



## Debbie Lanier

April 13, 1952 - September 16, 2015

Lanier-Deborah Nix Lanier age 63 of Snellville, GA left her family and friends on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Her Memorial Celebration will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Stone Mountain, GA, followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. Rev. Ernie Forrester will officiate. Debbie retired after 30+ years as an educator, of which 26 years were spent in Gwinnett County Public Schools. She taught 1st, 2nd & 3rd grades, as well as the gifted program at R.D. Head Elementary School in Lilburn, GA. Debbie is preceded in death by her Father, William Linton Nix; and her Mother, Betty Elizabeth Nix. She is survived by her Husband of 41 years, James Lloyd Lanier, Jr., Snellville, GA; Sons & Daughters-in-law: Brent & Laurie Lanier, Lexington, MA, and Trey & Christy Lanier, Senoia, GA; Sisters: Cathy Sanders, Powder Springs, GA, and Pat Berryman, Jefferson, GA; Mother-in-law, Leola Lanier and her late Father-in-law, Lloyd Lanier; Grandson: Ethan John Lanier; Granddaughters: Emily Elizabeth Lanier and Margaret Lynne Lanier; and her "Special #2 Mom," Nancy Smith, Lawrenceville, GA., and many extended family members & friends. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to R.D. Head Elementary (Walking Track): 1801 Hewatt Road Lilburn, GA 30047. Arrangements by: Tim Stewart Funeral Home 2246 Wisteria Drive Snellville, GA 30078. 770-979-5010. Please leave online condolences at [stewartfh.com](http://stewartfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Smoke Rise Baptist Church  
5901 Hugh Howell Road  
Stone Mountain, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Debbie Lanier*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - September 19, 2015 at 03:55 PM



“ *Debbie Lanier*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *So shocked to hear this news. I had Ms. Lanier as a second grade teacher at RD Head. She was the reason my time at that school was so special. I remember her letting my sister & I sneak in after school for M&Ms from the little bird feeder while we filled her in on our days or read in the reading corner... Always such a sweet woman. She will forever hold such a special place in my heart & in the hearts of all those who were blessed to know her. Almost 20 years later & I still thought of her often. My heart, thoughts, prayers & condolences are with her family & friends during this time. She was truly one of a kind.*

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**Sarah** - September 23, 2015 at 05:26 PM

SD

“ I went to school with Debbie from sixth grade on through high school. I was saddened on hearing of her death. I wish only comforting memories for her family and all her friends.. She will truly be missed.. May God sustain you all with His grace..

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**Sharon Barker Deason** - September 21, 2015 at 09:11 PM

LB

“ To Debbie's family:

*I was shocked to learn from a fellow classmate that Debbie passed away this week. Like this classmate, I shared all twelve (12) years of elementary and high school with Debbie. In high school, we shared typing class and I recall how her fingers could fly - on a manual typewriter!*

*I just turned the same age as Debbie later in this year and this has hit me hard, coming so unexpectedly. I thoroughly enjoyed Debbie's postings on Facebook and seeing her joy over times with her family and in retirement.*

*My condolences to you all. May you be blessed with happy memories and God's Grace to sustain you through the difficult days and weeks ahead.*

*Blessings,*

*Linda Brownlee Ingram*

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**LBI** - September 20, 2015 at 08:43 PM

SW

“ I will never forget our friendship when we both taught at Knight Elementary. Our kids were near the same age and they seemed to enjoy each other too. Then you encouraged us to join Smokerise Baptist. Thanks for the memories .

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**Sharon Mahan Weiman** - September 20, 2015 at 01:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Debbie Lanier.



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September 20, 2015 at 11:12 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Debbie Lanier.



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September 19, 2015 at 03:02 PM



“ 90 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - September 19, 2015 at 10:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Debbie Lanier.



September 18, 2015 at 08:16 PM



“ *George Naccara* purchased the *Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of Debbie Lanier.



George Naccara - September 18, 2015 at 04:00 PM

GD

“ George DiMatteo purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Debbie Lanier.



George DiMatteo - September 18, 2015 at 02:36 PM

BS

“ Bob and Cathy Sowa purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Debbie Lanier.



Bob and Cathy Sowa - September 18, 2015 at 01:17 PM

YF

“ Your Friends at FFFMW purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Debbie Lanier.



Your Friends at FFFMW - September 18, 2015 at 12:49 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debbie Lanier.



September 18, 2015 at 12:19 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Debbie Lanier.



September 18, 2015 at 12:05 PM



“ Deepest sympathy, Pam Boll purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Debbie Lanier.



**Deepest sympathy, Pam Boll** - September 18, 2015 at 11:32 AM



“ Mac & Marilyn McCord purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Debbie Lanier.



**Mac & Marilyn McCord** - September 18, 2015 at 11:18 AM



“ Ferguson Credit Team purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Debbie Lanier.



**Ferguson Credit Team** - September 18, 2015 at 11:13 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Debbie Lanier.*



September 18, 2015 at 11:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debbie Lanier.*



September 18, 2015 at 10:56 AM



“ *TJ, CLINT AND DENISE (FERGUSON FIRE - MEMPHIS) purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Debbie Lanier.*



**TJ, CLINT AND DENISE (FERGUSON FIRE - MEMPHIS) -**  
September 18, 2015 at 10:52 AM



“ *Your friends at Bain Capital purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Debbie Lanier.*



**Your friends at Bain Capital -** September 18, 2015 at 10:08 AM

MM

“ In 1983 I was fortunate to be hired by one of the best men I have ever met. We were a very close Ferguson family of 15 at the time. Debbie has always and will always be apart of my 1st Ferguson Family. The world has lost a kind, generous person that always had a smile and a kind word for all. She was a wonderful wife, Mom & teacher. Although i have not had the opportunity to spend much time with the Lanier's in the recent few years, the earlier years bring many memories. My heart aches for Jim and their family. Mac and I will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Love to all  
Mac & Marilyn McCord

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**Mac & Marilyn McCord** - September 18, 2015 at 10:06 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Debbie Lanier.



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September 18, 2015 at 10:04 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debbie Lanier.



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September 18, 2015 at 09:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debbie Lanier.*



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September 18, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ *Angee Lee and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Debbie Lanier.*



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**Angee Lee and family** - September 18, 2015 at 09:34 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family,*  
  
*Kim Floyd*

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**Kim Floyd** - September 18, 2015 at 08:34 AM



“ *Jim, I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

*Connie*

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**Connie McCurdy** - September 18, 2015 at 08:33 AM



“ Jim, words cannot express the sorrow Ranel and I feel for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Mike Maxwell*

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**Michael Maxwell** - September 18, 2015 at 08:32 AM

CB

“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

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**Chris Baker** - September 18, 2015 at 08:22 AM

NC

“ Jim....So sorry for you loss....my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

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**Nancy Caine** - September 18, 2015 at 06:07 AM

PB

*Jim and family - My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. May God bless you!*

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**Pam Boll** - September 18, 2015 at 10:24 AM

EF

*Jim and family my prayers are with you and your family. Edna Free*

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**Edna Free** - September 18, 2015 at 10:02 PM

SB

*Jim and family, we are praying for you during this difficult time. The Lord is good ..... Trust in Him - Nah. 1:7. Debbie was a special lady. She loved her family and friends and her Lord. She always treated our son, Gavin, with kindness. She will truly be missed, but she is celebrating her homecoming now with all the Christians that went before her, and we will see her again. Because of Christ, we have that assurance.*

*The Beaver family*

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**Susan Beaver** - September 19, 2015 at 10:18 PM