



Debra Clontz Kirby

Sept. 3, 1954 - Nov. 26, 2025

Debra Clontz Kirby, 71, of Morganton, NC passed away, after a courageous battle with cancer, on Wednesday, November 26, 2025. She was born on September 3, 1954 in Burke County to the late Thomas Nelson Clontz and Elizabeth Jane Annis Clontz. Debra was a member of Arney's Fairview Global Methodist Church. She first worked as a schoolteacher in Burlington, NC. Later, she became a social worker where she was an advocate for mental health. This is where Debra collaborated with her companion for the need to operate Adult Care Homes.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a niece, Chelsea Marie Parry; former husband, Benny Kirby.

Those left to cherish her memory are a great-niece and great-nephews, Alleigh, Vincent and Wyatt; sister, Janet Clontz Bush; nieces and nephews, Joshua Bush, Jesse Bush and Christopher Clontz; brother, James Michael Clontz; and many cousins.

The family will receive friends from 11am-1pm on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will begin at 1pm in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Steve Parker officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Camp Bow Wow.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



—LAURA McCOY



Condolences to all who loved and cared for Debra may she SIHP.

—Ruth Roseboro



Sending my condolences to Debra's family and friends. Thanking God for the opportunity to know and share this life with her. Debra was a very smart and passionate person. We were classmates and didn't get to know each other until after we graduated high school. We will keep you her family in our continuous prayers. God bless you all.

—James Avery



My condolences to Ms.Kirby's family, friends and all who knew her. It was a pleasure knowing her. A astute woman with a nice spirit. May God rest her soul and bless her loved



ones with peace and strength.

—Glenna Barlow



Deb was an amazing mentor, boss, and friend. My life is infinitely better because I knew her. I love her so much. Keeping Jan and family in my prayers.

—Amy Phillips

Debra, Thank you for all you did for me, I know I bent your ear a few hundred times or more, you were the best ever listener!! I will miss your feedback immensely. I am going to tip a hairy coo for you, ride on and rest in peace!

—Jonathan Short



My deepest regret to have lost such a spirited soul as Debra. She would always have an upbeat attitude when we would talk on the phone about work. I will truly miss her wit and undeniable charm that would instantly make you feel like you known her for years. My prayers for the family.
Candice S.

—Candice Swinney

I'm so sorry to hear about Debra! I went to church with her and have known her pretty much my whole life. Family you are all in my prayers!!

—Jodie Noles Bartlett

My Lady you were so Special. I will miss you dearly. Beautiful soul, now a angel above us. I will always remember the wise words you share. I will always carry them with me.

—Pamela Stewart

Dear Debra, Thank you for allowing me to be your friend since 2016. Your keen insight and leadership was my go to for advice and calming. You will be missed, but heaven is now a better place with you there. Love you! Don Wright Vero Beach, FL

—Don Wright

It was an honor to serve with her with NCPL. What an outstanding Lady, advocate and soul who will be missed.

—Rod Olsen



PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS MAY GOD GIVE ALL COMFORT AND PEACE KNOWING SHES WITH THE LORD,NO MORE PAIN& SUFFERINGS LYNN&JUDY ALEXANDER

—Lynn Alexander

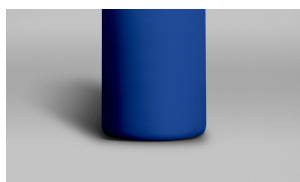


Debra was a great woman and a great cousin. I always looked up to Debra. She was so smart and intelligent. Debra will be deeply missed. Debra ran many adult care homes and took good care of the clients

—Lisa Penley Terry



Debra was a good woman to have known and I'm glad I had



the opportunity too meet her she was a hoot rip debra

—Jessica Vandusen



—Elizabeth Ward Arney



Sorry to hear of Debras passing, I'll be praying for the family in this time of need . God Bless All of you...

—Kirk Dellinger



Debra and I shared a passion for motorcycle riding. We'd get our Harley's shined up and hit the road every chance we got! It didn't matter if it was a short day trip, or one of our "we'll be back in a few days" trips; we loved every second of it! I had the best time of my life! I will forever cherish the many great memories made with my riding buddy "Kirby." Rest In Peace dear friend "Hoover"

—Gay Hoover

So very sorry for your loss! Debra was a wonderful person! The last time I spoke with her, I told her I was praying for her and her response was, "I'm praying for you" She is an angel for sure! RIP IN PEACE MY FRIEND!

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—ROBIN ELROD



—Rebecca Blair

Thank you for all the lessons, and taking time to teach me. Thank you for just being you. Your legacy will not ever be forgotten.

—Rebecca Blair



Deb you will be missed beyond measure. You were such a mentor to so many people and you were instrumental in making sure that we balanced mission over margin. You are dearly loved by all of your employees. I will continue to pray for your family and friends, and all of those that are feeling this deep loss at this time. God certainly gained an angel this week. We love you. Missy and Your Integrity Family

—Missy Bell