



Debra Ellen Blanner

July 25, 1951 - January 1, 2019

Blanner, Debra Drake, (Debi), 67 of Winter Park, Florida passed away on January 1, 2019.

She was born on July 25, 1951 in Miami, Florida and was a devoted mother, grandmother (Omi), sister, and friend.

Debi dedicated her life to teaching children as a Sunday school teacher, YMCA counselor, tennis, cheerleading, and soccer coach, and a high school German teacher. She taught at Titusville High School for 40 years. During her tenure she received many awards and accolades including Teacher of the Year and Florida Foreign Language Teacher of the Year multiple times. Her German Club was one of the largest in the state and her students excelled during state wide German Language competition. Mrs. (Frau) Blanner was a student favorite and many students attribute their success to her guidance.

Debi is survived by her son Gregory Blanner, his wife Anabell Montes Blanner, grandson Valentine Blanner, two sisters Dale Walker and Renee Phares and her husband Ray. Surviving nieces and nephews include Adam Walker, Ashley Walker and Christopher Phares. She is also survived by cousins

Virginia Bryant, Gordon (G) Drake, Stephanie Curtis Swantrom and Frederick G. Curtis. She was preceded in death by daughter Kelly Blanner and her parents.

A memorial service will be celebrated Saturday January 26, 2019 at 3:00 P.M. at Christ Unity Church in Orlando, FL. The church is located at 771 Holden Ave, Orlando, FL 32839

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Brevard Schools Foundation or the charity of your choice in memory of Debra Blanner.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory 407-695-CARE(2273)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Memorial Service

JAN **26**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Christ Unity Church
717 Holden Avenue
Orlando, FL 32839

Tribute Wall

QK

“ I remember the time I came to visit her during a German 1 class, and I was speaking with Frau (that's what we called her) when a student came up to ask what "I'm sorry" was in German. Before she could speak, I announced "Es tut mir leid" before even thinking. Frau was astonished I actually learned something and she told me how proud she was of me. I wasn't the best German student by any means, so I guess that was to be expected. But it felt good to hear her say that.

Es tut mir leid zu spat zu horen

That's my best recollection of "I'm sorry to hear so late"

Quintin Kerby - January 19, 2021 at 11:53 AM

LD

“ In loving memories of Debbie from the Denson Family 💜



Leon and Rita Denson - January 26, 2019 at 08:22 AM

LG

“ Love, Maria & Richard Hale and the girls purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Debra Ellen Blanner.



Love, Maria & Richard Hale and the girls - January 25, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Debra Ellen Blanner.*



January 24, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ *Theresa Quinn lit a candle in memory of Debra Ellen Blanner*



Theresa Quinn - January 24, 2019 at 12:57 AM



“ *Garry Tinsley and Sue Cook purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Debra Ellen Blanner.*



Garry Tinsley and Sue Cook - January 23, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Debra Ellen Blanner.*



January 22, 2019 at 10:37 AM

TW

“ Debi was such an amazing teacher. She became my mentor her first year of teaching and helped me through tough times as well as the good ones. She was not only my teacher but also a friend. The skies have a new shining star but we here on earth are a little less bright. Rest well...till next time.

Tonya Ann Witt - January 16, 2019 at 06:31 AM

TQ

My heart is sad and broken cuz you left without saying goodbye... your were suppose to call me back. All my love my dearest friend- you have a piece of my heart with you always. Miss you 🥺

Theresa Quinn - January 24, 2019 at 01:05 AM

 Pam
Metcalf

“ Greg and family, my heart is broken for you. Your mom was a wonderful lady and how she loved you. Her light will always be seen in your eyes and in her beloved grandson. My love, thought and prayers are sent to you and yours. Love, Pamea Kelly Metcalf.

Pam Metcalf - January 15, 2019 at 04:33 PM

RS

“ So enjoyed Debbie's company, she brightened our world. She made wonderful German food, and had endless stories. I'm sure heaven is on fast forward with Debbie driving.

Roger Smith - January 15, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra Ellen Blanner.*



January 15, 2019 at 09:42 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Debra Ellen Blanner.*



January 09, 2019 at 08:25 PM



“ *Ich liebe dich Frau! You will be missed.*



D'Angela Harvey - January 05, 2019 at 07:32 PM



“ *Dalelynn Johnston lit a candle in memory of Debra Ellen Blanner*



Dalelynn Johnston - January 05, 2019 at 09:38 AM

KK

“ Our friendship goes back 49 years from Valencia Community College, fraternity parties and one of our Little Sisters, you touched many lives as a teacher and helped nurture future teachers you'll be missed my thoughts and prayers go out to your sister Dale and your son Greg and his family until we met again your friend. Karl Keeton

Karl Keeton - January 04, 2019 at 04:39 PM



“ Nancy Baca lit a candle in memory of Debra Ellen Blanner



Nancy Baca - January 04, 2019 at 02:47 PM



“ My dear Friend, you were loved by so many people! I will miss all our visits and events at the Blanners. Our Holiday trips shopping and to Bealls especially. You always treated Tom and I like family. Who knew going to Curves would develop into a friendship with you and Fran 14 years ago. Well now you have your wings and are getting reacquainted with your family and friends. I am sure we will always see little signs that you are looking over us! Love you like a sister. My heart is broken. like many of your other friends!

Nancy Baca - January 04, 2019 at 02:46 PM

Melii Lopii

“ Debbie, you left many footprints in my heart. No words to thank you for everything you did for me and my family. You will be forever missed and I promise we will never forget you.

Melii Lopii - January 04, 2019 at 02:15 PM

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Lopii

“ *Melii Lopii lit a candle in memory of Debra
Ellen Blanner*



Melii Lopii - January 04, 2019 at 02:14 PM