



Deborah Hourigan

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Deborah Mahery Hourigan, 64, of Huntersville died December 17 at the Levine and Dickson Hospice House. She was born in McMinn County, TN on May 21, 1951, to the late Charles and Ernestine Mahery.

Debbie received her undergraduate degree from Emory University and her Masters and Specialist degrees from the University of Florida. She worked as a school psychologist in the Iredell-Statesville school system for 19 years. She will be remembered for her southern hospitality, compassion, selflessness and devotion to the children and families she served.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Mike; daughter Caitlin, 27, of Alexandria, VA; son Michael, 24, of Durham, NC; sister, Cynthia Clayton of Jasper, GA.

Memorials may be made to Autism Research via autismspeaks.org or the Levine and Dickson Hospice House, 11900 Vanstory Dr. Huntersville, NC 28078.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Sunday, December 20 at James Funeral Home, 10520 Arahova Dr. Huntersville.

The funeral service will be held at 11 AM Monday in the chapel of James Funeral Home with Rev. Harold Hudson officiating. A reception will follow the service in the Community Room of James Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com



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JR

Jack And Linda Rodden posted:

Mike; So sorry to here of Debbie's passing. I know she is in a better place but it's always hard to lose one so loved and respected at anytime. I know it's hard to lose your wife and your children their mother but her suffering is over and good thoughts and memories will prevail forever! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sincerely Jack and Linda

December 31 at 6:46 AM

TS

Terri & John Sanchez posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Your mom was always so gracious and kind with such a compassionate soul. I know she touched many, many people. Please know all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

December 22 at 4:10 PM

WF

Williams Family posted:

We are deeply saddened by the news of your loss. We pray that God will grant you the strength in this difficult time. You have our most sincere condolences.Sincerely,Matt, Kelli, Reese, Brynn, Shane, and Grant

December 22 at 1:35 PM

RS

Rosemarie Simpson posted:

I worked with Debbie and she was one of the nicest and most sincere person I have ever had the opportunity to know. May God bless all of you during this time.

December 21 at 2:13 PM

SB

Stephanie Bridges posted:

Caitlyn,We're sorry for the loss of your beautiful Mom. Our prayers are with you and your family today as you say goodbye. May you all be at peace and know you will always have the beautiful memories of her and that she's not feeling any pain,tears or sorrow as she's in a better place in Heaven, smiling down on you. We love you, take care. Evans and Stephanie Bridges and family.

December 21 at 7:43 AM



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TF

The Willson Family posted:

Dear Hourigan family, Please accept our family's deepest condolences in the loss of our early and dear friend Debbie. She is a large presence in the oldest and fondest memories we have together. We will miss her wonderful smile and sweet voice and are extremely honored to have been her friends. Blessings to you all, as she blessed us...

December 21 at 6:31 AM

JA

Judi Archer posted:

My sincere sympathy to Debbie's family and all the friends and especially the children that she had such a positive influence on. She was a gift to families in ISS. I only met her once as an advocate for a child, but her knowledge, empathy and compassion for the student during the special education process made a huge impact on me. She treated everyone with the utmost respect. She was truly an angel for students. God bless her!

December 20 at 10:03 AM

NS

Nancy Sherrod posted:

So very sorry to hear this news. Debbie was such a lovely woman, so kind and compassionate. It was a pleasure to work with her. My heartfelt condolences to her dear family.

December 19 at 3:28 PM

TS

Theresa Sloan posted:

I first worked with Mrs. Hourigan at Troutman Middle, back in the late 90s. I also had the privilege of working with her at Scotts Elem. last school year. She told me that I could call her Debbie instead of Mrs. Hourigan. I told her I thought she was too classy for someone like me to call her by her first name. So, as friendly as we were with each other, it was always Mrs. Hourigan. She was a very sweet person, and I will miss seeing her at professional developments. Praying for the family. TSloan

December 19 at 2:16 PM



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TC

Tom Chrisman posted:

Mike, Caitlin, Michael, and Cynthia, I was truly saddened to hear about Debbie and I am very sorry for your loss. Debbie was in the class after mine at Oxford and I will always remember Debbie's smile and positive nature. She had a way about her that would make anyone smile even on the most stressful of days. I've always considered her to be a true friend and I enjoyed catching up with her on those rare occasions when we both attended an Oxford function in the past. She was an angel and I pray God will lift your spirits and protect and guide you during this difficult time. And, I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. Tom Chrisman

December 19 at 10:57 AM

KC

Karen Connell posted:

Debbie was such a dear, dear lady! Words aren't big enough to describe the caring way she approached each and everyone she worked with. Am grateful to have spent time with her and will miss her.

December 19 at 8:21 AM

PK

Paula Allen Kinney posted:

My heart goes out to the Hourigan Family but we have to celebrate Debbie's Homecoming. She was a wonderful co-worker and friend. I pray for strength for the family.

December 19 at 7:08 AM

CF

Carusillo Family posted:

We are heart broken for the loss of Debbie. She was a beautiful kind lady with a great 'soul'! Not everyone gets a chance to be an Angel in heaven, but there is no doubt Debbie has been handed her wings! We are so sad and will pray for your family.

December 19 at 6:00 AM

JG

Joe & Kristen Guerrero posted:

We are truly sorry to hear about Debbie's passing. We will always remember Debbie as a gracious "beam of light" that we were lucky enough to call a friend. The Hourigan family is truly blessed to have had such a wonderful wife, mother, friend and mentor in their lives. She will live on in all of you.

December 19 at 5:23 AM



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DH

Dotsi Morgan Hoffman posted:

I was blessed to call Debbie my friend, my colleague and a gifted psychologist and I witnessed her greatness when working with Special Education children and their families. She never wavered in her determination to provide the best care and educational opportunities for our unique students and those of us privileged enough to work beside her will never be the same. She has left us a legacy and a challenge... "Do what is RIGHT and do what is BEST for children" Debbie Hourigan said this to me many times as we worked together. May God bless your family as you rejoice in her life and cherish her memories in your heart, Peace, Dotsi M. Hoffman

December 19 at 4:45 AM

RO

Ronnie posted:

Dear Hourigan family, my sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved Deborah. During this difficult time may this scripture at Revelation 21:3,4 bring you comfort. Here Jehovah God assures that real soon he will remove all the things that cause us pain and suffering such as our enemy death. May you also hold on to the hope that is mention at John 5:28,29

December 19 at 2:32 AM

AD

Alysha Derting posted:

I had the privilege to work with Debbie over the past few years and she was so kind and complimentary of me always! Such a sweet, kind person! Much love to the family and healing in the days to come. Alysha

December 18 at 6:30 PM

KL

Kerri Layne posted:

Debbie was a special person, one that you always remember from the first conversation you have with her. Her smile would light up a room and her kind and loving heart would warm it at the same time. My heart is so heavy for her family because I know the pain you bare, but knowing that God definitely gained an angel when He received Debbie. She truly was a blessing to work with and to know. With Deepest Sympathy, Kerri Layne

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JD

John Delponti posted:

I have known the Hourigan family since we moved to the NC area in 1996. I know Debbie was one of my wife's dearest/closest friends. She was the kindest and sweetest person I have known. There is no question she is looking down on us all from heaven and is at peace. She set a true example for others on how to give and be there. She was wonderful in helping our family through countless things from schools to figuring out how to get special help. I remember her coming to California and visiting us with the kids when we lived in La Canada near LA. To being there for my family including last year at Lacey's baby shower. To being there always for my wife. To Mike, Caitlin and Michael you have all been truly blessed with a wonderful wife/mother. My prayers, love and condolences are with you. Debbie - thank you for making our community a better place and being such a great inspiration.

December 18 at 12:16 PM

EM

Elizabeth Morrison posted:

A beautiful soul ascended to heaven. Debbie will be remembered by so many - a sweet, gentle person. My condolences to her family. May God give you comfort and peace during this time.

December 18 at 10:58 AM

MH

Michelle Honsa posted:

My deepest condolences to her loved ones and friends. Debbie will continue to be a beacon of light in my soul and the best school psychologist I have ever known. I have had the privilege of working with her and being her friend for the last few years. She will be deeply missed. My heart and prayers go out to her family. Heaven has gained another angel and for that I am glad, but I have a heavy heart for those that are without her. Please know that she touched many lives for the better, and that she left the world a better place than when she found it.

December 18 at 10:15 AM

LL

Linda Lerch posted:

She was one beautiful lady...inside and out. She will be truly missed.

December 18 at 9:52 AM



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Trudy Wooten posted:

I wanted to say how sorry I am to hear of your loss. I worked in the same building as Debbie and she was the most friendly lady. She always had a pleasant smile and a friendly "Good Morning" as she walked by my office. .. She will be missed... Prayers for your family.

December 18 at 9:32 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Deborah by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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