



Deborah Kay Brown

February 17, 2024

Deborah Kay Brown (née Common), 69, of Goodyear, Arizona, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2024, surrounded by her loving children.

Deborah was born on November 3, 1954, in Gallup, New Mexico, to Diana (DuBois) Common and John Common. She was the youngest of two girls. Her family moved frequently due to her father's work, eventually settling in Flint, Michigan. After the loss of her parents during her adolescence, Deborah found a loving home with her foster parents Bill and Lynette Collins.

In her adult years, Deborah moved to the west coast where she met her then-husband Stephen Brown. Together, they had three children, Daniel Brown, Benjamin Brown, and Nichole Brown. Deborah dedicated herself to caring for her family as a homemaker in Phoenix, extending her love and care to the neighborhood children as well. Later, she pursued a career at Heatherbrae School, where she taught ESL to second graders. In 1997, the Brown family settled in Buckeye, Arizona, and Deborah began her role as a Shipping Coordinator, taking great pride in her work.

While Deborah found fulfillment in her professional endeavors, her greatest joy was being a mother. Known affectionately as "Mama D," she embraced the role not only for her own children but for her nieces, nephews, friends' children, and anyone in need of her nurturing spirit.

Deborah is preceded in death by her parents Diana (DuBois) Common and John Common, her foster parents Bill and Lynette Collins, her mother-in-law Barbara Piske, nephews Timothy Cessna and Tony Piske and best friend, Jim Long. She is survived by her children, Daniel Brown, Benjamin Brown (Krystal), and Nichole Brown-Fox (Greg), her granddaughter Keira Brown, her sister Linda Wooley, her ex-husband Stephen Brown, and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 2, in Avondale, Arizona, to honor and remember Deborah's life and the love she shared with those around her. In lieu of flowers, it was Deborah's wish that you donate to your local PBS channel. She loved watching their shows over her lifetime.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ I might not have known Deborah well but she was always so kind and sweet to me whenever she would come over the the house when I lived with Nicky. She always showered the dogs with love and attention and they loved it when she would come over to visit. I am honored to have been entrusted with her final care. Nicky, Ben, and Dan my heart is with you during this incredible loss. Your mom was an amazing women with a huge heart.

Karle Freeland - February 29, 2024 at 02:09 PM

KB

“ Debby, I didn't know you well but you were always very kind to Marty and myself, you always remembered to send sweet birthday wishes. To your kids, always treasure the memories of your Mom and hold them dear. I'm a phone call away if I can ever help.

Katie Bangert - February 29, 2024 at 11:06 AM

PP

“ Our heart breaks for such a loss. Our condolences to Ben, Nikki and DanielShe raised a beautiful family and was so proud of them all. I will miss her beautiful laugh that always lifted my heart when we were together. She was my sister in law in crime as we joked around in family gatherings. Bob and I will miss her text messages of remembrance for our son Tony. She never missed the date for 20 years.Thinking of you, Love you XOXO.Peggy and Bob Piske.

Peggy Piske - February 28, 2024 at 08:17 PM

DE

“ Auntie Deborah was a gem. She loved big and hard. My Uncle and her were a great duo and had lots of fun together. We will miss Auntie Deborah and will hold her memories within our hearts. Thank you for sharing her with us. Denise (Sweet Peach Niece)

Denise - February 28, 2024 at 01:33 PM

KP

“ Aunt Deb,I will miss our talks and your loving free spirit. Thank you for the years of love, and laughter...My deepest condolences to my cousins and uncle... Love you guys. Keith, Lindsay, and Lukas.

Keith Piske - February 28, 2024 at 01:28 PM

AB

“ To The Brown Family – Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. May your many memories together bring you comfort during this difficult time. We thank you for entrusting Simply Cremation to care for her final arrangements.– Ashley Bradford, Admin Team-member at Simply Cremation

Ashley Bradford - February 28, 2024 at 12:54 PM

MB

“ Miss Deborah, You will be incredibly missed by all, including me. You give the best “mom hugs” ever! Thank you for sharing your love with us! Say Hi to the King for me! God Bless You & Keep You, Melissa

Melissa Baker - February 28, 2024 at 12:49 PM