

Remembering the Life of...

Deborah Anderson, 65, of rural Evansville, Minnesota, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

Deborah Leigh Pavek was born August 25<sup>th</sup> 1957 in Minneapolis, MN to J. Roland and Yvonne (Yantes) Pavek. She graduated from Watertown-Mayer High School in 1975 and attended college at the University of Minnesota in St Paul, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education.

In 1981 she moved to Evansville, MN where she taught high school ag and shop classes. During that time, she met Bradley Anderson of rural Evansville. They later married on July 16<sup>th</sup> 1982, settling down on the Anderson family farm in Lund Township, with Debbie helping Brad on the farm and together raising 5 children.

Debbie served as Secretary of Faith Lutheran Church in Evansville for many years, retiring after her cancer diagnosis in 2020. She was known for her 'Church Mouse' and other devotional writings. Debbie's tireless devotion to her faith, family, and community was recognized by all that knew her. Debbie enjoyed spending time with her family, telling stories, reading and writing, cross-stitch and quilting, as well as completing many sudoku & jig-saw puzzles.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Yvonne "Wally" Henning, Rollie and Barb Pavek, Arlo Henning, Burton and Margaret Anderson; and sister-in-law LaVay Anderson.

Debbie is survived by her husband, Bradley of Evansville; children, Laura (Shawn) Plowman of Brookings, SD, Hannah Anderson of Evansville, Reuben (Cora Risbrudt) Anderson of Ashby, Rachel (Andy) Berry of Littlefork, Aaron (Ruth) Anderson of Park Rapids; grandchildren, Siri and Amos Anderson; siblings, Beckie (Brian) Henning, Bradley (Beda) Pavek, Burton (Jenifer) Pavek, Beth (Tim) Pettit, Sarah Pavek; step siblings, Carol (Tony) Henning, Cheri (Craig) Byers, Arthur Ingham; brothers-and sisters-in-law, Luther (Ardelle) Anderson, Dennis Anderson, Burnell (Bonnie) Anderson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Blessed be the memory of Deborah L. Anderson.

*"We love you Ma"*



**Deborah Leigh (Pavek) Anderson**

Hi my Family & Friends,

9-17-2020

I may not be able to send you weekly notes for a while. I am hoping you will at least get the bulletin. This past Monday I got the news that I have colon Cancer and it has spread into my liver. Wednesday, I had a liver biopsy, and Friday, Brad & I meet with a surgeon to find out what can be done. It has rocked our world. Please pray for us and our family. We know God has this and we are in His hands --- and His hands are the best.

I've been thinking about a Beth Moore Bible study on Daniel that our Women's group did in 2011. (*Yes, it was good enough that I remember it well.*)

We got to Daniel 3:13-28 --- go read it! It is the story of Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego and the fiery furnace. They were "immediately" thrown in.

I feel like that. I'm sure you all have faced your own fiery furnace experiences in life. They're not welcome to say the least. The next part is quoted from the Bible Study – I wish I'd wrote it. *Italics are mine*

**“Consider 3 different scenarios when people of God face a fiery trial:**

Scenario A: We can be delivered from the fire.

*He is more than able!*

Dividend? Our faith is built.

*Sometimes this isn't long lasting—we can get ho-hum about it.*

Scenario B: We can be delivered thru the fire.

*Fight & pray and knowing God is with us every step of the way thru it.*

Dividend? Our faith is refined.

*Refining needs a fire.*

Scenario C: We can be delivered by the fire straight into His arms.

Dividend? Our faith is perfected.”

I know these things well but they are all tough to process right now. We are all hanging onto Jesus and praying.

One of my favorite Bible verses – the only one I have committed to memory (I am a horrible memorizer!) is Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things thru Christ who gives me strength.”

God's blessings on you all. ~ Debbie :)

*So far, as of September 13, 2022, God has given me 2 years of grace.*

## ***In Loving Memory of Deborah Anderson***

*aka Debbie, Debs, Mom, Ma, Gramma*

August 25, 1957—November 19, 2022

### **Memorial Service**

Saturday, November 26, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.  
Faith Lutheran Church, Evansville, Minnesota

**Officiating** - Reverend Bradley Pearson

### **Favorite Bible Verses**

Hebrews 12:1-2 Philippians 4:13 Romans 8:26-27

### **Music**

Organist - Joyce Engel Song Leader - Deb Berry

### **Congregational Hymns**

*“How Great Thou Art”*

*“Shepherd Me Oh God”*

*“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Recessional - *“Just As I Am”* by Matt Mahr on CD

*“Words enclosed...belt it out if you know it or not!!!”-Debbie*

**Urnbearers** - *“Fight it out! Hehe ☺”-Debbie*

**Interment** - Christina Lake Lutheran Church Cemetery,  
Evansville, Minnesota

**Appreciation** - Debbie's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch & fellowship following the service.

### **Arrangements by**

Glende-Nilson Funeral Home ~ Evansville  
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