



Deborah Ruth Spaulding

October 21, 1947 - February 5, 2022

Deborah Ruth Spaulding, 74, of New Palestine, went home to be with the Lord on the afternoon of Saturday, February 5, 2022, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis following a month and a few days of illness.

She was born October 21, 1947, in Indianapolis, Indiana, a daughter of the late Howard and Leona Louise (Hopkins) Jones.

Debbie began playing the piano at age four, and music would play an important role throughout her life. She was one of 39 members of her family to attend Olivet Nazarene University, where she sang in the Orpheus Choir and graduated in 1969. Debbie earned her master's degree in Music Education at Butler University and was a music teacher for 39 years for Indianapolis Public Schools. Debbie was well-known for her outstanding Christmas plays at school. A highlight musically for Debbie was writing music for the song "I Hoped for an Angel" and recording it in Nashville, TN, at Watershed Recording Studio. Debbie was a long-time member of the Indianapolis First Church of the Nazarene, where she served as the church pianist for over 29 years.

Debbie became a Christian early in her life and enjoyed promoting and sharing her faith with others. She was very smart, strong, and assertive but also tender-hearted and cared deeply for others.

On August 12, 1967, Debbie married the love of her life, Max Spaulding, and together they enjoyed over 54 years of marriage. She was a wonderful wife, mother, mamaw, and friend.

Those left to cherish Debbie's memory include her loving husband, Max Spaulding; two children, Brandon Spaulding of New Palestine and Shelley (James) Goodall of Cumberland; three grandchildren, Kaylynn Spaulding, Brenden Spaulding, and Anthony Goodall; two sisters, Ella (Dave) Elwood of Columbus and Mary Martinson of Green Bay, WI, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Indianapolis First Church of the Nazarene, 9401 E. 25th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, with Rev. Stan Martin officiating. Interment will follow at Washington Park East Cemetery.

Friends may call from 5 – 8 pm Friday at the church.

Arrangements are in the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle.

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

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

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 East Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Church of the Nazarene
9401 E 25th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I taught across the hall from Deb at School 46 for many years. I loved her many music programs.

Susan White - February 17, 2022 at 05:12 PM

LK

“ Family. We love you Max, Brandon and Shelley and you are in our prayers.

Linda Bright Keely - February 11, 2022 at 10:20 PM

LK

“ We met when we were just girls of 10 and 12 at church. We got to singing on Sunday evenings and would often go to each other's homes after church on Sunday mornings to practice during the afternoon. She played the piano beautifully at a young age. We'd catch up with each other through the years as I moved around the Midwest. I'll see you in Heaven my sweet childhood friend. Rest well and be at peace. You haved a wonderful

Linda Bright Keely - February 11, 2022 at 10:13 PM

JD

“ We are so sorry to hear of this great loss for this family. I know she loved all of her family & friends.



Joe & Tonya Dyer - February 11, 2022 at 05:50 PM

PA

“ *The Spaulding's have been neighbors to us for over 40 years. I have great memories of Debra's mother living with them and caring for the family. She was a wonderful woman too and I know that the entire family has learned from that Godly woman. Sending love and prayers to her in heaven and to the family left behind. Peggy and Joe Arnett*

peggy arnett - February 11, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Deborah Ruth Spaulding.*



February 11, 2022 at 11:19 AM



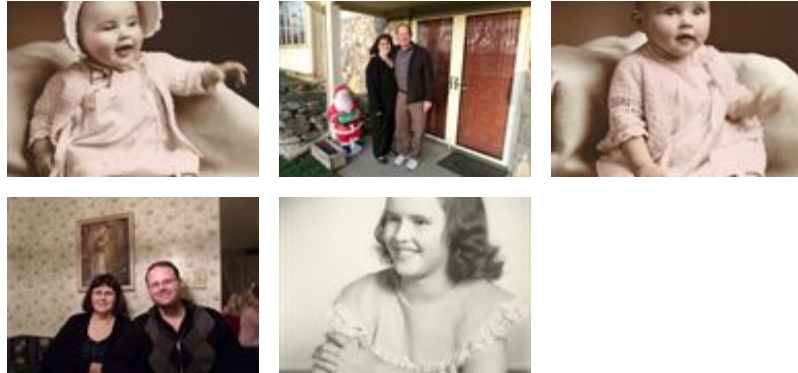
“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah Ruth Spaulding.*



February 10, 2022 at 11:21 PM



“ 162 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - February 10, 2022 at 09:41 PM

GM

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Spaulding family. Deb was such a talented music teacher and I was fortunate enough to teach with her at IPS#46. Thinking of you at this difficult time.*

Gayle Martz

Gayle Martz - February 10, 2022 at 06:54 PM

JE

“ *Janice, Karen, Ryan, Tom, Emily, Ellie purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Deborah Ruth Spaulding.*



Janice, Karen, Ryan, Tom, Emily, Ellie - February 09, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Deborah Ruth Spaulding.



February 09, 2022 at 02:53 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Deborah Ruth Spaulding.



February 09, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Deborah Ruth Spaulding.



February 09, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of Deborah Ruth Spaulding.



February 09, 2022 at 01:08 PM



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



February 09, 2022 at 12:34 PM