



Debra Ann Silverthorn

October 25, 1959 - October 14, 2011

Debra Ann Silverthorn, 52, daughter of Robert and Margaret Silverthorn, was born on September 25, 1959 in St. Joseph, Michigan. She passed away on Friday, October 14, 2011, at home, after a valiant battle with ovarian cancer.

Her Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at 11am at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Joseph and will be celebrated by Father James Morris. Burial will follow in Resurrection Cemetery in St. Joseph. Visitation will be from 5 PM to 7:30 PM on Tuesday, October 18, with a prayer service at 7 PM at Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. Please share memories and photos at www.florin.net. Donations are requested to Lakeland Hospice, Berrien County Cancer Service, Silver Beach Carousel Society or the charity of your choice.

Deb was a 1977 graduate of St. Joseph High School. She graduated from Lake Michigan College, Central Michigan University, and Vocational School in Plainwell. She was employed at the Herald Palladium for 10 years.

Her most recent passion was helping initiate the return of the Silver Beach Carousel where she served on the original carousel board for several years and assisted with the fundraising, and volunteering at its completion.

Art was a very instrumental part of Deb's life through which she expressed her

passions. Her final project was Billy "Scape" Goat, depicting her great love for the Chicago Cubs. It was on display this past summer for the St. Joseph City Barnyard Animals. It will be permanently displayed at the Get-a-way Grille-Cubbie Bar in Bridgman, MI for Cubs fans to enjoy.

Survivors include her mother, Margaret, of St. Joseph; her brothers and sisters, Donald Silverthorn of Coronado, CA, Carol (Mark) Morris of St. Joseph, Nancy Silverthorn of Statesville, NC, and Joel (Pam) Silverthorn of Hellertown, PA; her nieces, Margaret, Melissa, and Roberta Silverthorn; and her nephews, James Morris and Gabriel Silverthorn. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins who lovingly supported her in her battle against cancer.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

1760 Lakeshore Dr
St. Joseph, MI 49127

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
2506 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 983-1514
staff@florin.net

Prayer Service

OCT 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

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2506 Niles Avenue
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Service

OCT 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 Church St.
St. Joseph, MI 49085
sjcath1@sbcglobal.net

Burial

OCT 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

Resurrection Cemetery
1760 Lakeshore Dr
St. Joseph, MI 49127

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Mary (Janco) Breach - San Diego, CA lit a candle in memory of Debra Ann Silverthorn*



Mary (Janco) Breach - San Diego, CA - October 21, 2011 at 07:54 PM

KR

“ *Debbie and I went to grade school (Washington--just so you know Joe. You and I also went to school together at Milton Jr. High) and to Milton together. I remember Debbie very fondly and was fascinated with how well she could draw carousels and carousel horses. I remember her fascination with them as early as Kindergarten. I liked to draw too but could never have done as well as she did. She had a natural talent. It made me happy to see that she was involved with the St. Joe carousel project and didn't surprise me a bit. I've thought of Debbie many times over the years and just wish I could have gotten in touch with her. Debbie will always have a special place in my memory and heart.*

My sincere condolences go out to Debbie's family.

Kelly (Gordon) Roscoe-Hartel

Kelly (Gordon) Roscoe-Hartel - October 20, 2011 at 11:54 PM

JF

“Debbie I went went to High School together, Middle School at Milton Jr. High, and i am pretty sure we even went to Jefferson Elem. school together. I may not be totally sure about Jefferson, but Deb would definatly remember. I have known Debbie most of our lives, and back when I was in junior high I didn't always talk to Debbie with the respect she deserved. When Debbie and I ran into each other about 10 years ago at a little league baseball game at Wells Field, Deb was there to watch her nephew James "Mo" Morris who happened to be on my sons team. Debbie and I would talk at nearly every baseball, basketball, and football game those two boys played together on. Deb called me over last spring at a SJ Bears baseball game and told me she had some bad news for me, when she told me about being sick, I gave her a big hug and told her that she could whoop it, then I walked away and cried, like I am now. I will always remember you Debbie, and I already miss you at the football games, James is having an awesome year.

Joe Fellows - October 20, 2011 at 06:31 PM

KR

Hi Joe. You and I went to school together too. Debbie went to Washington Elementary. I remember her well in Mrs. Kreiger's Kindergarten class. Take care...Kelly (Gordon) Roscoe-Hartel

Kelly (Gordon) Roscoe-Hartel - October 20, 2011 at 11:53 PM

TC

“To all the Silverthorns, my deepest sympathy! You are in my thoughts and prayers!

Tamara Jo Cox - October 20, 2011 at 12:27 PM

CH

“ *Cindy Harper lit a candle in memory of Debra Ann Silverthorn*



Cindy Harper - October 19, 2011 at 11:36 PM

AH

“ *Ann Holtsclaw lit a candle in memory of Debra Ann Silverthorn*



Ann Holtsclaw - October 18, 2011 at 09:10 PM

MS

“ *Marianne Hafer Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Debra Ann Silverthorn*



Marianne Hafer Schroeder - October 18, 2011 at 05:57 PM

MS

Marianne Hafer Schroeder....former neighbor on Forres and also a classmate.

Marianne Hafer Schroeder - October 18, 2011 at 05:59 PM

BC

“ Everyone in our class of 1977 knew Debbie & everyone also knew the Cubby's were her team! Debbie will forever bring fond memories to her classmates ... Debbie we all will miss you and I know you are bringing smiles in heaven! Rest in peace! Bill & Sue (Robach) Crow!

bill crow - October 18, 2011 at 02:33 PM

KR

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Kelly (Gordon) Roscoe-Hartel - October 20, 2011 at 11:51 PM

CV

“ To all of Debbie's family....I was so sorry to hear that she passed away. I knew her most from junior high when we went to Milton, and how she used to talk about the Blackhawks. I always thought she was a really good person, and I'm glad that I knew her. God bless you all.

Cindy (Nerenberg) Vidt

Cindy Nerenberg Vidt - October 18, 2011 at 12:16 PM

LT

“ Dear Silverthorn Family,
I am so sorry to hear about Debbie's passing. She always was so enthusiastic, and she loved those CUBS! I will always remember her.

Linda Tucker, Oceanside, CA
classmate

Linda Tucker - October 17, 2011 at 03:32 PM

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“ St. Joseph High School Class Of 1977 lit a candle in memory of Debra Ann Silverthorn



St. Joseph High School Class of 1977 - October 17, 2011 at 11:30 AM

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“ Jane Lally (Gentry) lit a candle in memory of Debra Ann Silverthorn



Jane Lally (Gentry) - October 17, 2011 at 10:14 AM

JF

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Jonathan Fisk - October 17, 2011 at 09:40 AM