



Romans 8:35-39

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or
famine or nakedness or danger or sword?
As it is written: "For your sake we face death
all day long; we are considered as sheep to be
slaughtered." No, in all these things we are
more than conquerors through him who loved
us. For I am convinced that neither death nor
life, neither angels nor demons, neither the
present nor the future, nor any powers, neither
height nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the
love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Debra Joy Newhouse

AUGUST 27, 1966 – SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Services At:

Christian Reformed Church — Hancock, Minnesota
Wednesday — September 21, 2022 — 11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:
Reverend David Dick

Organist:
Carol Evink

Special Music:
Kourtney Schwitters & Kendra Ahrenholz

Pallbearers:
Gage TeBrake, Reed Larson, Abe Larson
Dan Bolluyt, Brian Bolluyt, Jaime Arredondo

Interment:
Lakeside Cemetery
Hancock, Minnesota

*In lieu of sending individual notes,
we would like to take this opportunity to say
a very heartfelt **Thank You**
to everyone for your many acts of kindness
and support during this difficult time.*

Debra Joy Beekman, daughter of Merlyn and Helen (Zylstra) Beekman, was born August 27, 1966 in Willmar, Minnesota. She was baptized at Bunde Christian Reformed Church by Reverend Raymond Graves and made her profession of faith there under Reverend John Vander Lugt. Debra grew up in Erickson Township, rural Sacred Heart, Minnesota. She attended Central Minnesota Christian School in Prinsburg, Minnesota, graduating in 1984. She furthered her education at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan from 1984-1986. She was united in marriage to Harrison Newhouse on January 2, 1986 at Sunshine Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, MI by Reverend Lew Vander Meer. Following their marriage, Debra and Harrison moved to Orange City, IA while Harrison was at seminary. The ministry took their family to several locations throughout Canada and the United States, until settling in Hancock in 2005. Debra was employed by Hancock Public School as a special education aide and bus driver. Debra received her Bachelor's Degree in education at University of Minnesota Morris in 2009, and furthered her education receiving a Master's degree in special education from St. Cloud State University in 2017. Debra taught at Minnewaska Area Day Treatment, Glacial Hills Elementary School and Chokio Alberta Public Schools until her retirement last year. Debra continued to live in Hancock until the time of her death.

Debra was a member of Hancock Christian Reformed Church, involved in church education, taught Sunday School and Kid Connection. Debra was a gifted pianist and organist serving as a church musician since she was 14 years old. She was also involved with Hancock Economic Development. Debra will be remembered as being selfless, always doing everything she could to help others. She blessed everyone who knew her.

Debra passed away Sunday, September 18, 2022, at the age of 56, at Swift County Benson Health Services, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband: Harrison of Hancock; six children: Christine (Wayne Manders) Morris of Andover, Joseph (Laura) Newhouse of Marshall, Jaclyn (Matthew) Swinney of Morris, Hannah (Jeff) Johnson of Alberta, James Newhouse of Hancock and Kathryn Newhouse of Alberta; ten grandchildren: Arianna Morris, Anderson Morris, Alexander Newhouse, Audrey Newhouse, Theodore Newhouse, Gregory Newhouse, Liam Swinney, Patrick Swinney, Kaedra Johnson and Teagan Johnson; her parents: Merlyn and Helen Beekman of Raymond; three sisters: Janel (Yancy) Evenson of Willmar, Aimee (Joel) TeBrake of Raymond and Tonya (Ross) Larson of Willmar; brothers and sisters-in-law: Curt (Linda) Veenstra of Zeeland, MI, John (Paula) Newhouse of Holland, MI, Grace Snickers of Jenison, MI, William (Martha) Van Niejenhuis of Holland, MI and Richard (Emily) Newhouse of Holland, MI and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son: Andrew Newhouse; daughter: Elizabeth Newhouse; parents-in-law: Harry and Jacoba Newhouse; maternal grandparents: Simon and Jennie Zylstra; paternal grandparents: Falko and Frances Beekman; sister-in-law: Ann Veenstra; brother-in-law: Johan Snickers; maternal uncle: LeMar Van Heuveln; paternal aunt: Irma Beekman; niece: Anneke Marek and grand-niece: Myra Ahrenholz.

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