



Deborah Jean Goostrey

June 25, 1953 - March 16, 2025

Goostrey, Deborah J.

Age 72

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Deborah Jean Goostrey died peacefully on Sunday March 16, 2025 surrounded by family. She was born January 25, 1953 in Kalamazoo, MI. She was the daughter of Frank and Julie Awe.

Deborah grew up in the Bloomingdale area and graduated from Bloomingdale High School in 1971. She attended WMU in 1972 to study business and soon landed a full-time job in the Registrar's office. She left WMU to practice and teach cosmetology for many years while raising 2 children. She returned to WMU in 2002 and worked in the community health services school. In 2005 she was given job of building services manager for the new Health and Human Services building on Oakland Dr. She retired from that job in 2015. She then worked as the office manager at her husband's business until the business was sold.

Deborah married Larry Goostrey on November 5, 2005. She is survived by her husband Larry, a daughter Katie (Mike) Stover of West Chester Township, Ohio, a son Blaine (Janella) Dover of Dearborn, MI., two step daughters Kayla (Mark) Rudy of Sturgis, MI., Kendra (Adam) Goforth of Ann Arbor, MI. and 4 grandchildren.

Deborah loved to travel with her husband around Michigan and visit light houses and many of the wineries up on the Old Mission peninsula. She loved planting and tending flowers around the house. She loved to bake. She showed her love for others through her kind and helpful spirit. She will be missed.

In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Tribute Wall



“ *Deb was a great co-worker who took pride in everything she did. She was kind and caring and a wonderful friend. She, and her beautiful smile, are greatly missed.*

Judy - June 14, 2025 at 06:34 PM