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**Debra Ruf Lynne**

**Died: Apr 17, 15**

### **Malden:** *Ruf*

**Obit:** age 55, passed away on April 17, 2015. Debra was born in St. Louis, Missouri on October 11, 1959 to the late Edward and Linda Ruf. Debra was a loving daughter, sister, aunt, mother, and grandmother.

Her family recalls that Debra loved to read, mostly romance and crime novels, but also Dean Koontz and Stephen King. Her mother often joked that Debra's middle name should have been "Grace" because she was always falling and getting scuffs and scrapes.

Debra did get some "Grace" in her life, though...it came in the form of her only grandchild, Gracie Nicole, born in March of 2015. "Mom always called me her 'Gift from God,'" remembers Debra's daughter, Rachael. "And she called Gracie her 'Gift from

God's Gift from God." Rachael recalls that her mother was ferociously protective of her family.

Her sister, Jean, remembers that she and Debra were close. "We could have a knock-down-drag-out fight, but then five minutes later, we were laughing and having a good time again." Together, the two sisters played Batman and Robin, Romeo and Juliet, and other make-believe games.

Debra was spontaneous and quick to a punchline, too. She also loved country music and classic rock. "She made the best fudge pies," remembers Rachael. Her brother, David remembers Debra cooking for the church from time to time.

In addition to her parents, Debra was preceded in death by her brother, Michael Ruf. She is survived by her daughter Rachael Boone (Chris); sister, Jean Ruf Whitehead; brother, David Ruf (Melissa Wallace); grand-daughter, Gracie Nicole Boone; nieces, Linda Michelle Buller, and Kristen Nicole Ruf; as well as great-nephews, Dalton White and Patrick Cross; and great-niece, Naomi Cross.

Debra's family will receive friends and visitors on Thursday April 23rd and Friday, April 24th from 2:00pm until 8:00pm at Spring Hill Funeral Home. Additional visitation will be on Saturday, April 25th, from 12:00pm until 2:00pm. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 2:00pm from the Chapel of Spring Hill Funeral Home.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Ms. Debra Lynne Ruf please visit our Sympathy Store.

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