



Deborah Diersen Schade

January 3, 1957 - January 3, 2020

Deborah Diersen Schade, 63 years old, passed away on January 3, 2020. She was born on January 3, 1957 in Sac City, Iowa to the late George and Luvane Diersen.

After receiving her doctorate from Iowa State University, she spent her career at Mead Johnson as a nutrition research scientist. Her family was most important in her life. She especially loved spending Christmases at “home” in Iowa with extended family. Deb was a life-long Lutheran and attended St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. Deb was very active as a Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, and served as past treasurer and president of the local League of Women Voters. She also enjoyed working with Scholars for Syria and spending time in her gardens at home.

Deb is survived by her husband of 42 years Jim, sons, Andrew of Evansville and Michael of Nashville, TN; brothers, Lowell (Mary) Diersen, Keith (Becky) Diersen, Dave (Diana) Diersen, Bruce Diersen and sister, Karen Cerra, all of Iowa; mother-in-law, Mardell Schade and sisters and brother-in-law, Sandi and John Lindberg and Sue Thelen, also of Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Larry Diersen, sister, Diane Klocke, niece, Jodi Klocke, great nephew, Caden Diersen, father-in-law, Oliver Schade and brothers-in-law, John Cerra and Marty Thelen.

Friends may visit with the family from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Friday, January 10, 2020 at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and Saturday from 10:00 A.M. until service time at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 2300 Washington Avenue at 11:00 A.M., Rev. Don Gray officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. Please send any donations to: P. O. Box 414238, Boston, MA 02241-4238.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Evansville Crematory

318 N. Lemcke Ave.
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Memorial Gathering

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
2300 Washington Ave.

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Diersen Schade*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Dear Jim,*

I am so sorry to hear about Deb's passing. I have great memories of you both from grad school. When I started in 1981, Deb was already established as one the students who could give advice, and she did. I enjoyed TGIF at "That Place" and playing broom ball. I remember Deb as a positive, can-do person. You two were kind of the foundation of our Nut Phys family.

Losing a spouse is the pits. Cheryl died 5 years ago. I have no great advice or words. I hope you can find solace in good memories and that God will give you comfort and peace in the sad times.

*Best wishes,
Mike VandeHaar*

Mike VH - January 20, 2020 at 06:04 PM

SM

“ Jim and family,
Our thoughts are with you all on this very sad occasion. I reflect back on the wonderful time we all had together in grad school and beating the brush for pheasant. You two helped make the group one big family. Those were joyous times and I hope you can find some comfort in the memories we shared and the ones you have built over the past 35 years.
A beautiful picture of Deb. I suspect that your community is mourning her loss as much as we are. Best wishes.
Love, Scott and Jan Mills

scott mills - January 13, 2020 at 11:14 AM

DB

“ Family of Deb:

I am so sorry to learn of the death of my good friend Deb! My sympathies to you and your family! I shared the obituary of Deb as published by the Courier Press with my list of alumni and friends of the Iowa State University Nutritional Physiology family. I have received several responses to that memo that all expressed sorrow over the passing of Deb, as she was commonly known.

She will be missed by her many friends outside of her immediate family. So many of us have many pleasant memories of Deb. Moreover, we respect her greatly for her scientific contributions to society as well as her positive role in the Diersen-Schade family!

*Don Beitz
Iowa State University*

Don Beitz - January 12, 2020 at 01:13 PM

ME

“ Dear Jim and Family

I am so sorry to hear this. I have such fond memories of Deb while we were both in graduate school at Iowa State and "shared the same office" (actually there was about 4 of us that shared that!). She was always the smartest, most organized and highest achiever that continually set the bar for the rest of us grad students in Nutritional Physiology at ISU. In addition she had such a great sense of humor that could have a clever edge to it- i so enjoyed that. Although I have not seen or talked to her for many many years, i have such high esteem for her and my heart goes out to you Jim and your family for your loss.

Mark

Mark Erlander (At ISU 1981-1984)

mark g erlander - January 10, 2020 at 11:24 PM

MS

“ *My sincere condolences to you all at the passing of Deb. I worked with her at MJN from about 1987 on and she was such a pleasure to work with. I was privileged to be the Medical Writer on all three Submissions on Lipil. Deb was so kind to give me explanations as needed in the world of lipids. But moreover, Deb was sincerely interested in coworkers as persons and I will always appreciate her words of comfort and encouragement to me in my family losses. We bonded over mutual love for our families and Scouting. I am sorry for her long fight but I am grateful for having known her and also with knowing she is at peace now with our Lord.*

Mary Alice Springer

Mary Alice Springer - January 10, 2020 at 04:17 PM

Jl

“ Please accept my sincere condolences - this news is very saddening. I worked with Deb at Mead Johnson and we kept in contact even though I left MJN many years ago. The world of infant nutrition lost a great scientist - your family will be in my prayers.

Jigna

Jigna - January 10, 2020 at 03:44 PM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss, for our loss. I volunteered with Deb at Sunrise Park and Oaklyn Meadow. She was a knowledgeable and enthusiastic gardener especially her love of butterflies. She is, will be missed.

Jan Carter

Jan k Carter - January 09, 2020 at 04:04 PM

PS

“ Jim & Andrew--Sharon and I are saddened to hear of Deb's final journey. We know she fought many a battle in her brief lifetime and we also know she suffers no more. Her smile always lit up her surroundings and inspired those affected by her light. We'll always remember the Monster Cookies that she brought to Sharon at Christmastime-- delish!!

Pete & Sharon Smith

pete smith - January 08, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah Diersen Schade.*



January 08, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ *Jim and family-*

So sorry to hear about Debbie. Your family is in our prayers!

Scott and Gina Titzer

scott titzer - January 08, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ *I always looked forward to working with Deb on Master gardener projects. Always a joy to be around; ever the teacher/encourager and so proud of her boys. The world will be a little dimmer without her light. Your family will continue to be in my prayers in the days and weeks to come. God bless you with his comfort and peace.*

Marlene Huffaker - January 07, 2020 at 08:45 AM