

## **DEBORAH A. SONBERGER**

Deborah A. Sonberger, 64, of Pittsburgh, passed unexpectedly Friday, December 29, 2023 while spending the holidays with her family in Roswell, Georgia.

Daughter of the late James J. And Katherine B. Sonberger, Debbie lived in Pittsburgh all her life, never living more than a few blocks from her childhood home. A natural caretaker as the oldest of three children, she eventually pursued nursing for many years. Her kindness and compassion were undoubtedly a blessing to all she encountered, in the same way they were to her family - the great love of Debbie's life. Despite in many ways being fiercely independent, Debbie's favorite moments were those spent with family. Quiet yet witty, Debbie's sneaky sense of humor was often surprising, which made her one-liners impressively funny. Perhaps even more impressive, however, was Debbie's memory. Despite repetitive strokes in her earlier years that should by all accounts have hindered her ability to recollect, she had the sharpest memory in the family, and her stories of years gone by will be sorely missed.

Debbie's strength and eternal, quiet optimism undoubtedly helped her deal with life's challenges. Often strong-willed and stubborn, two of her hallmark characteristics, she defied the odds time and time again overcoming many medical obstacles, which enabled her to delight in 20+ "bonus years" with her family. She was looking forward to turning 65, a milestone age she was unsure she'd see. Her family is comforted knowing she treated each day as a blessing and the miracle of her life was never lost on her. She lived as fully as one could.

Debbie is dearly loved and sorely missed by her family. She is survived by sister Kathy (Jeffrey) Boucek of Roswell, Georgia; brother James Sonberger of Wilkins; niece Katie (Luke) Gregory; and nephew Jonathan Boucek, both of Atlanta. Debbie is also survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins and caring friends.

Family and friends are welcome to attend a Memorial which will be held on Saturday, February 10th, at the chapel at Mt. Royal Cemetery (2700 Mt. Royal Boulevard, Glenshaw, PA 15116) at twelve o'clock in the afternoon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to The Blessing Board ([www.theblessingboard.org](http://www.theblessingboard.org)).

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