



Deborah Elder Purvis

April 19, 1951 - November 17, 2024

PURVIS – Deborah Kathleen Elder Purvis, age 73, of Monroe, GA, went to be with her Lord and Savior in Heaven on Sunday, November 17, 2024. Debbie was born in LaGrange, GA on April 19, 1951, and was the only child of her parents, Alfred Donald and Fairy Phillips Elder. She was preceded in death by her parents; and, her son, Payton Michael Purvis.

Debbie earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Elementary Education from West Georgia College. While there she was an active Member of Alpha Phi Rho, the first sorority on campus, which later became the national sorority, Phi Mu. It was at West Georgia where she met the love of her life, Mike Purvis. Debbie and Mike were married on April 18, 1971, and celebrated 53 years of marriage on April 18, 2024.

Debbie was a kindergarten teacher for 25 years for the Clayton, Henry, and Walton County Schools in Georgia. In 2014 she retired from the Walton County Schools after teaching Pre-K at Atha Road Elementary. She loved her students, and they loved her in return.

Debbie is survived by her loving husband, Mike; son, Nathan Purvis and wife Mary of Watkinsville, GA; their children, Nathan, Jr., Julia, and Rose; ex-daughter-in-law, Genevieve Purvis and children, Addisyn and Payton; daughter-in-law, Gretchen Purvis and children, Emma and Chase.

Debbie was a faithful founding member of Holy Cross Cathedral in Loganville, GA. It was evident to all who knew her that she was a Christian woman of strong faith. It was because of her strong faith that she was able to handle

life's challenges. Debbie loved each of her family members greatly and was very proud of each of them. She demonstrated that love through the time she spent with them; family trips; and preparing delicious meals for them.

Throughout her life she had dogs that meant the world to her- Nugget, Kaiser, Marshall, Pippa, and Ella Kate.

A friend to all, Debbie, never met a stranger. She was a beautiful southern lady who was relatable to everyone she met. Her magnetic personality was obvious, which encouraged people to want to get to know her; therefore, she had a large array of friends who loved her. Debbie was inclusive and inviting, she loved having people around her. She had a great talent for making people laugh until their sides hurt. Debbie also enjoyed traveling with family and friends. One of her many talents was organizing trips for anyone who wanted to participate. A service celebrating Debbie's life will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 11 AM at Holy Cross Cathedral 3836 Oak Grove Road, Loganville, GA 30052 with a reception to follow at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Holy Cross Cathedral (Memo line of check- Debbie Purvis Memorial) Mail to; Holy Cross Cathedral, P.O. Box 776. Loganville, GA 30052. Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 209 South Hammond Drive, Monroe, Georgia 30655. 770-267-2594. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com

THE SERVICE WILL BE LIVE STREAMED at 11 am <https://hcanglican.org/live/>

PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLOWERS TO THE CHURCH ON THE DAY OF THE SERVICE.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Cross Cathedral
3836 Oak Grove Road
Loganville, GA 30052

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah Elder Purvis.*



December 02, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Elder Purvis.

December 02, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Elder Purvis.*



December 02, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Elder Purvis.

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“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah Elder Purvis.*



December 01, 2024 at 12:50 PM



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“ *Our condolences go out to the Purvis family. We enjoyed many times with Debbie and the family. Debbie was always kind and caring. She loved working with the little ones in school. She will be missed. 💕*

jane fray - November 29, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ *Debbie was a great friend. She and Mike were so thoughtful of me when I lost my husband, Cliff, of 50 years. We shared so many great memories of beach trips, get together, parties, and just Traveling to different places. She was definitely a socialite and loved getting people together to party, I will forever miss her but know she's in a better place. I'm sure that heaven is having a great family reunion and celebration with her parents, Mike's parents and her first born love, Peyton.*

Susan L Wright - November 29, 2024 at 02:15 PM

EM

“ *Bennie and I sending prayers for you Mike and your entire family. Remember all the good times we had at Annistown elementary? Fundraisers were a blast Had many good times with Debbie and you. May God comfort you and your family.*

Ellen b Mann - November 26, 2024 at 06:21 AM

BD

“ *Bill and Tina, Mike and Dale purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Deborah Elder Purvis.*



Bill and Tina, Mike and Dale - November 25, 2024 at 06:22 PM

BJ

“ *My wife Missy and I were longtime long distance friends-we lived in Kentucky but kept in touch with Debbie and Mike for over 50 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike, Nathan and your whole family. She will be missed. Rest in peace dear Debbie.*



Bill Gorman, Jr. - November 24, 2024 at 12:52 PM



So sorry for your loss Mike. Heaven gained another wonderful angel. We had some good times together, especially at our reunions. One that I will never forget is the one in Alabama, and the girls went shopping and came back with thongs. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Ron Wilder - December 02, 2024 at 07:04 PM

AG

“ *Aublene Gross lit a candle in memory of Deborah Elder Purvis*



Aublene Gross - November 22, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah Elder Purvis.*



November 22, 2024 at 12:58 PM



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November 22, 2024 at 12:58 PM

TG

“ *The Delk's (Bruce, Lori, Lynn & Gary) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Deborah Elder Purvis.*



The Delk's (Bruce, Lori, Lynn & Gary) - November 22, 2024 at 08:48 AM

LB

“ Love, Stephen, Bud, Sally & Beau purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Deborah Elder Purvis.



Love, Stephen, Bud, Sally & Beau - November 22, 2024 at 07:15 AM

DK

“ Debbie and I have been friends since college. We have continued our friendship through our large close knit West Georgia family for over 50 years. Debbie was the ultimate southern lady, who had unbounded love for her family. My prayers and sympathy go out to Mike, Nathan, and her family and friends. So sorry for your loss.

Denise Krauth - November 21, 2024 at 06:57 PM

GY

“ Ginger Yancey lit a candle in memory of Deborah Elder Purvis



Ginger Yancey - November 21, 2024 at 05:59 PM

PO

“ Debbie was my first friend! We grew up with only one house between us, went to church and school together. She was a special lady. I have a lifetime of memories of Debbie. My heart is shattered. I cannot begin to imagine the loss her family feels. My heart is full of love and prayers for her family.

Pam Oneal - November 21, 2024 at 05:44 PM

BC

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Debbie Purvis in person at a Celebration of Life for a mutual friend and sorority sister, Jerry Tingle Wells. We had known each other through so many West Georgia Friends for 50+ years including Mike Purvis. Every message has said exactly who Debbie was. A Southern Lady beautiful inside and out. She loved her beautiful Family, adored Mike and was so dedicated to her friends and trusted in God and her Faith. Prayers for All as you go through this transition. God will lead you and be beside you with each step. Keep those precious memories in your heart. Love Bill and Kay Collins

Bill and Kay Collins - November 21, 2024 at 04:31 PM

CR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Mike and your family. Sending love!

Cathy Reynolds - November 21, 2024 at 04:20 PM

CS

“ When I was on staff at Mountain Park UMC, I got to know Debbie and her family at that time. Recents, when my son, Brian Bozeman, passed away, Debbie contacted me and we were able to reconnect! She was able to help me with Brian's death because of the loss of her precious son. I will be forever grateful to her for her friendship! She was a true Christian lady!

Carla Smith Smelko - November 21, 2024 at 03:35 PM

JG

“ My husband and I moved to Georgia in 2010 and we were blessed to have Mike and Debbie as our next door neighbors. They both were very sweet and welcoming. We could count on them and they on us, the way neighbors and friends should be. When one of their dogs passed and they got a new puppy, Kate, Debbie called me up and asked me to come over to meet her. A cute little apricot poodle. She told me the woman who gave her the dog had another one. I said for who? And Debbie said, for you! Your lonely! She called Melissa K. and she brought over our Jake! We not only got a new pet because of that call, but we made new friends with Melissa and her husband. Debbie had a great sense of humor and was always kind. Blessed to have had her touch our lives.

Joan Giannetti - November 21, 2024 at 02:57 PM

MP

Thank you Mike and Joan

Mike Purvis - November 22, 2024 at 12:49 PM

RE

mike i am so sorry for your loss, god be with you and your family

RONALD ELLINGTON - November 23, 2024 at 08:06 AM

SS

“ I had the pleasure of Debbie's acquaintance of my grandson's teacher. I would visit from WI and when appropriate would stop in with my daughter for drop off or pick up. Debbie was a delight, so welcoming and loving every time. My heart is heavy for the entire Purvis family. May the grace of God sustain you through your tomorrows.

Sherrie Saunders - November 21, 2024 at 02:25 PM



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November 21, 2024 at 02:04 PM



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“ Inside my wedding ring that you gave me over 53 years ago, these words are imprinted. "Together, we will be in Heaven". No truer words have ever been spoken. Having you as my partner in life has been Heaven on Earth! I look forward to being with you in Heaven. To the Love of my Life!
Your husband forever,
Mike

Mike Purvis - November 21, 2024 at 01:32 PM



The Chaney Family asks The Good Lord to give you His Peace and Comfort. Love you guys.

Darrel Chaney - November 21, 2024 at 02:01 PM



Sending love and prayers for God's comfort.

Joy B. Day - November 21, 2024 at 02:12 PM

JG

Our hearts go out to you Mike and your family. May God bless all of you with the wonderful memories of Debbie.

Joan Giannetti - November 21, 2024 at 02:46 PM

DK

Debbie and I have been friends since college. We have stayed connected through our large close -knit West Georgia friends for over 50 years. Debbie's southern grace and charm were obvious to anyone that knew her. She had unbounded love for her family. She will be missed by many. Love and prayers to Mike, Nathan, and her many friends and family.

Denise Krauth - November 21, 2024 at 04:18 PM

MA

Such beautiful words Mike! Mike our hearts are broken for you and the family over the death of Debbie. We know how devastated you are and your deep feelings of loss of the love of your life and best friend. We've known you both since college and have seen the special love you had between you. As we both agreed yesterday, love transcends death and you will be with her again someday with Jesus. God bless you and comfort you and your family. Love, Mack and Mary

Mack&Mary Anderson - November 21, 2024 at 05:11 PM

NR

Mike, your words are beautiful. Debbie was a long time West Georgia friend. She was a true Southern lady, I always loved her accent! We were Alpha Phi Rho & Phi Mu sisters. She loved you, her boys, and grands with all her heart. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". Philippians 4:7

Nannette Stephens Rhodes - November 21, 2024 at 05:52 PM

CT

Debbie was such a "Precious " and beautiful woman and friend. Wonderful memories from our high school reunions, never a dull moment with you two. Praying for you, Nathan, Mary and all of your family. Love you, Mike. Carolyn and Emily

Carolyn Taylor - November 21, 2024 at 09:24 PM

TT

So sorry for your loss, Mike. Thinking of you during this sad time for your family. Terri Ellis Todd

Terri Ellis Todd - November 29, 2024 at 02:24 PM

AC

“ *Andrea Case purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Deborah Elder Purvis.*



Andrea Case - November 21, 2024 at 01:31 PM

FR

“ *From Dr. Reese purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Deborah Elder Purvis.*



From Dr. Reese - November 21, 2024 at 09:11 AM