



Debora Rose "Deb" Kozal

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Ms. Debora Rose "Deb" Kozal, age 56, passed away Sunday, May 29, 2011 at the Mercy VNS Hospice House. She was born November 28, 1954 in Muskegon to Charles A. and Dorothy "Polly" (Wilson) Kozal. Deb attended Western Michigan University, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in education and her Master's degree as a reading specialist, and continued living in the Kalamazoo area for the past 30 years. She taught middle school for 26 years at Bloomingdale Public Schools and was an adjunct professor for Western Michigan University. SURVIVORS include her mother, Polly Kozal of Norton Shores; her siblings, Betty Kurtz (John Stott) of Muskegon, Bill Kozal of Norton Shores, and Flo Predko of Norton Shores; sister-in-law, Margaret Kozal of Roosevelt Park; brother-in-law, Mike Predko of Muskegon; two generations of nieces and nephews; her special friends, Rob & Stassi Pyne and their children of Scotts, MI; and her beloved horse, Fletcher. She was preceded in death by her father, Charles A. Kozal and her brother, Charles A. Kozal, Jr. A Memorial Gathering in Deb's honor will be scheduled at a later date. For those wishing to make an expression of sympathy, please consider the American Cancer Society or Mercy VNS Hospice House. Sign the guestbook on-line at www.sytsemafh.com Arrangements handled by The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 6291 S. Harvey Street (231) 798-1100.



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Anonymous posted:

When Deb started teaching band in Bloomingdale, she was so full of enthusiasm! It seemed to me as if many of the other teachers there didn't like her, and possibly even gave her a hard time. They should have taken notes! My daughter Loved "Miss Kozal", and so did I. She brought a spirit to that school that was sorely lacking, and probably still is! Love You Deb!##imported-begin##Lynn Ashbrook##imported-end##

June 28 at 6:06 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Deb. I'm from Bloomingdale and both my daughter and son were in Deb's classes. I got to know Deb when she taught band at the High School, we had some good times. I'm sorry I hadn't spoken to her in recent years, but my daughter has children still in school here, so every now and then Deb would send a hello thru her. I hope I can find out somehow when her Memorial will be so that we may all attend, I only wish I had tried to see her again. To her family- may your memories carry you through this sad time.##imported-begin##Myra Ross##imported-end##

June 21 at 9:25 PM



Anonymous posted:

Aunt Deb -- I will always love you. I well remember talking about classical music with you, and harmonizing on the piano. You helped me decide to learn to play the viola, which has been one of my life's true loves. You are one of the others. Sending hugs to my entire family from Missouri.##imported-begin##Allyson Handley##imported-end##

June 7 at 12:54 PM



Anonymous posted:

Deb was one of those special people who always made me feel at home. She and I were good friends from the time we met way back in the 60's. Sharing teaching moments is a fond memory. Will love you always, Deb. Rest in peace!##imported-begin##Maggie Kozal##imported-end##

June 6 at 2:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathies go out to Deb's entire family. She was a special person. She always treated Sam and I like cherished members of her family. I am grateful that she was part of our lives. My favorite memory of Deb will always be the time that she demonstrated her horse training-whip to me in Maggie's driveway. Try to imagine her swinging this ten foot long thing around in the setting of Roosevelt Park. A passing utility truck driver stopped and expressed his concern that she was going to use the whip on me! It was quite a sight. love, Scott##imported-begin##Scott Handley##imported-end##

June 6 at 9:31 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Debora Rose "Deb" by
contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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