



Debra " Debi " Jean Bepple

June 2, 1954 - February 10, 2010

Debra Jean "Debi" Bepple, 55, a 9 year Ephrata resident and longtime Grant County resident, passed away on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee.

She was born on June 2, 1954 in Wenatchee to the late Ernest and Louisa (Mattheisen) Bepple. She was raised and received her schooling in Quincy, graduating from Quincy High School in 1972. She continued her education at Kinman Business University in Spokane, prior to enlisting in the U.S. Army. She served in Germany during the Vietnam Era and following her honorable discharge, she made her home in Burbank, California. She worked in the corporate offices of Baskin-Robbins 31 Ice Cream in Southern California. In 1980, she moved to Beaverton, Oregon, where she worked as a purchasing agent for Beards Frame Shop. She returned to Quincy in 1991 and worked various jobs prior to moving to Ephrata in 2000. She owned and operated a daycare center in Ephrata known as "Quilted Cottage Day Care". She continued the daycare until ill health forced her to retire.

She was an amazingly talented prolific quilter and enjoyed her television shows, especially NCIS and Criminal Minds. She often taped her shows and called friends and family with reviews.

She is survived by one son, Ryan Patrick Bepple, Ephrata, six sisters and one

brother, Judi Sutton, Hillsboro, OR, Cindee Ford, Turlock, CA, Kathie, Ohmart, Ephrata, Mary Siefken, Castaic, CA, Ken Bepple, Tualatin, OR, Jeanette Gallagher, Parker, CO, Sheila Bierlink, Quincy, WA and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one stillborn infant brother.

Tribute Wall

CL

“ I was not fortunate enough to meet Debi in person, just online through the Washington State Quilters group. It was very obvious, Ryan, that your mom was so proud of you.

Cleo

Cleo - February 20, 2010 at 04:36 AM

SH

“ I first met Debi over the Internet on the WASIQ group. Then I met her again at a dinner at Sew Expo and a third time in Ephrata at the quilt shop. She was such a fun person, always had a smile on her face and seemed to see the humor or the bright side of everything.

Ryan, your mom was so proud of you. You were her life and made her very happy. I wish you and the rest of the family the best.

Sheila Hooper - February 19, 2010 at 01:29 PM

RM

“ Never seen her without a smile on her face. Such an energetic woman who had a quick sense of humor. We will miss her dearly and I wish the best for Ryan. Remember the great things your Mom had accomplished. My prayers go out to you Ryan and keep a open heart as to what may come. Time does heal.

Robin Medley - February 18, 2010 at 12:59 PM

DB

“ I was surprised to read of Debi's passing in the Quincy Valley Post Register. I have lived in KY for the past 20 yrs and just happened to choose to read the paper online tonight. The last time I think I saw her was around the time of our 20 yr high school reunion and I went to her house and visited with her for a little while. I have fond memories of the times we spent together while in school, the sleepovers at the house on N street and all the silly things we did while in high school. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Donna (Lischka) Blackman - February 18, 2010 at 11:51 AM

BK

“ Debi's gentle light brought so much to our online quilting group. She was so full of love for Ryan and always ready to share a laugh even when dealing with life's challenges. I miss you, Debi.

Bert Klimas - February 18, 2010 at 11:02 AM

SB

“ I will miss Deb tremendously. We visit in person several times...online numerous times. She was a delight. May you all find peace in your memories of times with her.

Sue Bechtold - February 18, 2010 at 09:33 AM

JN

“ Debi as a wonderful fellow quilter and I enjoyed my time knowing her. I often visited her little house in Ephrata where we laughed at how small her living space was. We joked about the chickens taking over her house since there was always a new one. And we did show & tell with our latest quilting projects. I would meet her at the quilt store there and we would talk projects. We also shared concerns about our boys and how hard (but rewarding) it was to be a single parent of a boy. She always had a smile and hug no matter how low she felt. I will miss her gracious spirit.

Joy Neal - February 18, 2010 at 08:48 AM

JA

“ I met Debi on-line through WASIQ and enjoyed talking with her immensely. I will remember her fondly and am sending best wishes to her whole family. Janice

JaniceGabrielson - February 18, 2010 at 05:43 AM

JC

“ I met Debi a couple of times. I attended a dinner after the Sewing Expo in Puyallup a number of years ago. She was fun to be around. We communicated on the internet through our connection with WASIQ group. I found out that she needed a specific set of knitting needles. I had an extra pair so one day on my way to visit family in the Tri-Cities I stopped at Debi's home to deliver the needles. She was a gracious host even while getting her young day care children ready for naps. I enjoyed looking at all her beautiful quilts gracing her cottage. She will be missed. You all have my condolences. Joyce Callison in Oroville, Washington

Joyce Callison - February 18, 2010 at 04:11 AM

KF

“ I am sorry that I never got the chance to know or meet Debi. I understand she was a long time WASIQ member, but I joined after she became sick. However, I hear stories. I hear about her smile, antics, loving heart, and quirky sense of humor. I hear about what a fantastic mom she was and what a great kid Ryan is.

I wonder that she lived her life to the fullest and envy that. Because of all the wonderful memories I have heard, I hope that you, her family, and especially Ryan can remember to celebrate and remember her with JOY!

Sometimes we feel that death robs us, but I think it is the next great adventure. Debi sounds like someone who embraced life and I will bet, she is loving her new life.

Ryan, you have so many women who knew your mom. If you need anything, just ask. Also, please keep in touch with her friends. We/they are not just friends, but sisters, family, and her village.

Good luck to you. There are wonderful things in store for you and your mom will know about each and every one of them.

Kristina Farrell

Kristina Farrell - February 18, 2010 at 04:08 AM

LA

“ Ryan, I only met you once when my niece Molly and I visited you and your mom in Ephrata. It was a long time ago and you won't remember, but I want you to know how proud your mom was of you, and how much she loved you. You were the light of her life and what kept her going through all kinds of trials. She will always be with you in your heart so remember to make her proud of all you do in your life.

Debi was the only person I know who could still sit in her high chair and have room for another person to join her. She was funny and a happy person even when difficulties came her way. And Chook Cottage was something to behold, right down to the quilted shower curtain Debi made. She once told me that she missed our friend Grace who had passed and that she would take out her picture and have long conversations with her. How exciting it is to think of her and Grace, both free of their pain and bodily restrictions, dancing and whooping in Heaven. You go girls! I miss you both.

Lila Alexander - February 18, 2010 at 03:57 AM

RI

“ Im so sorry that Debi has passed, but it is good to know that she no longer suffers the pain. I will miss her very much as we kept in regular contact. Her little dog "Baby" was one of my puppies and we shared alot of stories, the comedic antics of Baby. We often swapped fabrics or patterns for quilting. Ryan, your mother was a exceptional woman with a very unique personality that is a rare treat, she was always happy and upbeat no matter how badly she was feeling. I am praying for all of you as you go through this rough spot in your life. But remember, Debi is happily dancing around with no pain and wearing purple!

Love

Robin, in Idaho

Robin Martin of Idaho - February 18, 2010 at 03:05 AM