



Debbie Darlene (Smith) Catron

October 22, 1956 - December 17, 2018

Debbie Darlene (Smith) Catron, 62, of New Castle, went to her heavenly home to be with the Lord, Monday, December 17, 2018 while surrounded by her loving family at her home.

She was born on a bright Monday afternoon at her grandparent's home, Paul and Pauline Aker in Carthage on October 22, 1956 to Virginia B. "Sally" Smith and the late Kenneth Earl Smith.

Debbie was a graduate of Knightstown High School in 1975 and played the clarinet in Carthage Jr. Sr. High Band. She was a member of the 4-H Ripley Needletwisters Club for nine years. While still young, Debbie played on the Knightstown Women's Softball Team and won the 1981 MVP during the All-Star game.

She worked at RCA for three years and decided that factory work was not her calling. She worked to be a Tupperware Manager for five years and led a successful unit. She promoted her mother, Sally Smith as Tupperware Manager during that time. Debbie's unit received the #1 Rookie Unit trophy for quarterly sales from July to December 1983 and she received #19 in sales for the same quarter at Tupperware International home in Orlando, Florida. Her next 28 years of employment was working for the state of Indiana, at the Department of Public Welfare in 1987, the New Castle State Developmental

Center until it closed in 1998, and then for the Indiana Department of Health as an accountant. She returned to New Castle from Indianapolis to spend the next 15 year at the Correctional Training Institute, which she truly enjoyed.

Debbie was on the cradle roll and attended Wesleyan Methodist Church in Carthage. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Carthage where she was saved and baptized and served as the Sunday school teacher and was a Junior Church helper. She loved playing gospel music for His Glory. Debbie learned to play the mandolin in Kentucky one weekend and played with the Catron Family at churches, nursing homes and in homes in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana. She also enjoyed playing gospel music with her husband, Jack, and others at Raintree Square and several nursing homes in New Castle, including Glen Oaks Health Campus, The Waters, Heritage House, Green Tree and Stonebrooke. Her favorite places to play were the Greensboro Nazarene Church and Pilgrim Holiness Fellowship Halls. Debbie joyfully served for 11 years as the Sunday School Secretary for the Pilgrim Holiness Church, where she loved her church family. She enjoyed the Women of Worth meetings and was on the retreat planning committee.

Of the 35 states that she visited, her favorite vacation spots included Montana, sitting around the campfire playing music and going to the Pilgrim Family Church Camp. Debbie enjoyed baking, cooking, knitting, cross-stitching, quilting, comping, working jig saw puzzles and bowling with the Women's Monday night team and received the 1990 Best Improved with Handicap. Jack and Debbie organized the Goodson Catron Family Reunion for 18 years. She was an Amateur Radio Operator KB9LEU. She loved being with family and friends and prayed for each one daily. Debbie accepted the Lord as her Savior and is looking on the streets of glory for you to join her in heaven.

Those left to cherish Debbie's memory include her husband, Andrew "Jack"

Catron; her mother, Sally Smith of Knightstown; her heart children, Kathy Sue (Arlie) Stroud of Darby, Montana, Jack Lee Catron of Belgrade, Montana, Max Homer Catron and Karen Catron both of New Castle; 16 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one brother, Jack Lynn Grizzell (friend, Lisa Neal) of New Castle; two sisters, Tammy Jo Chew of Knightstown and Cindy Jane (husband: Dave) McGinnis of Greenfield; a brother-in-law, Omer (wife: Janet) Catron of Oklahoma City, OK; three sisters-in-law, Mae (husband: Harlan) Sannes of Rockwell, NC, Gladys James of Alamogordo, NM and Marie Antrobus of New Castle; two uncles; several nieces and nephews and a special sister friend, Vicky Catron of Corvallis, Montana.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Smith; two sons, Gerald Allen Catron and Scott Ray Catron; a grandson, Gregory Jones; grandparents, Paul and Pauline Aker, and two sisters, Judy Ann Langley and Loretta Kay Penn.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Friday, December 21, 2018 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Rev. Don Raines officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 4 - 8 pm Thursday at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Debbie Catron.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
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Service

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Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Miss you* ”



Karen Catron - December 14, 2019 at 05:28 AM

AW

“ *Andrea Whigum lit a candle in memory of Debbie Darlene (Smith) Catron* ”



Andrea Whigum - March 26, 2019 at 07:52 AM

GB

“ *Greg Boggs lit a candle in memory of Debbie Darlene (Smith) Catron* ”



Greg Boggs - December 21, 2018 at 09:18 PM

BA

“ *Becky Aker lit a candle in memory of Debbie Darlene (Smith) Catron* ”



Becky Aker - December 21, 2018 at 06:42 PM

KW

“ *Deb is pure love! She was the most precious Mother and Friend. She was a true blessing in my life. She was a bright caring soul with the most infectious laugh and smile. I’m going to miss your loving hugs. I will see you at the golden gates of heaven , until then I’ll cherish your memories and all you were to myself and so many others. Loved By Kathy*



Kathy Walker - December 21, 2018 at 10:52 AM

EH

“ *May you be at peace now, in the hands and comfort of your savior , her will comfort you and protect you from worldly pain..... Your commitment and dedication to your Lord will now forever be rewarded.*

You shared, rejoiced and celebrated the Lord with many and those even fallen, your courage, love and faith through Christ led many to follow in your foot steps. While we will miss you here, your celebration will continue on in his arms forever. Your kindness, humanity and love for your fellow mankind will be remember by everyone that knew you.

Your work is done, your time has come, celebrate, listen to his glory, shine in his light rejoice in his presentence for he will welcome you with open arms.....

Thank you for all you have done for us, those left behind will be comforted knowing you are with your Lord and Savior now.....

Brother in Christ

Eddie Hager

Eddie Hager - December 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM

SD

“ Sharon Dickinson-Miller lit a candle in memory of Debbie Darlene (Smith) Catron



Sharon Dickinson-Miller - December 21, 2018 at 09:13 AM

SD

“ Debbie was the sweetest kindest person I have ever known. She never said a bad word about anyone, even when they deserved it. It was a pleasure to work with Debbie at CTI. Always a smile on her face. You will be missed Debbie. Love, Sharon

Sharon Dickinson-Miller - December 21, 2018 at 09:12 AM

RM

“ I will never forget the Thursday night singing and playing. Jack, you and Debbie were so kind to me and I will miss her greatly. So sorry for your loss and may Jesus see you through this hard time.



Robin McGee - December 20, 2018 at 09:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debbie Darlene (Smith) Catron.



December 20, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - December 20, 2018 at 11:04 AM

DO

“ Don lit a candle in memory of *Debbie Darlene (Smith) Catron*



Don - December 20, 2018 at 01:47 AM

BM

“ *Debbie I'll remember you saying to me the other day saying later gator I'm going to miss you more than anyone knows you were the sweetest person I ever knew you are a very special angel in heaven playing your mandolin and singing will miss you terribly you were my best bff in the whole world just keep watch over me as my special angel love you forever love Barb*

Barbara Martin - December 19, 2018 at 10:45 PM

PH

“ *Jack Sending Love And Prayers For Your Family .Debbie Was So Nice And Kind .She Will Be Missed .Love And Prayers .Paul Doris And Family .*

paul hill - December 19, 2018 at 08:35 PM

LW

“ Love, Jim and Debby Wilkinson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Debbie Darlene (Smith) Catron.



Love, Jim and Debby Wilkinson - December 19, 2018 at 02:41 PM

DS

“ She was such a sweet person and the best aunt I could have ask for. She will be forever missed. Debbie and Steve Springer

Debbie Springer - December 19, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ 99 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - December 19, 2018 at 01:25 PM

WF

“ With much love, Gladys, Cindy, and family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Debbie Darlene (Smith) Catron.



With much love, Gladys, Cindy, and family - December 19, 2018 at 12:45 AM

BM

“ Barbara Martin lit a candle in memory of Debbie Darlene (Smith) Catron



Barbara Martin - December 18, 2018 at 09:51 PM

BM

“ Debbie you will always be my bff I'll always love and miss you you will always be in my heart and mind I'm so happy you were my best friend ever love ya always Barb your buff ❤️

Barbara Martin - December 18, 2018 at 09:50 PM

LS

“ Debbie was my best friend , we had good times when we was young, went to school together, went to church and then I moved away, we lost time, we wrote letters , though. I will miss her greatly, Love you , Your friend of 50 years, Linda (Thompson)Sexton.



Linda Sexton - December 18, 2018 at 08:35 PM



“ *I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of Debbie Darlene (Smith) Catron.*



December 18, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ *Debbie was a true Sweetheart. We became friends at the Greensboro Fellowship Hall playing and singing bluegrass. She ALWAYS made me feel special and I knew she was sincere. She will be greatly missed, but wow what a legacy and testament of being a true Christian she was. I'll meet you Debbie "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" 😍*



Cheryl Fox - December 18, 2018 at 07:16 PM



“ *Really Going to miss Debbie. She has always made me laugh and had the biggest heart. Love you cousin!*

janie - December 18, 2018 at 07:15 PM



“ *Earl Shaw lit a candle in memory of Debbie Darlene (Smith) Catron*



Earl Shaw - December 18, 2018 at 05:56 PM



“ God has got him a beautiful Angel, who will be playing music, singing and praising God from now on. The few years we got to know her and Jack they were like family and she enjoyed playing Rack-o, singing, playing music, spending time with her family and friends among other things. She was there to help others no matter how hard the job may of been and love God no matter what.

Debbie Mary and I will miss you, but we know your in a better place praising God and not hurting.

Love You,

Earl and Mary Shaw

Earl Shaw - December 18, 2018 at 05:56 PM