



Debra Jane Lange

November 23, 1951 - March 11, 2019

Princeton – Debra Jane Lange of Princeton, IL passed away Sunday, March 11, 2019 at her home surrounded by family and in the loving embrace of her husband Tom.

Deb was born in Princeton, IL on November 23, 1951 to Fred and Jo Ann (Wilson) Gibbs. She was a graduate of Princeton High School, Class of 1969. She married her high school sweetheart, Tommy Lange on January 16, 1971 at the First Methodist Church of Princeton, IL. She worked as a secretary at the Bureau County Courthouse in the TB Clinic and then for Prairie View Nursing home, as a medical secretary, where she retired in 1993.

She was born and raised in Princeton and loved her hometown. Deb enjoyed helping her mom and dad at Gibbs Cigar Store. She was a member of the Women of the Moose, a fantastic cook and an amazing baker, sharing her chocolate chip cookies with everyone. She joked with her family and friends about her master skills as a seamstress and quilter. She was a girl's, girl and loved to shop and socialize. You would never catch her without her accessories and bangles and always looking her finest. Her favorite place was on Table Rock Lake, in Branson, MO, spending time boating, fishing and "floating" with family and friends. You could find her and her love on Mondays at Park Tavern, Thursdays at Spoons, or socializing with everyone from their front porch on Euclid Avenue. Deb loved Tom, her girls, grandchildren and

family, but most of all, she loved life. She always had a smile or a funny story to share and she will be missed by everyone who ever met her.

Deb is survived by her loving husband of 48 years, Tom Lange of Princeton, IL, her mother, Jo Ann Gibbs of Princeton, IL, her two daughters, Nicole (Chad) Hamel of Normal, IL and Danielle (Paul) Ekstam of Pekin, IL; two granddaughters, Brianna Hamel and Isabel Ekstam; three grandsons, Chase Hamel, Cole Hamel and Liam Ekstam; and a very special cousin, Nancy Evans of Cortez, CO.

She is preceded in death by her father, Fred Gibbs (2005).

A visitation for Deb will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Norberg Memorial Home, Princeton, IL from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Norberg Memorial Home at 12:30 p.m. officiated by Pastor Mike Slutz and Pastor Kirk Stevens, followed by a graveside service at Oakland Cemetery, Princeton, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to The Peoria OSF St. Jude Hospital or a donation of your choice in Debs name.

Online condolences can be left at www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. Princeton, IL.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ We send our deepest sympathy for the loss of Debra. Due to my breathing problems we will be unable to be with you in your time of sorrow. We can't ever remember seeing her that she wasn't smiling. She will be greatly missed

Joe & Darla Lilley - March 16, 2019 at 03:03 PM

CR

“ Tom and family, my condolences to you. Debra was always such a pleasure to be around, she could brighten anyone's day. We were neighbors for such a short time, mostly lived far apart throughout our lives. Yet, those few times in her presence over the years are memorable and cherished. I am grateful that our paths crossed.

Chuck Reigle

Chuck Reigle - March 16, 2019 at 12:17 PM

RK

“ Robin Woodard & Kathy King purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Debra Jane Lange.



Robin Woodard & Kathy King - March 15, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra Jane Lange.*



March 13, 2019 at 10:18 PM



“ *Tom*
We are so very sorry for your loss. Loved having you at the Friends of Strays drawdown. Deb was such a hoot , great fun to be around. You have our sympathy
Howard and Bonnie Doty

Bonnie Doty - March 13, 2019 at 01:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra Jane Lange.*



March 13, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Debra Jane Lange.*



March 13, 2019 at 12:17 AM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Debra Jane Lange.*



March 12, 2019 at 11:33 PM



“ *Glenn and I are so grateful that we had the opportunity to know Deb.....and believe me...to know Deb is to love Deb....oh my, the laughs we had... she was always upbeat and positive! She hated snakes and mice!...she loved people! I will always remember that pontoon dance! I am so thankful to have spent that week in Savannah with her in November.... she kept reassuring us she was OK...I look forward to the day we can all reunite....and I trust this will happen with every depth of my soul! So until we meet again...remember the pony express, dear friend!*

Gwen Wessel - March 12, 2019 at 07:16 PM



“ *Tom, ever since Juanita told us about Deb's condition, we have prayed that God would heal her. I know it's so very painful for you and your family at this time and my words will offer little to help. Just know that we are sharing in your grief. She will live on in the smiles of your children and grandchildren. May God give you peace and strength.*

Rodger & Ruth Connor

Rodger Connor - March 12, 2019 at 06:40 PM

TK

“ Tom & Family,
Mere words cannot soothe the pain of your loss. Please know that
Deb was a bright light in all of our lives--gone too soon, but never
forgotten.
Terry Kasbeer

Terry Kasbeer - March 12, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased
for the family of Debra Jane Lange.



March 12, 2019 at 05:56 PM

JA

“ Deb will be missed by many. Will never forget the many laughs and
memories. She will live on in all our hearts.

Janice - March 12, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Debra Jane Lange.



March 12, 2019 at 01:52 PM