What a devastating loss for you, Doug, and your family...Debby was such a sweetheart, always kind and always smiling. You are in my thoughts and prayers...

Connie Bell Knapke

Connie Knapke - June 17 at 02:52 PM

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“ My sincere sympathy to Doug and their family, as well as to Deb's siblings and Brad. Back in ancient times, Deb was a terrific and tolerant high school friend to me -- and to so many others. I think half the guys in our class had a crush on her, including me. I could quickly tell that wasn't mutual. But we stayed pals and had some really fun times together, along with some fairly deep conversations. I was determined to be her senior prom date so I asked her four or five months in advance--and I was semi-stunned when she said yes. I'll attach the photo of that glorious event. I just recently came across the photo while cleaning out my closet "files" during the pandemic. The picture was taken during the pre-prom "procession" outside the high school. I'm posting it just because the image captures Deb's spirit perfectly, as well as my annoyance that we had to stop for my mom to take a photo. (I can now say, "Thanks, mom.") I thought all her friends might like to see the picture and smile. By the time we got to the prom that spring, I think Deb may already have decided that Doug was the guy who made her the happiest--and everyone knew Doug was a great guy, so why not?--but of course, he was already off at college. So I was the lucky date. My recollection is that Deb and I simply had an enjoyable evening with our classmates and I took her home early following some goofy after-prom activities and that was the last time we went out together. Although I do have a semi-vague memory of her making a trip to Chicago, where I went to school, a couple of years later, maybe with her dad when he was visiting the furniture mart? Or maybe some other reason. Deb and I went out to a show and dinner and laughed and talked about where our lives might be going. After that, it was just here-and-there stuff on brief Celina visits or at various class reunions where we both bragged about our kids -- man, she loved her three daughters so much. Following her medical crisis several years ago, I sent Deb a note expressing my happiness that she had pulled through things okay. She sent a witty note back expressing her own delight at the same thing. She was not just a kind and smart soul. She was really tough. I was really looking forward to seeing her at the 50th class reunion. I'm so very sad she won't be there. What a wonderful family she and Doug built. I hope they can find comfort in the cherished memories. God bless Deb.



Mark Purdy - June 17 at 02:29 PM

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“ All my Love , Jodi Myers and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Debra "Debby" Lynn (Vander Horst) Myers.



All my Love , Jodi Myers and Family - June 17 at 01:36 PM

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“ Our very sincerest sympathy at your loss. May precious memories bring some comfort during this difficult time.  
Pat Adams Howard & Deb Wilson Green

Pat Howard & Deb Green - June 17 at 01:24 PM

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“ Debby was my high school BFF. Don and Ben took me in like one of their own, as my parents did her. The memories are too many to recount here, maybe I'll write a book. We always had a blast together. One "lasting" memory was the day she decided she would take a ride on my Honda 50 motor cycle with me (she wasn't allowed). All went well until she got off before I could tell her to dismount on the left. Sure enough, she fried the inside of her right ankle on the exhaust pipe. Not only "busted" but she had that scar for the rest of her life. We had so much fun on the lake skiing, or on the pontoon boat. Dad took a bunch of us girls out on the pontoon one day and took a little grill to make popcorn on the lake. He wiped out the pan with a rag he had onboard and proceeded to cook the corn. Deb took a second look at that rag and asked Dad to hold it up. I was so embarrassed! It was a pair of his old underwear. Deb just laughed and called it "Jockey Pop". (pun on Jiffy Pop) That story lives on in infamy! One night we got "a few" friends together ( I think about 25) for a late night pontoon ride. Way too many for the pontoon, but who knew??? Debby sat on the front and dangled her feet in the water as we had done many times before. It wasn't long before she attracted a crowd, all dangling feet and standing on the front which caused the nose to dive below the water and motor come up out of the water. Back, back, back!!! Which caused the water to rush across the deck of the boat from the front to the back taking guy's shirts, towels, shoes, you name it flushed right into the dark water and sank never to be found again...lost in the moonlight. (hey! that sounds like a good song title!) I'm sure there was a lot of explaining to do that night for many. Such fun times we had. No smoking, no drinking...we didn't even cuss!..., just spent so much time laughing! High school would not have been as memorable without Debby.

Shine on, dear friend!

Sue Hennessey Thomas - June 17 at 12:19 PM

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“ Dan and I have such lovely memories of Debby. We came from the same hometown, and we both lived in Columbus during the first years of our marriages. We'll always remember Debby's kindness, love of family, and her ability to make anything and everything fun. We're so sorry for your loss. Joanne and Dan Lampert

joanne lampert - June 17 at 12:04 PM

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“ God bless Debby's precious life!! She and Doug were so special to My husband, Charlie, and to me. She had the gift of hospitality and when they had a party or gathering she did it up right. I remember her using all of her Longaberger baskets for food and display. Debby and Doug had a very delightful marriage and Toby, Lindsay, and Ashley have been a very big part of their lives. Our Bethany still remembers Debby for giving her the high school graduation gift of stationery with her college and her name on it!! Your picture is beautiful, Debby, and that is how i remember you. Heaven is a wonderful place and I like to think she has met up with Charlie. God's comfort to you precious family, Susie Gaskill

**Susie Gaskill** - June 17 at 11:50 AM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers

**De La Cruz Family** - June 17 at 10:56 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra "Debby" Lynn (Vander Horst) Myers.



June 17 at 10:53 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. The first time I met your Mom all she talked about was her family. She loved all of you so much. Mary Halm and family

**mary halm** - June 17 at 08:59 AM

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“ Deepest sympathies to your families...will keep you in our prayers

Karen, Jeremy & family Uhlenhake

Karen U - June 17 at 06:35 AM

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“ Ya know, Most of my best childhood memories are the summers and after school hours i spent @ your house in Riverside Green. Honestly, your Mom, always made everything SUPER FUN!!!!!! & she just LOVED being a Mom! Geezzzzz..... u guys remember going to Arlington Pools, Swimming all day for hours! LOL! Then going too Chef a Nette for vanilla cokes??? What about Girl Scouts??? The Camping Trips!!!! How bout Roller Skating???? Sleep Overs??? COSI??? Wandotte Lake??? MCDonalds!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Your Mom, she was ALWAYS THERE!!!! How many times did your Mom, have too listen to the Cabbage Patch Dolls Tape in her station wagon??? LOL! Or how bout even Wham or Madonna???? Your Mom, she just always rolled with our kid crazziness cause she loved you!!!! & loved being a Mom! She loved sharing all those experiences with us! Your Moms, kindness, compassion, and spontaneity, will always be a huge part of my heart and childhood memories. Those growing up years for me, in Riverside Green, were made better cause of your Mom. I hope u find some peace in knowing, your Mom was a beautiful person inside & out. Love, Always,

Marie R. Grafmiller

Marie Grafmiller - June 16 at 11:05 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra "Debby" Lynn (Vander Horst) Myers.



June 16 at 08:02 PM

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“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra "Debby" Lynn (Vander Horst) Myers.



June 16 at 05:03 PM

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“ I met Debby in the spring of 1978 shortly after we moved into our new homes in Riverside Green. We each had young daughters, Toby and Marie , at that time. Lindsay came along, and then we each had our youngest daughters, Ashley and Sarah. These were wonderful years, watching our children growing up together and developing strong family friendships. Our families participated in many of the same activities. We frequently baby-sat for each others' children. Both of our families went on to build homes in Indian Run Meadows where we lived on the same street, just a couple of homes away from each other. Debby and Doug were truly part of what I consider the best years of my life. Debby will truly be missed by our family and all who knew her.

Debbie Grafmiller

**Debbie Grafmiller** - June 16 at 04:52 PM



“ I knew Debby through Dublin Latchkey! She loved being with the kids each and every day she was there!! She was a natural. She often talked about her family and was so proud of all of you!! I am so sad to learn of her passing! May you be comforted through this time through faith. My heart goes out to all of you. My prayers are with you all during this sad time. There are no words how much Debby will be missed!!

Kris Williams

**Kris Williams** - June 16 at 10:06 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Debra "Debby" Lynn (Vander Horst) Myers.



June 16 at 04:42 PM



“ I have many found memories of Debby. The first day I met her was at the Mercer County Elks golf course. Her family had just moved to Celina. She had a great personality, and we became good friends through our school years. As all our friends graduated from high school and went different directions, we seemed to keep in touch. I remember one Christmas Deb talked her parents into having a party, Don and her invited over quite a crew to their basement for some Christmas cheer! Needless to say the party got a little out of hand, and Daddy Don was not happy! A couple years later Deb and Doug got married. Lucy and I were in their wedding and they in ours. We managed to visit from time to time. We may not have seen each other for a year or two, but when we all got together it was just as if no time had passed at all! I will forever miss her humor and friendship.

**Doug Spicer** - June 16 at 04:07 PM



“ So sorry for your loss of a beautiful wife, mother, grandmother, sister-in-law and friend. She will surely be missed! May she rest in peace. Mark and Bev (Gibbons) Kuenning

**Beverly Kuenning** - June 17 at 08:12 AM



“ I remember us guys playing Midnight bb at Dougs one summer night during our college yrs. Debby had friends over at her home across Main Street from the Meyers. Naturally All involved got together at Doug's place for more bb and beverages. Debby was always in a good mood and funny! So gracious when we all got together! Laura enjoyed sitting down with her and talking about the kids the girls and grandkids! So many good times! You will be missed by so many of us Debby! Doug, as one of my Best friends Ever, I will Always be here there for you! Ken

**Ken Klosterman** - June 17 at 11:47 AM



“ So many good times with our dear friends Doug and Debby whether it was trips to Chicago, dinner after golf or just hanging out! We will miss that always! Bill & Karen

**Bill Simons** - June 16 at 03:45 PM

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“ There are so many wonderful memories of Debby. Growing up in Celina Debby’s house was where it was happening. She always reached out and made friends with everyone. There is no doubt her greatest gifts were here girls. She always told me about what each of them were doing. When the Grand kids came along she was so involved with their lives too. Seeing her last year at Doug’s class reunion. We promised each other we were going to get together. We had promised before and never got around to it. I feel so sad that I missed the opportunity forever. She left a wonderful legacy and will truly be missed. Deb Nash Borns

**Deborah Borns** - June 16 at 03:39 PM