



Deborah "Debby" Puckett

August 17, 1949 - May 19, 2025

Deborah Leigh Wallace was born on August 17, 1949 in Biloxi, Mississippi to Alvin and Chastine (Lowery) Wallace, her parents who she loved and adored. The oldest of three girls, she was a proud Air Force brat who grew up all over the world, spending the most time in Germany and Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was there that she met her best friend for life, and as young adults they had many adventures backpacking through Europe and living it up in New Mexico and California. She was an avid music fan throughout her life, especially of rock, soul, and R&B, and the live acts she was able to see during this time set the bar high. Her favorite bands were Earth, Wind, and Fire and the Average White Band, and she would never miss an opportunity to see either in person. She held many positions, from cocktail waitress at the Officer's Club on an Air Force Base in Germany, to cook on an oil rig in the North Sea, where she was introduced to Peter Puckett, who she would marry and share a daughter with. They settled in Georgetown, Mississippi where she was the beloved school secretary at Union Academy until the mid-nineties when she decided to go back to school for a nursing degree. She graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Nursing and went to work as a dedicated night nurse on the third floor of Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital, where she was loved by her patients and even was called an "angel". She cared for her patients deeply and spoke of them often for the rest of her days. In retirement, she enjoyed traveling with her sisters, going to the movies, doting on her four grandchildren, and doing exactly what she felt like doing when she felt like

doing it. She really loved to put a beach chair in the water on the beach in Destin and watch the kids splash in the waves and was always planning the next trip—even when she was too sick to travel. She passed away peacefully on the evening of May 14th, 2025 at her daughter's home in Bay St. Louis, where she had spent the last year battling an aggressive brain cancer. She was so loving, kind, smart, and generous, and is sorely missed by many, especially her daughter, sisters, and grandchildren.

Deborah Wallace Puckett is preceded in death by her parents, Alvin Lee and Johnnie Chastine (Lowery) Wallace, maternal grandparents John "Big" and Clara Lowery, and paternal grandparents Thomas and Betty Wallace.

She is survived by her daughter Katherine "Katie" Garcia (David) and grandchildren Clark, Gideon, Piper, and Henry of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, sisters Cecelia "Cee Cee" Bullock (Doyle) of Byron, Georgia and Amy Appel (Eddie) of Brandon, Mississippi, aunt Bettye Jo Windom of Georgetown, Mississippi, uncle Will Lowery (Bobbie) of Clinton, Mississippi, niece Dia Scott (Ralph), great-nieces Maddie and Autumn Scott of Byron, Georgia, and many cousins and great friends.

A memorial service will be held at Stringer Funeral Home in Crystal Springs, Mississippi on Friday, June 6th. Visitation begins at 10am and the service will be at 11am, with burial at Georgetown Cemetery to follow.

If you would like to donate in her honor, please consider Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital or the Wounded Warrior Project—she gave freely and often to many charities, but these two were closest to her heart.

Cemetery Details

Georgetown Cemetery

Cemetery Rd
Georgetown, MS 39078

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs
PO Box 431
26141 Hwy 27
Crystal Springs, MS 39059
(601) 892-1521
stringerfuneral@bellsouth.net

Memorial Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ I remember Debbie & going to school with Katie for 2-3 years at Union Academy. One thing I can say for sure, & it can only be a matter of opinion. During her years at Union, she had the best boss Coach Richard Brown.

I have been praying & will continue to pray for the family during this time of grief.

Joey Ashley - June 05, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Deborah "Debby" Puckett.



June 04, 2025 at 12:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah "Debby" Puckett.

June 04, 2025 at 12:40 PM

KC

“ We first met Debby and CeeCee and their parents Alvin and Chastine in 1956, when we became next-door neighbors at Lincoln Air Force Base in Nebraska. Our mother and Chastine were best friends for years beyond that time. The world is not the same without Debby's light in it. She is gone much too soon.

Kathy (Garde) Connett - June 03, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah "Debby" Puckett.



June 03, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah "Debby" Puckett.



June 03, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ The Appel, Renzette and Picco Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deborah "Debby" Puckett.



The Appel, Renzette and Picco Families - June 03, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Puckett.

May 25, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah "Debby" Puckett.*



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