



## Debra J. Utych

March 22, 1956 - July 31, 2023

Debra “Debbie” Utych, age 67, passed to her eternal life on July 31, 2023, surrounded at home by her loving daughters and husband.

Debbie was born on March 22, 1956 in Highland Park, Michigan to Robert and Violet (Borelli) Oleszkiewicz. She is survived by her devoted husband, Ray Utych, her children Jen Anderson (Matt) and Cheryl Ringold (Ryan), and her cherished grandchildren Ryan, Trevor, Carl Warren and Ryan Ashley. Debbie is also survived by her parents, Robert and Violet Oleszkiewicz and her siblings, Bobby, Mike and Paul. She was preceded in death by her former husband, Carl Robelli.

Debbie grew up in Roseville where she attended local schools. She became a mother at a young age and always worked hard in order to demonstrate the values of effort and perseverance to her two daughters. She spent many years in the hospitality service where her outgoing personality frequently converted customers to lifelong patrons and friends. Debbie’s virtues of loyalty and generosity were felt by all that knew her.

Among the many recipients of her boundless generosity were her cherished grandchildren. Her love for them knew no bounds, and every opportunity became a chance for her to shower them with gifts and adoration. One fond memory stands out, when one of her grandchildren proclaimed that she was

even better than Santa Claus, a testament to the excitement she brought into their lives. Debbie enjoyed spending time at her place in Lexington, where she started a tradition for her grandchildren of going to watch the town's Christmas tree lighting.

Debbie was also known for her strength and determination. These qualities helped her beat stage three breast cancer in 2000, putting it into remission for roughly fifteen years. Her cancer eventually was recurrent, and she endured rugged medical treatments the last five years while battling like a true warrior.

Per her wishes, she was cremated, and a private family memorial service will be held at a later date.