



Debra L. Fortier

December 19, 2016

Debra L. Dawson Fortier, age 51, of Lawrenceville, GA passed away Monday, December 19, 2016. She is survived by her husband of seventeen years, Arthur J. Fortier, Lawrenceville, GA; son, Dawson James Fortier, Lawrenceville, GA; parents, Earl and Gertrude "Trudy" Dawson, Brandon, MS; sister and brother-in-law, Kimberly Ann and Richard Sanders, Suwanee, GA; and several aunts, uncles and nieces. Mrs. Fortier was born September 28, 1965 in Greenville, Mississippi. She was a graduate of Greenville High School and a graduate of Ole Miss University with a Bachelors Degree in Medical Records. She was employed with Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta as an Oncologist Specialist for two years. She had worked for Gwinnett Medical Center in Lawrenceville for twenty-four years as an Oncology Data Center Coordinator. She was a member of Living Savior Lutheran Church in Cumming, GA. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Droegemuller officiating. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. until time of service at 5:00 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Cancer Society Gwinnett County Chapter on SPCA of GA, 1175 Buford Highway Suite 109, Suwanee, GA 30024 in memory of Debra Lynn Fortier.

To express condolences, please sign our online guest book at www.flaniganfuneralhome.com. Arrangements By: Junior E. Flanigan of Flanigan Funeral Home and Crematory, Buford, GA (770) 932-1133.

Tribute Wall



“ *Debra L. Fortier*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Arthur/Dawson ~ I'm so incredibly sorry to hear about your loss. Please know my heart breaks for you and your family and y'all will be in my families prayers! Sincerely, Dalton (livin4mt)*

Dalton Stupack - December 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I met Debra at a GATRA meeting many years ago. She had the sweetest personality and was a dedicated GATRA member. She will very much be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.*

Patricia Fordham - December 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debra will be truly missed. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you peace that surpasses all understanding.*

Geneva Jordan - December 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *my last message from Debra was "love you" and I will take that in my heart forever... I was her Hairstylist and friend and have really gotten to know this wonderful soul.. such a tender heart who loved life.. I had just met her son and cut his hair and actually made him smile...I will miss this woman forever.. fly free my friend...forever I will love you*

Lisa Vicknair-Rush - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Debra was a wonderful person and friend. She was part of our GATRA gang for so many years and part of our Piedmont team. She will certainly be missed by all of us. Prayers for the family. May our Lord and Savior be with you during this difficult time.

Alison Townsend - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I worked with Debra from the time I entered the cancer registry realm in 2003. I served on her executive staff with GATRA. She was both a mentor and friend and her light in this world will be missed. Fly with the angels now Debra and may Christ hold your family in his arms to provide them with comfort needed now and in the future.

Crysty Cornett - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I know the heartbreak of losing a child and share that pain with you. Debra was a young Sunday School student of mine in Greenville & a delightful, eager-to-learn child. May you find comfort in the memory times ahead, knowing Jesus has taken her hand and guided her home.

Jeneane Snyder - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Debra was a very sweet and helpful person. I was associated with her through the GATRA meetings held each year. She had a true love for profession and this was exemplified through her commitment to GATRA. I sat at the table with her at the meeting this year 2016, and am now very pleased that I had that honor. She will be missed and remembered fondly.

Shelia D Williams - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Debra has been a good friend and colleague for over 20 years. She had such a calm demeanor, was always kind, and her love of her family was forefront. Her dedication and contribution to the cancer registry community was invaluable. She will be missed. May God provide comfort to her husband, son, family and friends as we all grieve of our loss.

Judy Andrews - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I clearly remember Debra's presence at my very first GATRA conference in 2009. Her enthusiasm was contagious. In the years since she became a treasured colleague and friend. I feel blessed to have known her and will miss her so much.

Robin Billet - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We miss Debra very much. She was a wonderful colleague.
John W. Henson, MD
Chief of Oncology Services, Piedmont Healthcare

John Henson, MD - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Was a great supervisor when I worked for her at GMC and was sad when she left for another department.

She was also a great friend, a fun-loving person, and funny.

The world is now missing a special person, but God has grand plans for her now that she is with him.

John & Cheri Bradley - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ We think of Debra at this Holy season when Jesus came to earth to be our Savior. We know that Debra has now claimed her heavenly home. We pray for comfort and peace as only God can give you. We send our love and prayers to you, her family.
Love from Uncle Stewart and Aunt Pat

Pat and Stewart - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My prayers and thoughts are with the family. I have known and worked with Debra for over 20 years. She was a special friend and I will cherish the memories. May God comfort you in this difficult time

Debbie Chambers - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I am so sad to hear of Debra's passing. I got to know her through GATRA around 2009 when I joined. We had a lot of conversations about our children, being the same age, and she sure adored and loved her Dawson. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Debra will be greatly missed by many and meant a lot to many.
My deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers,
Lisa Connor

Lisa Connor - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Please know that you are in our thoughts & prayers, and Debra will remain in our hearts.

Mildred Jones - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Debra was my friend and mentor for 10 years and I loved to visit and see her at GATRA every year. Her warmth and smiling face will be greatly missed by all. She was one of the kindest people I have ever been given the privilege to know. I am so thankful God gave me some time to know her and to be able to call her my friend.

Flora Beard - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ Debra was my mentor and friend and she will certainly be missed. I know that losing her is painful but she will continue to live on in our memories and hearts.

Ebony Johnson - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Debra was a very good friend of mine. We went to school together and hung out with each other a lot. She has always had a big piece of my heart even though we didn't get to talk much. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. I pray that you may find peace and comfort. God bless you all.

Patsy (Averett) Fox - December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ So sorry to hear about Debbie. My prayers are with her entire family. I hadn't been in contact with Debra since we were teenagers back in Greenville at our small Lutheran church, but she was always so sweet and kind. From what I recall, she was shy back then but always had a beautiful smile!

Pamela Martin Skipper - December 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I knew Debra back in Greenville Ms. She was a wonderful person who loved to listen, but loved to talk more. She was a very good friend. She will be missed. Prayers for her family and friends!

Donnie Luke - December 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ I have known Debra since we were in our early teens. She was a sweet and kind person and my friend. My heart breaks for all of you. Please know I am praying that God will get you through this difficult time.

Angela Clark Ross - December 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ I was fortunate enough to know and be wed to Debra she was a wonderful woman taken from us to soon and will forever be missed and loved. I wish to send my condolences and my prayers will be with the family and many friends she had.

Eric Benton - December 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ DEBRA WAS A VERY SWEET WONDERFUL PERSON. WORKED WITH HER AT JOAN GLANCY IN DULUTH. I WAS THE SUPERVISOR IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE. SHE WOULD ALWAYS COME IN THERE AND WE WOULD TALK. SHE LOVED HER SON SO MUCH. SO SORRY TO HEAR OF HER PASSING. HER FAMILY WILL BE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. RIP DEBRA LOVED YOU

SHIRLEY JONES - December 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *I worked with Debra for a number of years at Gwinnett Medical. She was a wonderful supervisor and a true friend. My heart goes out to her family. You are in our hearts and prayers. Connie and Kevin Slater*

Connie and Kevin Slater - December 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM