



## Debra Denise Blake

October 22, 1958 - August 21, 2024

Debra Denise Blake (McElroy), affectionately known as Debbie, passed away on August 21, 2024, at the age of 65 in Columbus, Ohio. Born on October 22, 1958, in Brunswick, Georgia, Debbie was a beacon of love and strength throughout her life.

Debbie was a devoted wife to Joseph Blake Sr for over 47 years and a cherished mother to Joseph II (Kathryn), Lisa, Michael (Michelle), and Michele Blake. She was also a loving grandmother to Abigail, Isabel, Noah, Taylor, Savannah, Rylee, Victoria, Sophia, Lauren (Lou), and Skyler. Her siblings, Kelley Adams, Larry McElroy, nephew Samuel Adams, preceded in death by her younger brother Jack Adams, her mother, Myra Jane Adams, father, Jerry McElroy, stepfather, Jack Adams.

Throughout her life, Debbie was known for her strong-minded and independent spirit. She was a loving, teaching, and spoiling presence in her grandchildren's lives, taking them on adventures and exploring their interests. Her ability to love strongly and move mountains in times of crisis will be profoundly missed.

Debbie enjoyed reading, relaxing at the beach, and gardening—activities that brought her immense joy and peace.

Visitation hours will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, located at 450 West Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065. A memorial service will follow on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Nationwide Children's Hospital in memory of Debra Blake. Contributions will honor her lifelong commitment to nurturing and caring for others, particularly children.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 27.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street  
Powell, OH 43065  
(614) 792-1471  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Memorial Service

**AUG 28.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

HS

“ *Hnm S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra Denise Blake.*

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**Hnm S.** - September 05, 2024 at 02:01 PM

CR

“ *A Message from Kelley Adams:*

*While I know we may not have talked or seen each other in many years, I feel as though I cannot simply let this awful news go without offering a proper goodbye.*

*I wonder how alike or how different we may have become over the years and what conversations we may have had. I would have loved to get to truly know you and all of the beautiful things that made you who you were.*

*To the entirety of Debra's close friends and family I am so sorry for the grief and pain of such a heavy loss and wish you all the healing in the world during this time. If anyone would like to talk my number is (304) 650-3902.*

*Rest in peace Debra. You will absolutely be missed by many.*

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**Carissa Robinson** - August 27, 2024 at 06:45 PM

MD

“Debbie will be missed by all. He had such a passion for her family. In the latest years, we didn't talk as much but she was always excited to see her grandchildren and children. She was such a good mom. Joe's family was her family, not the family she was born in to but she loved everyone so much. I am so glad we got to have lunch a few months ago. We have been friends since we were 15 and she was certainly my soul sister. So many good memories. Whenever we talked, we picked up right where we left off. She was full of energy and love. A loyal friend to all. My condolences to all of her family. Sending hugs and prayers to all of you. May she rest in peace, and I know her spirit will live on.

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**mary dean** - August 27, 2024 at 02:33 PM

LR

“Love, Angela and Rod purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Debra Denise Blake.



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**Love, Angela and Rod** - August 27, 2024 at 09:17 AM

EA

“Elizabeth A. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra Denise Blake.

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**Elizabeth A.** - August 27, 2024 at 08:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Debra Denise Blake.



August 27, 2024 at 07:35 AM



“ *Sedalia Elementary Cross Cat Units* purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Debra Denise Blake.



**Sedalia Elementary Cross Cat Units** - August 26, 2024 at 05:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Debra Denise Blake.



August 26, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ *With Love, Kris & Kim Goleash & Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra Denise Blake.

**With Love, Kris & Kim Goleash & Family** - August 26, 2024 at 04:08 PM

RN

“ Rick and Donna Nichols purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Debra Denise Blake.



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**Rick and Donna Nichols** - August 26, 2024 at 03:45 PM

RN

“ Rick and Donna Nichols planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra Denise  
Blake.

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**Rick and Donna Nichols** - August 26, 2024 at 03:45 PM

DK

“ Debbie always had a gift of energizing any room she entered. She  
will be truly missed. My deepest condolences to Joe, their children  
and grandchildren. May the Lord comfort their hearts and give them  
peace.

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**Deborah Kloeppner** - August 26, 2024 at 03:18 PM

PT

“ Plant City Teammates planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra Denise  
Blake.

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**Plant City Teammates** - August 26, 2024 at 01:14 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Debra Denise Blake.*



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August 26, 2024 at 01:14 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Debra Denise Blake.*



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August 26, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra Denise Blake.*



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August 26, 2024 at 11:28 AM



“ *From your Manassas Teammates. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra Denise Blake.*

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**From your Manassas Teammates.** - August 26, 2024 at 11:28 AM

MF

“ *Michael and Mary Catherine Carle Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Debra Denise Blake.*



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**Michael and Mary Catherine Carle Family** - August 25, 2024 at 01:00 PM

WB

“ *Wayne, Tamera and boys purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Debra Denise Blake.*



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**Wayne, Tamera and boys** - August 24, 2024 at 09:23 AM

MD

“ *Mike and Dena purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Debra Denise Blake.*



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**Mike and Dena** - August 24, 2024 at 08:26 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Debra Denise Blake.*



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August 23, 2024 at 06:33 PM

JW

“ *My deepest sympathy to Joseph and his family. 🙏🙏🙏*

Joan Oliver Wultsch - August 23, 2024 at 03:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra Denise Blake.*



August 23, 2024 at 02:44 PM

KG

“ *Karen & Brice Gharst purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Debra Denise Blake.*



Karen & Brice Gharst - August 23, 2024 at 02:04 PM

LS

“ *Debbie's going to be deeply missed. She came into our family into at 17 years old. She definitely was like another sister. She made life very interesting through the years and we grew closer as we got older. She's going to be deeply missed by all the Siebieda family. Prayers and hugs to my brother Joseph and all his children and grandchildren. Love, Larry and Lillian*

Lillian and Larry Siebieda - August 23, 2024 at 02:04 PM