



Debra Rowley

April 15, 1958 - May 10, 2017

Debra Ann Rowley "Debbie" died May 10, 2017 in Ocala, Florida from COPD related complications due to many years of smoking. She was born Tuesday, April 15, 1958 in Louisiana, to Edward and Winnie Furlow who along with her brother, Morris Furlow and a sister Edna Jean Furlow, all preceded her in death. She is survived by two sisters, Elizabeth Holton of Amite, Louisiana and Carolyn Hutchinson of Taylorsville, Illinois, along with many nieces and nephews in her hometown in Louisiana. Although she had no children of her own, she had quite an extended family of sisters, nephews and nieces in Texas and in Florida that she obtained through marriage and played a very important role in all of their lives. Those who knew Debbie well, knew that she loved life and loved to have fun. She enjoyed country music, playing slots and "Pogo", and traveling. She loved an adventure and especially liked seeing new places and meeting new people. One of her favorite places to go was the beach. She enjoyed the sun more than anything else and never minded the sand. She was happiest when she was outside even if it was doing yard work or planting flowers, she just truly preferred the outdoors. Debbie was not afraid of hard work and although she worked different jobs throughout her life she really enjoyed the ones where she got to meet people. She liked to hear their stories, especially if they were exciting and she loved to repeat the funny ones often more than once. One of her greatest abilities, was to take the most boring situations and make them comical. She had a fondness for "precious jewels" (costume jewelry), butterflies, and the color blue just like her eyes. She

especially loved little children.and they loved her. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. At her request, there will be no funeralno service and no sad processions. Debbie wanted people to be happy whenever they thought of her. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date for family and close friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Debbie, Although your body may not be here I believe your spirit will be with me. I don't think I ever thanked you enough for being a constant in my life and for teaching me how to be strong and how to love hard. You always had the most patience with us kids. I'm sorry about the grey hair...that's Cameron's fault though. Thank you for reminding me daily of my worth and that I could do anything I set my mind to and could always reach my goal in life. I always did tell you that I wanted to be a mom and I'm thankful you got to know Liam. He loved you so much! I'm thankful he doesn't have to experience grief at this age. Thank you for always giving me that extra push in life and never letting me give up when things got tough. Even though you weren't able to have children I always thought of you as my second mother. I miss you and I hope you knew how much I loved you! Love, Sissy

Kaitlyn - June 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“Debbie...I'll never forget all the wonderful times we shared. You were the sister I never had...would do anything for me and my family...that's just how you were. I will miss you. I will miss your smile and that crazy little giggle. We shared some wonderful moments and I will forever be grateful for you loving my kids as if they were your own and for always being there for me when I needed you. I'll never forget the time you took Kyle to the beach and made Davie stop at every store to find Kyle and sand bucket and shovel so he could play in the sand...in October. (They were out of season) Gosh you wouldn't stop once you put your mind to something!!! I wish it could have been different...but you always said you if you died with a cigarette and a beer You'd die a happy woman. I know you would be proud to know that we got things done just as you wished. Down to every last detail. I remember you told me one time that you always said your prayers every night before you went to sleep....and that comforts me to know you are up in heaven. You got your wings...butterfly...be free for You will always be with me in my heart.

Martha DiLullo, sister-in-law - June 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM