



Deborah Sue Runyan–Nielsen

November 23, 1956 - May 9, 2018

Deborah Sue Runyan–Nielsen passed away May, 09, 2018

She was born November 23, 1956 to Clarence G and Ella Mae Runyan in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

She met her husband Ken Nielsen in St. George, Utah and they were wed February 14, 2014.

Deborah grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan, attended Fountain Elementary and Central High School and excelled at most subjects. She made many friends of both students and faculty and enjoyed her time with all. One of Deborah's greatest memories was graduating from High School and taking a trip to the Bahamas that she saved for her entire time in High School. Deborah was raised in a Lutheran family but by her own personal choice, she was baptized into the Catholic Church and was a faithful believer.

Deborah was the 5th child in a family of seven children but somehow she always stood out. When she was a tiny child, her father used to stand her in the palm of his hand and walk around the neighborhood. She never fell, just stood there and smiled while her father chatted with friends and neighbors along the way. When she got a bit older she became an outstanding student, was very active in school, and music and led the way for many Junior

Achievement projects.

Deborah is survived by her husband Kenneth Eddy Nielsen, her 2 sons Bobby Watkins, of Boise, Idaho and Benny B Watkins of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Brothers Michael and Timothy, Sisters Victoria, Terri and Cheryl. She is also survived by the many friends and adopted family that she chose while on her journey.


Deborah was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence G. Runyan and Ella Mae (Penny) Runyan and her eldest brother Richard Lee Runyan , her Grandson Marcus Santiago and her first husband Dwayne Watkins.

Deborah chose her own path and also chose people that made her smile, that made her happy, that endeared themselves to her through kindness and good will. She rarely met people she couldn't connect with somehow.

The Family would like to thank the many Drs. And Nurses at Dixie Regional Medical Center for the great care and the tenderness she was shown in her final hours. We would also like to extend a very special Thank You to Christina Santiago for the tender hand she extended to all the friends and family that were able to see Deborah near the end. Christina showed the very kindness that endeared her to Deborah many years ago.

At Deborah's wish, there will be no service. It was her wish that she be cremated and her ashes be spread across the desert southwest on a final motorcycle ride.

Tribute Wall

 Bobby
Watkins

“ *I miss you like crazy mom. This is the worst without a doubt I miss the random phone calls we would do. I luv u mamma and miss you so bad.*

Bobby Watkins - June 30, 2018 at 12:04 PM

 Michael
Runyan

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Michael Runyan - May 16, 2018 at 07:16 PM

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Runyan

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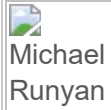
Michael Runyan - May 16, 2018 at 07:14 PM

SE

“ *Serina lit a candle in memory of Deborah Sue Runyan–Nielsen*



Serina - May 15, 2018 at 06:55 PM



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Michael Runyan - May 15, 2018 at 04:47 PM



2 of my favorite girls!! Me mommy and my daughter Raeanna

Bobby Watkins - May 16, 2018 at 06:27 AM



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Bobby Watkins - May 15, 2018 at 01:26 PM



Bobby Watkins - Deborah Sue Runyan Nielsen

Michael Runyan - May 15, 2018 at 02:10 PM



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Bobby Watkins - May 15, 2018 at 01:25 PM

Cheri
Fletcher

“ Oh Sue you are gone way to soon, good times and bad you always had that beautiful smile. I will miss our daily morning chats and the visits at your office in JC, the times we needed a lunch aid at Fountain and you gave up your time to come help and we used that time to catch up on each others life..You are a special lady, a great big sister. You will be forever in my heart.

Cheri Fletcher - May 15, 2018 at 10:05 AM

Amber
Crumback

“ Aunt Debbie. I am still in shock. Please keep your hands above your sons heads... They need you more than ever!! You were a force to be reckoned with! Please find my father in heaven and both of you watch over all of us. Until we meet again. My love always!!! ❤️❤️❤️

Amber Crumback - May 15, 2018 at 02:05 AM

Amber
Crumback

“ Aunt Debbie! You will be forever missed. I am still in shock. You have given me two of the best family members I could ever ask for!!! Your boys. . PLEASE keep your hands upon their heads as they need you now more than ever. We all love and miss you! Until the next time we meet....

Amber Crumback - May 15, 2018 at 01:59 AM

TC

“ Terri Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of
Deborah Sue Runyan–Nielsen



terri cox - May 14, 2018 at 04:57 PM

TC

“ Terri Cox lit a candle in memory of Deborah Sue Runyan–Nielsen



terri cox - May 14, 2018 at 04:54 PM

Bobby Watkins

“ Mom there is no way I could forget anything about you. This is gonna be so hard for me to accept. I'm gonna miss you so much I can already hear your voice and I don't ever wanna lose that. I couldn't ever ask for another mom you have always been there for me for whatever reason. I love you always and forever till I see you again mom.

Bobby Watkins - May 14, 2018 at 04:42 PM

Michael Runyan

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Michael Runyan - May 14, 2018 at 03:16 PM

CR

“ Cheryl Runyan lit a candle in memory of
Deborah Sue Runyan–Nielsen



Cheryl Runyan - May 14, 2018 at 02:12 PM

CB

“ *Deb: You will so missed. Your great smile. Your willingness to help anyone any time. I will miss all the great times we shared. Lake Powell and many camping trips, my wedding day and the 14 years at Sun River. Many, many co-friends. Gone way to soon, my dear friend. Love you, Carol*

Carol Boisvert - May 14, 2018 at 12:39 PM