



## Deborah Ann O'Hara

July 21, 1952 - August 2, 2018

Deborah Ann O'Hara (Higginbotham), age 66, passed away on Thursday, August 2, 2018 in Fort Myers, FL.

Debi was born in Decatur, Georgia on July 21, 1952 to Joseph and Nellie Ann (Mac Millan) Higginbotham. She grew up in Georgia and attended Tallulah Falls School. Debi met her late husband, Peter O'Hara, on a plane while traveling to Europe. The couple got married and moved to New Milford, CT to raise their family.

Debi worked as a nurse and a travel agent for many years. She and Pete had a great love for traveling the world and taking cruises, and they shared that love of travel with their family. Debi loved Christmas and made every effort to make it a special time for everyone else. She also loved her dogs, spending time with her grandchildren, swimming, and the beach. Debi had recently achieved the dream she and her late husband had of retiring in Florida.

Debi is survived by her mother, Nellie Ann Higginbotham of Oxford, GA; her

children, Shannon Rodgers and her husband, Michael Rodgers, of Hyde Park, VT, and Daniel O'Hara and his wife, Lindsay Furlong-O'Hara, of Winooski, VT; her grandchildren, Stella and Weylyn Rodgers; and many nephews, cousins, and friends. Debi is predeceased by her husband, Peter; her father, Joseph; and her siblings, Sterling and Cindi.

For those who knew Debi, they likely knew of her affinity for collecting nutcrackers. The family would like to offer family and friends the opportunity to have one of Debi's nutcrackers to remember her by. Please reach out to Daniel or Shannon if you are interested.

No services are scheduled at this time, but the family will be planning a small celebration of life for Debi sometime in the fall. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary (<http://www.noahs-ark.org>). Donations may be made online, delivered in person, or mailed to: Noah's Ark, Attn: Donor Services, 712 L G Griffin Road, Locust Grove, GA 30248.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Ann O'Hara*

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October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Deborah Ann O'Hara*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Debi's passing. We met back in CT when our kids were in 4-H and I was one of the 4-H Horse Club leaders of the Brookfield Big Buckers Debi was one of those great parents - always involved & always willing to help out ... no matter what the club was doing. And we did a lot! On the local, County & State levels. I'll never forget the club program Debi helped with - decorative grape vine wreaths! I could not get itt ... needed special remedial classes. Debi was a kind, sincere, caring & fun loving individual. She touched many lives and will be greatly missed. Hugs & love to her family.*

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**DJ Douglas** - August 10, 2018 at 08:28 PM

AN

“ It still hasn't sunk in Debi. Thank you so much for the trips you planned that I'll remember until we meet again. You were always there, you were a true friend and a great listener. You put up with my smart a\$\$ comments and you encouraged me to do the best I could in whatever goal I strived for. You're the one who encouraged me to work toward my FAA Private Pilot. I'll miss you Debi and I hope you know just how much I loved you.



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**Anthony** - August 10, 2018 at 04:17 PM

MJ

“ Words cannot express how I felt when I learned that Debi was no longer with us. I am heartbroken. There are so many memories of our friendship beginning with the Tallulah Falls School days to our Atlanta adventures of enjoying the 70's. She met Pete and was literally "in heaven". Both were so much in love. Debi and her family were good to me and treated me as if I were a member of their family. I will always be grateful. And Debi, she was one of a kind-- funny, caring, thoughtful, loved to have a good time, and kind to everyone she met. A special person! Just so happy that she at least was able to enjoy a few months relaxing on the beach in Florida. Sad that our plans to get-together were cut short but I will see her again someday! Will miss you my dear friend. Thank you for always being there for me. Peace and comfort for the family. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

*Missy Jarrott  
Savannah, Georgia*

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**Missy Jarrott** - August 07, 2018 at 11:13 AM

LC

“ I know you will be with me as I race at OOB Maine in a couple weeks. You’re the spark that triggered the flame that’s is now my Tri journey.



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**leslie chadwell** - August 07, 2018 at 10:08 AM

RL

“ Debi, my cousin, but you and Cindi were more like sisters, you will be greatly missed. Enjoyed our talks and texts especially in the last few years. You were loved by many and I know how much you loved your kids and family and friends. I love you Debi.

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**Robin Landers** - August 07, 2018 at 09:57 AM

KT

“ Debi and I have been friends for 48 years. We share a lot of memories together. Memories that will be in my heart forever. I would be grateful to the family for one of her nutcrackers. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Debi loved you all so much.

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**Karen Turner** - August 07, 2018 at 08:48 AM