



Debra S. Desjardins

March 24, 1955 - November 23, 2018

Debra Simko Desjardins died at the age of 63 on November 23, 2018 in Altamonte Springs FL. Born March 24, 1955 in Linz Austria to Susie Bonfini Simko and Andrew Michael "Andy" Simko. Debra attended Mclean High School in Mclean Virginia and after a move to Albuquerque NM she graduated from Albuquerque High School. After graduation she attended the University of Colorado in Boulder CO. where she graduated in 1977. After graduation she attended the Law school at University of Colorado for two years.

Debra moved and worked for an attorney in Washington DC, then moved to Tallahassee, FL. to work for the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers as thier event planner. She then worked for FACC (Florida Association of Community Colleges) as an event planner. Moving to Orlando, FL she then worked for the Florida Nurses Association as an event planner until she became disabled in 1998.

Debra met her husband Robert W Desjardins from Methuen, MA at Epcot in Walt Disney World in 2000. In 2003 they were married at the Ritz Carlton Orlando. Thier love story is like a Disney fairytale.

Debra enjoyed cooking and would send food packages to all her friends and family. She also enjoyed Walt Disney World and visited the parks frequently.

Debra was preceded in death by her parents Susie and Andrew Simko and her sister Andrea Ellinor and her mother and father in-law Marie and Wilfred Desjardins and her sister in-law Lorraine Jackson. In addition to her beloved husband Robert, Debra is survived by her sister Stephanie Simko Weaver and her husband Jim Weaver of Orlando FL. Debra is also survived by her brother and sister in-laws Theresa Lafreniere and her husband, Ronald of Derry, N.H., Richard Desjardins and his wife, Linda of Poinciana, Fla., Roger Desjardins and his wife, Betty of Andover, Mass., Ron Desjardins and his wife, Laura of Derry, N.H. and Donald Jackson of Methuen, MA.; Also survived by her nieces and nephews Andrew Ellinor, Spencer Ellinor, Christopher Desjardins, Cathrine Desjardins, Joshua Desjardins, Corey Desjardins, Scott Grant, Dan Grant, Harrison Desjardins, Broderick Desjardins and Elysia Desjardins. Also survived by a great nephew Luke Desjardins.

Debra Simko Desjardins Celebration of Life service will be held on December 8 at 1:00 pm at DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Avenue
Maitland, FL 32751

Please join us after the service at Caffe Positanos 3030 E Semoran Blvd,
Apopka, FL 32703

The family encourages flower donations to be made for the funeral service, which will be later donated to a hospice facility or charity of their choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory, 9001 N Orlando Ave, Maitland, Florida 32751, 407-695-CARE(2273)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel

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Tribute Wall

SP

“ *We Remember Her (author unknown)*

*When we are weary and in need of strength, when we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember Her.*

When we have a joy we crave to share, when we have decisions that are difficult to make.

When we have achievements that are based on hers, we remember Her.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, at the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember Her.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer, at the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember Her.

At the rising of the flag at the opening of the Magic Kingdom and the firework display and at its setting, we remember Her.

As long as we live, she too will live for she is now a part of us, as we remember Her.

Lovingly, Philip & Stefan

Stefan & Philip - December 08, 2018 at 10:22 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Debra S. Desjardins.*



December 06, 2018 at 09:27 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Debra S. Desjardins.*



November 30, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ *Loving & loved, brilliant & humble, caring & fierce, witty & wise, brave & delicate, compassionate & committed, kind & strong. There simply aren't enough words to describe Debra's amazing spirit. I met her not long after her family suffered the devastating loss of their father. I felt an instant connection to Deb because I believed she thought her cousin and my then-boyfriend was as special and gorgeous as I did. Even with her broken heart, she got on with living & caring for other people. Like her Dad, she was an extraordinary person who had a positive impact on many people. I believe she had a gift of looking into a person's heart to see what was needed & tried her best to provide it. She deserved all the happiness she found when she met Bob & they began their wonderful love story. It's sad & hard to imagine life without her but I know she's a glorious Angel. No training was necessary for her. May perpetual light shine upon you, precious Debra. You are loved and missed.*

Kathy Biery Mills - November 30, 2018 at 06:05 AM

LM

“ Linda Miller purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Debra S. Desjardins.



Linda Miller - November 28, 2018 at 10:17 AM

PB

“ Debra was my cousin and I have many memories of her growing up - especially the times she spent at my parents house and hung out with us. She was always thought of as a super intelligent yet very caring person who embraced her Italian heritage and the traditions we all enjoyed as kids.

I wish her peace and comfort to Robert.

Pete Bonfini

Pete Bonfini - November 28, 2018 at 07:56 AM

JS

“ Deb was one of my best friends in college. I can't remember how we met, but it may have been both of us living in Albuquerque that was the initial connection. We used to play hours and hours of bridge, with her (then) boyfriend Tom and any fourth we could find. Deb made the best spaghetti sauce -ever-, her mother's secret recipe. She had a glorious laugh, full-bodied and very infectious. The world is less bright without her in it. Bob and Stephanie, my condolences to you in this time of loss.

*Jeffry Scott
Sun City, AZ*

Jeffry Scott - November 27, 2018 at 01:15 PM

JR

“ My beautiful friend Deb, oh how you will be missed by so many. You touched the lives of everyone you met. Your love and energy were contagious. We met not much before the picture I posted was taken, over 19 years ago. Although we didn't see each other often I know you kept in touch with me as I did with you and Bob via Facebook and text. I loved you like a sister and I felt that from the first time we met. I will miss you so much. My heart is broken knowing you are no longer on this earth, but my heart feels joy knowing you are no longer in pain. Crazy thing happened today. I have not seen the picture I posted for years and years. I went looking for something totally unrelated and there it was at the top of the box. I believe you put it there for me to find - thank you. You made me smile at that memory. I will miss you forever Deb and I thank you for the huge impact you made on my life.

To Bob and the rest of Deb's family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

With love, Jen Roberts & family



Jen Roberts - November 26, 2018 at 08:26 PM