



Debi Caniff

October 21, 1953 - October 23, 2018

Debi Caniff, 65, of Orlando, Florida passed away Tuesday, October 23, 2018. She was born October 21, 1953 in Steubenville, Ohio to Bernard and Ann "Sturgevic" Caniff.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bernard.

She is survived by her sisters: Cindy Caniff, Bernice Coulter, and Shannon (David) Heimburg; brother, Bryan Caniff; step-mother, Sally DiNovo; Nieces: Vanessa Coulter and O.J. Meeks, and Barbie Coulter; Nephew, Kenny Coulter; great-nephew, Gabriel Coulter.

Debi enjoyed traveling, hiking, camping, canoeing, and white water rafting with her friends. When at home she enjoyed gardening. She led a very fulfilling life. Always the optimist. Doing what she enjoyed. Grateful for the wonderful life she was given.

Debi stood up for what she believed in. She was a member of NOW and fought for Planned Parenthood. She was a lifelong advocate for Women's Rights, Human Rights and saving the environment. She was active in politics and fought against 45 and the white supremacists in the White House until she could no longer type, talk or walk. She fought until the end to save the world from 45 and his followers.

She worked as a Project Accountant for PCL Construction before her retirement in 2006. Before retirement she was a member of NAWIC.

If you would like to do something in her memory please make a donation to one of her favorite causes: Planned Parenthood, Cancer Research, Cornerstone Hospice Care or defeating 45.

Tribute Wall

BC

“ *It's been a little over 2 months since my sister passed and i can finally do this....*

My sister and I were normal kids - playing one minute then fighting the next. as we grew we fought less and became friends. Before we were adults we had gone separate ways, her to Florida and me staying in Ohio.

i really wish I could have been with her on her travels and even the roles she took in supporting her beliefs. She was a beautiful person, not only on the out side but truly on the inside and in spirit. Debi stood with many and fought for the underdog. She talked the talk and walked walk. Debi will be remembered by many and loved by them but not as much as i.

She is thought of and loved by me daily - before and always !

love you, Debi

BERNICE P COULTER - January 03, 2019 at 02:43 PM

LT

“ Debi was one of the most committed to her cause people I've ever known. Each Saturday, she always was one of the first to show up to help support the cause. She never missed a day - no matter how hot or cold.

She also was one of the most positive and her smile always kept us rejuvenated.

How she will be missed. I have little doubt that she's rabble rousing support for the cause wherever she may be now.

Go, Debi.

Lois

Lois Tanner - December 05, 2018 at 08:52 PM

SH

“ I had the privilege to not only know Debi as far back as Edgewater but we dated a little too. Call us 'hippies' back then. She did me the favor of a job painting apartments about eight years later when I returned from Pacific University. Then she gave me the greater privilege of taking care of her eyes for the past 30+ years. The first time she called my Office, she played it coy. She asked the Staff many questions...and when they couldn't answer them all I ended up on the phone with what at the time was seemingly a total stranger. She questioned more, eventually laughed, identified herself [I'll bet I blushed] and said that she was trying to figure out if I was still crazy or not before she would further entrust her eyes to me. Her smile - and indeed sparkling eyes - never faded or changed over the years. I shall miss her. I've come to realize that as we age it becomes harder and less often we make lasting friends. I shall remember she stayed true to her principles and beliefs all the years. God speed Debi.

Stan (Ley) Hallock - November 14, 2018 at 07:58 AM



Shannon
Heimburg

“ *Debi was always fighting against racism and sexism and fighting for liberal ideals. She used to get so angry that she would call up the White House or Congresspeople and tell them to fight, damn it! It was admirable. I always thought, "Yeah! Go get 'em, Debi!"*

She had a strong sense of justice, but at the same time, she was always so personable and warm to talk with, even when she disagreed with you. She couldn't be abrasive if she tried. In fact, even when she claimed to be angry, she still seemed to me to be perfectly pleasant and kind. She was always an inspiration to me for her way of telling it like it is in the most gentle manner -- without even realizing it.

She had innate charisma and charm, and it was always so wonderful to be graced by her presence. Every time I read zodiac descriptions of how charming and pleasant libras are, Debi always comes to mind.

It's hard to believe we're now living in a world without Debi in it.

Shannon Heimburg - November 09, 2018 at 02:46 PM

SH

“ *In this one, I'm the little one on the end. Then our maternal grandparents, Sally's parents, (Tony and Sara), our mother (Sally), our grandmother (Josephine), our father (Bernie), our brother (Bryan) (he was always so adorable, you just want to squeeze him!), and Debi is on the floor next to cute little Bryan.*



Shannon - November 06, 2018 at 12:10 PM

DL

“ *Another taken way too soon. She always had a smile, she will always be missed. My thoughts are with you Cindy and your family, I am here for you forever.*

Love, Denise

Denise Langteau - November 06, 2018 at 10:47 AM

CL

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



cleaniff - November 04, 2018 at 06:22 AM

CC

“ *Debi I was so lucky to have you as a sister and a friend. I will always cherish all the time we had together. I love you and will miss you forever.*

*Love Always,
Cindy*

Cindy Caniff - November 02, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ *I will always cherish the time we shared when we worked together at PCL. We were the three musketeers - lots of laughs. Many condolences to her family. She died way too young. We keep Debi and her family and friends in our prayers.*

Beth Murphy - November 02, 2018 at 02:43 PM

CS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Chris Schilling - October 31, 2018 at 09:45 AM

CM

Absolutely beautiful.

Cindy McCall - November 03, 2018 at 04:21 PM

JD

“ *May God hold you close and give you comfort during this time of loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. When I think of Debi, I think of how her eyes sparkled when she smiled. If I can do anything for you please let me know. God bless.*

Judy Davis - October 30, 2018 at 12:24 PM

JM

“ *Debi, you will be missed by all that knew you! We had a lot of adventures over the past 40 years. I think as soon as we met, at work, we knew we would become friends forever. Even though we didn't get to spend much time together, these past few years, I miss you and will never forget you.*

*Love you
Joy McKeon*

Joy McKeon - October 30, 2018 at 10:14 AM

NB

“ We would like to send our sympathy and prayers to Debbie's mother and family. May the Lord be with you.



Nellie Balogac - October 28, 2018 at 02:08 PM

CS

“ Debi was my best friend ever. We went everywhere and did everything together (except she wouldn't ride those mules down into the Grand Canyon) and when our plans got screwed up or we got lost she was all in for an adventure. I'm gonna miss my buddy every single day.

Chris Schilling

Chris Schilling - October 26, 2018 at 03:43 PM

CM

“ Love to all. Debi was a great friend for 30 years. I will always smile when I think of her ❤️ Cindy McCall

Cindy McCall - October 24, 2018 at 04:16 PM