



Deborah Ruth Riggs

February 19, 1953 - July 7, 2022

Deborah Ruth Riggs, 69, of New Castle, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at Stonebrooke Rehabilitation Center.

She was born on February 19, 1953 in Ft. Benning, Georgia, a daughter of the late Alfred Lee and Ruth Ann (O'Brien) Hale.

Debbie was a 1971 graduate of Union High School. She married the love of her life, Rev. Mark Riggs, on December 31, 1974, and together they enjoyed 40 years of marriage until his passing in 2015. Debbie graduated from IU East in 1986 with a degree in nursing. She was a Registered Nurse and Director of Nursing at Regency Place in Greenfield for several years. Debbie also worked at several other local nursing centers. Debbie courageously battled MS for 35 years which eventually forced her to retire from nursing. As a pastor's wife, Debbie became part of many churches and loved serving in that role. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in New Castle and enjoyed ministering to students.

Those left to cherish Deborah's memory include her two sons, Michael Riggs of Louisville, KY and Matthew Riggs (Adriana Kinsler) of Chicago, IL; three brothers, Montie (Patty) Hale of Greenfield, Mark Alan (Mary) Hale of Losantville and Ian (Kellie) Frazier of Echo Bay, Canada; two sisters, Diana Jo (Kent) Moore of Mooreland and Marcia (John) Riggs of Zambia, Africa, and

several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews, including a very special great-niece, Harper Wilson, who loved her “Mamaw Debbie.”

In addition to her parents, Debbie was preceded in death by her husband, Mark Riggs; a sister, Denise Ankrom; a brother, Michael Hale, and by her in-laws, Jean and Patty Riggs.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 pm Monday, July 11, 2022 at Grace Baptist Church with Pastor Brian Neal officiating. Burial will follow in Green Hills Memory Gardens.

The funeral service will be live-streamed at 2:00 pm Monday. You may view by Clicking Here (<https://www.facebook.com/gbcncin>).

Friends may call from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm and 30 minutes prior to the service Monday at the church.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Henry Community Hospice and Stonebrooke Rehabilitation Center.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the Baptist Bible Fellowship International Missions in support of John and Marcia Riggs. Donate by Clicking Here (<https://donate.bbfimissions.com/>) or to the MS Foundation Click Here (<https://msfocus.org/Donate.aspx>). You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Deborah Ruth Riggs.

Cemetery Details

Green Hills Memory Gardens

3578 W State Road 38
New Castle, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace Baptist Church
2649 Q Ave
New Castle, IN 47362

Visitation

JUL 11. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Baptist Church
2649 Q Ave
New Castle, IN 47362

Service

JUL 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Baptist Church
2649 Q Ave
New Castle, IN 47362

Tribute Wall

VG

“ *We are so sorry for your loss.*

Victor and Michelle Goudy - July 20, 2022 at 01:30 PM

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Victor and Michelle Goudy - July 20, 2022 at 01:29 PM

JP

“ *So sorry for your loss.
I'm sorry I am not able to attend services for Debbie. I will be with you all in my thoughts and will watch online. Hugs to you all.*

Judy Kendall Pierce - July 11, 2022 at 11:18 AM

BB

“ *To my best friend all through 8th grade on through high school. We had some great times together. Rest in peace sweet girl. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Barbara Bennett - July 11, 2022 at 07:28 AM

DR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My sympathy to your family.



Donna Ragan - July 10, 2022 at 08:41 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah Ruth Riggs.



July 08, 2022 at 07:32 PM

SS

“ Sydney&luther Snedegar lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ruth Riggs



sydney&luther snedegar - July 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM