



Ms. Debbie Kaye DeVaney Lewis

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Debbie was born into this world on March 5, 1956. She was born to parents Ray and Phyllis DeVaney. She grew up in Rockwood, TN, in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. She began working at an early age, was a saxophone player, and a majorette in high school. She graduated from Rockwood High School in 1973. She was then off to travel the world with the \$500 she had saved from working. She moved as far away as she could from her hometown, which landed her in Hawaii, 7000 miles away from her hometown. She fell in love with a man, who would become her first husband, Leighton Kipilii (who preceded her in death). Soon after, they had a beautiful daughter, Keanuenu, which means, “the rainbow with all its colors.” Kea was the light of their lives.

Debbie put herself through nursing school while she worked as a certified nurse’s technician while in the beautiful state of Hawaii. She had a zest for life. Debbie worked as a nurse for 30+ years. She made many friends in those years. She loved her career, though it was difficult and sad at times. She developed bonds with staff members, patients, and their families. She was a caretaker to many with a heart so big that she would do anything to help people she knew and even those she didn’t. She frequently gave to the Nashville Rescue Mission, the Salvation Army, and American Retarded Citizens. She loved to cook and bake. Gardening was another of her passions. She loved to sit outside on a beautiful day with her life partner, Roy, while they had cold drinks, comfort foods, and listen to the oldies. She and Roy devoted 18 happy and loving years of their lives to each other.

After calling Nashville her home for the last 30+ years and with being a nurse for even longer, the family would like to give all those who knew and loved her a chance to come together and remember all the good times, humorous moments, share loving thoughts, and words of encouragement with the family. Please join us in celebrating her amazingly, beautiful life this Friday, March 2nd, 2018 from 1-3pm at Spring Hill Funeral Home in Madison, TN with a Celebration of Life to begin at 3pm. The family would be honored for those that knew and loved



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her to come celebrate her memory, to love, laugh, reminisce, shed a few tears, and remember together her beautiful life.

As she has now joined so many others in Heaven such as Kea's father, Leighton Kipilii; her loved ones that remain on this side must go on with life without her. We continue to ask for prayers and positive thoughts for her life partner and best friend, Roy A. Moore III; loving daughter, Keanuenu Kipilii; devoted son-in-law, confidant, and business partner, Marq Peoples; caring son, Maurice Little; loving grand babies, Jaden Brooks, Justis Brooks, Jizella Brooks, Maison Peoples, and Markell Little; along with parents, Ray and Phyllis DeVaney; brother, Craig (Katie) DeVaney; and sister, Kim (Darrell) Cates; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews scattered from Tennessee to Hawaii and throughout the US.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home, 5110 Gallatin Rd., Nashville, TN 37216. 615-865-1101.




Events


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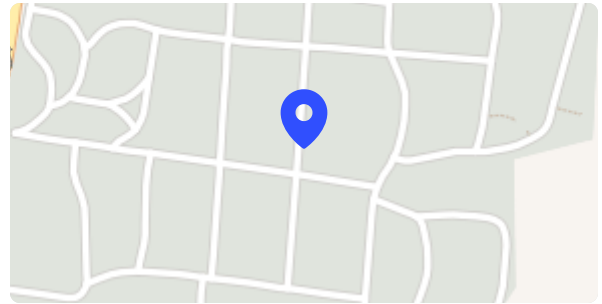
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Visitation

 **Friday**, March 2, 2018


 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT


 **Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216

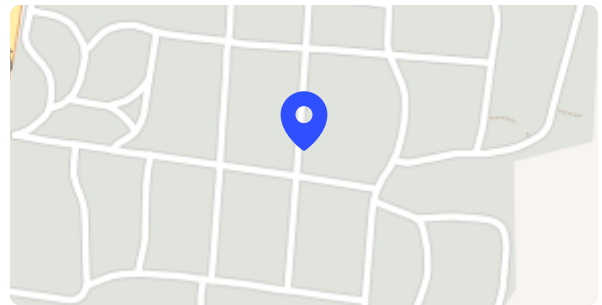


Celebration of Life Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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MV

May Voegele posted:

I had worked with her for years on weekends at the nursing home. We would talk on the phone. She was a dear friend of mine. there was time her and Roy lived up the hill from me. I have moved 2 years ago to Bloomington,MN May Voegele

March 8 at 3:43 PM

KK

Keanuene Kipilii lit a candle in honor of Debbie.



March 6 at 7:12 AM

AJ

Anne Jones lit a candle in honor of Debbie.



March 2 at 2:38 AM



Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the DeVaney Lewis family.



March 1 at 4:16 PM

RK

Rosemary Korstad posted:

We love you and will miss your beautiful smile. Thank you for all you did to make life so happy for our Kathy. Be at peace and rest.Rosemary and Tim Korstad.

March 1 at 2:21 PM

SM

Sallie Murray lit a candle in honor of Debbie.



March 1 at 1:22 PM



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JC

Jo Conway lit a candle in honor of Debbie.

March 1 at 7:37 AM



JC

Jo Conway posted:

I, have known Debbie from Tennessee Christian Medical Center and Skyline Madison Campus since we worked together on the same unit. The last time I spoke with her was on 2/16/18 since she helped me to make a phone call for a patient. Did not know this was the last time I will see her. She was always ready help and always have a smile on her face. She will be missed. My condolences to Roy and her family. I will keep you in my prayers during this difficult time. Sincerely. Jo Conway

March 1 at 7:34 AM

SJ

Sandy Jordan lit a candle in honor of Debbie.

March 1 at 5:43 AM



GN

Grace Nisperos lit a candle in honor of Debbie.

March 1 at 5:09 AM



AV

Anita Vaughn lit a candle in honor of Debbie.

February 28 at 5:30 PM



IW

Inas W. lit a candle in honor of Debbie.

February 28 at 3:25 PM





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BA

B.J. Allgood lit a candle in honor of Debbie.

February 28 at 7:27 AM



BM

Brenda Arkin, Jamma Law, Alan Flatt & Jim Mottillo sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the DeVaney Lewis family.

February 27 at 11:54 PM



DS

Donna - Shorty posted:

I loved working with her all these years will deeply miss her

February 27 at 11:38 AM

CC

Cheryl Conner lit a candle in honor of Debbie.

February 27 at 7:02 AM



Gloria Moore posted:

Debbie I will sadly miss you..I remember our phone calls and texts messages ending in 'Luv U Sis..and me replying back to you..Luv U Moore..miss you always..Gloria

February 27 at 6:42 AM

MP

Marcia Patterson posted:

We were a close knit family at Madison. I have never forgotten my family there. Debbie was one to bring laughter. All the jokes and pranks she, Joanie myself and Marcy Batey played on each other, brings back so many fond memories. I will truly miss her smile, warm and caring heart. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Now fly home my beautiful friend. Marcia Patterson

February 27 at 6:23 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Debbie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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