



Deborah "Debbie" Cushman

June 11, 1951 - August 2, 2014

Deborah (Debbie) Louise Cushman, 63, of Springfield, Ohio left this earth in the presence of loved ones on Saturday, August 2, 2014.

Debbie was born June 11, 1951 in Fort Meade, Maryland, and grew up in Coshocton, Ohio. She graduated from Coshocton High School in 1969 and went on to attend Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Debbie moved to Yellow Springs in the early 70's and was employed at Antioch University as the food service director. In the early 80's, she left Antioch to go into management at Kroger and eventually moved to Springfield. It was during her employment at Kroger that she met Robert Kozmar. They were married on November 30, 1985.

A few years later, she decided to follow in her father's footsteps and become a realtor. During her 27 year career as a realtor, she has sold numerous homes and went above and beyond for all of the families she has served. She served as the WRIST MLS director from 2004-2012. She served as president of the Springfield Board of Realtors in 2011. She was an SBOR Lifetime Achievement award winner. She was, for multiple years, OAR Presidents Sales Club award winner, RE/MAX International sales award winner, RE/MAX Leading Edge top sales award winner and SBOR realtor of the year. She served as president of the Woman's Council of Realtors as well.

Debbie was a member of the Springfield Board of Realtors, Columbus Board of Realtors, Dayton area Board of Realtors, OAR, NAR, The Realtor Political Action committee, and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

Debbie and Bob didn't have children but have 10 cats that they spoiled and were their "children". A majority of them were rescued cats. She helped many people get their cats spayed, neutered and declawed. She absolutely loved the color green. Debbie enjoyed fine dining and fine wine. She enjoyed gardening, cooking with fresh herbs from her garden and the local farmers markets. She and Bob were avid birdwatchers. Their yard was certified as a wildlife habitat. She had a butterfly garden and numerous bird feeders. She enjoyed playing board games and cards with her family and friends. Debbie had a great social conscience and wouldn't buy anything made in China. She was dedicated to practicing ecologically friendly living and socially responsible buying.

Debbie was preceded in death by her father, Hubert Prince Cushman Jr.; stepfather, Lyle Ehrenberg; step sister, Susan Ehrenberg and step brother in law, Robert Millen. She leaves behind her husband of nearly 30 years, Robert Kozmar; her mother, Dorothy Ehrenberg; her siblings: Linda (Erik Greiffenhagen) Cushman of Springfield, OH, Hubie (Deana) Cushman of Coshocton, OH, Dick (Jennifer) Cushman, Doug Cushman, both of Dublin, OH, Janet (Mike) Rettos of West Lafayette, OH and step sister Gretchen Millen of Coshocton, OH; host of nieces and nephews and her beloved cats. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Debbie's name to the Animal Welfare League, PETA or the Humane Society. A celebration of her life will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at Jackson, Lytle & Lewis Life Celebration Center, 2425 N. Limestone, Springfield, OH, with a memorial service beginning at 6. Condolences may be expressed to her family at www.jacksonlytle.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Jackson Lytle & Lewis Life Celebration Center
2425 N. Limestone St.
Springfield, OH 45503
(937) 399-2811

Service

AUG 13. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Debbie was such an extraordinary human being and I am a better person for having known her. My heart goes out to her family. Rest in peace, Debbie. Huge loss for the world. :(*

Julie Sims - August 17, 2014 at 08:36 AM

JS

“ *Julie Sims lit a candle in memory of Deborah "Debbie" Cushman*



Julie Sims - August 17, 2014 at 08:33 AM

SS

“ *Our most sincere condolences to Bob and all of the family for the passing of Debbie. She was a kind and gentle spirit. What a legacy she left of the example of service to others!
I have fond childhood memories of Debbie and the Cushman family as our family lived across the alley from them and we played together often.
You are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in God's grace at this difficult time. Let us be thankful for all the wonderful memories Debbie has given to us.
Until we meet again my friend.
Steve and Debi Shaw
Terry Shaw*

Steve and Debi Shaw - August 13, 2014 at 04:19 PM

SS

“ Steve And Debi Shaw lit a candle in memory of Deborah "Debbie" Cushman



Steve and Debi Shaw - August 13, 2014 at 03:59 PM

DM

“ Douglas Moorhead purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Deborah "Debbie" Cushman.



Douglas Moorhead - August 13, 2014 at 12:15 PM

DM

“ If Deb was here today I think she might recite this poem by Mary Frye...

*Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die...*

She will always be in our memories, "little cousin dougie"



Douglas Moorhead - August 13, 2014 at 12:04 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Deborah "Debbie" Cushman.



August 12, 2014 at 04:12 PM

SL

“ *Koz My Friend - Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Debbie in person, working with you Koz all those years and sharing kitty forwards with Debbie, I feel that I got to know her. We shared the love and compassion for homeless cats and tried so hard to educate people on taking care of God's critters. I'm sure that St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, will be putting Debbie to work taking care of the critters in Heaven. Koz, continue Debbie's legacy of caring for those 10 you have and all those outside critters. They are your friends and will give you so much joy and love in life. My thoughts, prayers and love will always be with you.*

*Sally Knox, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana (Retired)
Haughton, Louisiana*

Sally Knox, Haughton, Louisiana - August 12, 2014 at 12:54 PM

LP

“ *All of us at PETA are wishing you moments of peace and comfort as you remember Debbie and celebrate her remarkable life. Our hearts go out to Bob, her beloved cats, and all her family and friends. Debbie's compassion will live on, and we are so grateful for her support and all she did for animals in her lifetime.*

Leeanne, Ingrid, and all at PETA - August 11, 2014 at 11:21 AM

SO

“ My condolences to your family on the loss of your love one. I pray that you can find comfort in the God (Jehovah) who comforts all in the time of their grief. (2Cor 1:3) and who promise that one day in the future we will see our dead love ones again,. by means of his Son Jesus Christ (John 5:28,29) right here on a paradise earth (Psalm 37:11,22,29).At that time there will be no more pain or sorrow (Rev 21:3,4) Until may sweet memories continue to surround you and bring you comfort.
Deepest sympathy.

Sonia,N.Y - August 11, 2014 at 06:44 AM

PL

“ Debbie was a unique,wonderful person. She was a true,loyal,compassionate friend. She was always there when you needed her. It was a pleasure sharing a bottle of Chardonnay with her. I will miss you Debbie. You and your loved ones are in my thoughts and prayers. Paula Leach



Paula Leach - August 10, 2014 at 10:38 AM

BS

“ I never had the privilege of knowing Debbie, but after reading her obituary, I certainly wish that I had known her. We loved so many of the same things & I think we could have been good friends. RIP Debbie Cushman!

Becky Boyd Stockum - August 09, 2014 at 03:55 PM

KP

“ I worked with Debbie at Krogers in the Early 80's. She was a great manager and a kind person. Prayers for Bob and the rest of her family...Karen Price

Karen Price - August 06, 2014 at 08:15 PM

ES

“ I first met Debbie some time ago as a Realtor. Over the years we worked together on many real estate related committees, boards, etc. Debbie had a deep, analytical mind and I came to appreciate her insight. Debbie also had a fun-loving spirit and was fun to joke with! I will miss her, we will all miss her but she will live on in each of us! Elaine Stevenson

Elaine Stevenson - August 06, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JA

“ I met Debbie in the early 70's. She worked for Antioch and always wore long flowing dresses. I always remember her smile and her eyes. She had very kind, smiling eyes. I enjoyed talking and laughing with her and I remember sharing glasses of drink with her on Jackson Rd.. I was married to Prentice and she to Allyn. It was a short encounter but I always felt that we became friends and even though we didn't see each other much after she moved to Springfield. I knew we would remain friends, that is the type of person she was. I know the Cushman girls and my sadness for the family is very heavy in my heart. May you all find peace on this journey of grieving for the loss of this really special person. Love to all of the family.

Janet Tomas

Janet - August 05, 2014 at 09:12 PM

JT

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CJ

“ Debbie was and still is a cousin of mine. I haven't seen her for many years, sad to say but she will always be in my thoughts and prayers,RIP Debbie, Iv ya Skip

Charles "Skip" Kilgore Jr. - August 05, 2014 at 12:13 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Deborah "Debbie" Cushman.



August 05, 2014 at 11:38 AM

LW

“ To Debbie's family and love ones:

First, my deepest condolences to you. You're in my thoughts and prayers with this horrible loss of Debbie.

I had the honor and privilege of working with Debbie on both a professional and personal level. She was truly a sweet, kind, and generous person who helped me through a very difficult time in my life. She was a friend from the beginning with her love and compassion which made her a kindred spirit. She was rare and precious gem, who I will always hold close and dear in my heart. Soar high my friend you will be greatly missed!

Again, my prayers and thoughts are with you. I pray God will comfort with His peace which surpasses all understanding during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Lisa Dusina Weaver

Lisa Weaver - August 05, 2014 at 10:46 AM

TF

“ *Bob, I am sad to hear of Debbie's passing, I have you and your Family in my prayers. Debbie will be missed by all that knew and Loved her.*

Tim Fent

Tim Fent - August 05, 2014 at 06:59 AM

PB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



P.Ellouise Blair - August 04, 2014 at 09:52 PM

PB

“ *With wine, work and great advice you helped me through life’s ups and downs. You were my Realtor, employer, neighbor and a trusted friend. “Like the ripples in a pond, the work of one person can spread out and touch the lives of many others.” Thank you for being that person for me.*

- P.E. Blair



P.Ellouise Blair - August 04, 2014 at 09:46 PM