



## Debie Desch

October 28, 1954 - February 26, 2018

Debie Desch Bechtold Lueke, 63, formerly of Topeka, passed away February 26, 2018, in Green Valley, Arizona, after a return of lymphoma.

She was born on October 28, 1954, in Oakland, California to John and Joyce Desch, moved to Topeka as a child and remained in Topeka until 2009 when she moved to Arizona. Debie graduated from Hayden High School and Stormont-Vail School of Nursing. She earned a master's degree as a Nurse Practitioner at KU.

Debie worked as a nurse at Topeka State Hospital, and Menningers in Topeka. After moving to Arizona she was employed as a nurse manager at Tucson Medical Center, was a professor at Northern Arizona University and most recently worked as Director of Nursing at Crisis Response Network of Southern Arizona.

Debie's hobbies included knitting, music, beading and she loved KU basketball. She also loved animals of all kinds and the desert.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Joyce Desch, and brother, Greg Desch.

Debie is survived by her husband, Carl Lueke; son, Jesse Bechtold; daughter,

Heather Bechtold Maes; grandchildren Gavin Bechtold and Natalie Bechtold; her father, John Desch, of Green Valley, Arizona; and brothers, Mike Desch and David Desch.

Debie's memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, October 12, 2018, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home. Her cremains will be inurned at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Topeka, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society sent in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **12**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
[info@kevinbrennanfamily.com](mailto:info@kevinbrennanfamily.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Debie was a wonderful person and nurse. She will be missed. I knew her in Topeka. Nurses like her is the reason I became a nurse. Prayers to her family and friends. Cheri*

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**Cheri DeMarco** - March 18, 2024 at 06:00 PM



“ *Debie Desch*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Uncle Johnny and family:*

*I was so sadden to hear of Debies' death from her son as we were corresponding on Facebook. I'm so glad when Clydette, Steve, Scott, Denise and I got to come visit you and Debie while we all were in Az. One never knows when we are going to leave this world and I will never forget our visit. Growing up as cousins was very much different then cousins in today life, we all did things together and family was close. Thank God for that and our families. You and Aunt Joyce were wondering to all of us. You all have been in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all! And cousin Debie, RIP!!!! Love to all!!!!*

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**Candace Becker** - October 10, 2018 at 10:23 PM

MM

“ Dear John and family,  
I so often think of you and Joyce, my dear classmate from Holy Name and Hayden as well as neighbor growing up. I'm so sorry for your loss in Debie's death. Would love to be with you and your dear ones who mourn Debie's death but I will be unable to honor your dear daughter at her memorial on Friday. I will keep Debie, you and Joyce and all your family in my prayers. I have so many happy memories of those wonderful passed years.

God bless Debie, her family and all the John and Joyce Desch family!

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**Margaret Foster Masilionis** - October 08, 2018 at 09:51 AM

JR

“ So sorry to hear of Debie's passing. I worked with her at Menningers and sought her advice often, even after she left Topeka. She was a great nurse and valued friend. She will be missed but not forgotten. 🌸

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**Jeanne Roth** - October 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM

EK

“ John, I am so sorry to read about Debie. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Eunice Kuhlmann-Grieder  
AHL agent

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**Eunice Kuhlmann-Grieder** - October 07, 2018 at 10:57 AM