



# Deborah Merle Coleman

November 21, 1947 - February 5, 2022

Deborah “Deb” Merle Coleman, 74, of Robins, Iowa, passed away on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at Dennis & Donna Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy in Hiawatha, Iowa. Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Marion, Iowa. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at the funeral home. A private family burial to follow.

Deb was born on November 21, 1947, in West Union, Iowa, the daughter of Calvin and Betty Lou (Cline) Bemiss. She graduated from North Fayette High School before working for the Alburnett Community Schools. On September 12, 1970, Deb was united in marriage to Stan Coleman in West Union. Deb adored spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was a wonderful seamstress, pouring her time into altering wedding gowns, making dance and countless Halloween costumes for her children and grandchildren. Deb will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Deb is survived and lovingly remembered by her husband of 51 years, Stan Coleman; mother, Betty Lou Bemiss of Fayette, Iowa; children, Eric (Kari) Coleman of Johnston, Iowa, Amy (Thomas) Wright of Monticello, Iowa, and Stacey (Chad) Regennitter of Marion; 13 grandchildren; and brother, Kurt Bemiss of West Union.

She was preceded in death by her father, Calvin Bemiss; and daughter, Carrie Anne Coleman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family to be distributed to charities of Deb’s choosing, which include, the music programs at Johnston High School, Monticello High School and Marion High School, MS Society, No Foot Too Small and Mercy Hospital.

Please share a memory of Deb at [www.murdochfuneralhome.com](http://www.murdochfuneralhome.com) under obituaries.

# Cemetery

---

# Events

---

**Dunkard Cemetery**

Midway, IA,

**FEB** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

**9**

---

Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Service - Marion  
3855 Katz Drive, Marion, IA, US, 52302

**FEB** **Funeral Service** 10:30AM

**10**

---

Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Service - Marion  
3855 Katz Drive, Marion, IA, US, 52302

# Comments

---



“ She and Stan have been good friends of ours for years, taking turns babysitting for each other during St. Paul preschool days. We used to trade kids' clothes as they grew. Stacey's comments about her Mom guiding her thru her kids' years was what Deb would do for me way back when. As couples, we would get sitters and celebrate New Year's Eve on the coldest of nights! In later years, Deb and I would meet for lunch occasionally. She was the 1st to step up and offer help after my granddaughter was badly injured in an ATV accident, offering alterations of clothing. She also contributed to girls' fundraiser during that hard time. I will miss her friendship.

**Barb Kreger** - February 10 at 10:49 AM

---



“ My daughters and I were introduced to Deb several years ago when she came highly recommended as a wonderful seamstress. Indeed she was! She altered my girls' wedding gowns and several bridesmaid dresses for them. If there was a problem or an issue with a dress, Deb always came through with a solution! She was a perfectionist and we appreciated that. As someone who can barely sew a button on, she was an artist and master in my eyes and undoubtedly in the estimation of so many others.

My daughters and I were saddened to hear of Deb's passing. She was always kind and gracious. She would share stories of her family with us as she worked, and it was evident that she was a proud and loving wife, mom and grandma.

My sincerest sympathy to Deb's family and dear friends. You are in my prayers.

Paula Easton

**Paula Easton** - February 09 at 11:44 AM

---



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah Merle Coleman.



February 09 at 09:10 AM

---



“ Debbie was always very kind and I never heard her speak badly about anyone. She was the classmate everyone should wish for.  
Thomas Pratt.

Thomas P Pratt - February 08 at 11:03 PM

---



“ Deb added special touches to life. Like a little sign "Here comes Amazon. Here comes Amazon. Right down my driveway." that she shared with me at one of our Alphabet Lunches." Or the mini candy bars she brought for dessert. She really listened. You could tell by her follow-up calls, messages or texts voicing her concerns and asking how she could help. I thoroughly enjoyed working with her at Alburnett. She worked hard to make sure our students were taken care of and had what they needed. Deb was a wonderful friend. She will always hold a special place in my heart.

Lauralea Wander - February 08 at 09:46 PM

---



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah Merle Coleman.



February 08 at 05:38 PM

---



“ Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Deborah Merle Coleman.



February 08 at 12:02 PM

---



“ The Mahoney's. purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Deborah Merle Coleman.



**The Mahoney's.** - February 07 at 07:54 PM

---



“ I am thankful for the years we had working together at Alburnett School. Our topics daily were about our families. Deb's many projects and family is so dear to her. The Good Lord has lots of sewing for other families only Deb can do. I treasure our friendship. I have many memories to hold onto.

Bert Shulista

**Bert Shulista** - February 07 at 12:27 PM

---



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Merle Coleman.



February 07 at 12:14 PM

---



“ Deb was an awesome friend. She was like a sister to me. We had so many good times and lots of laughs. Deb was always there for me and my girls. Great memories will live on forever!

Peggy Mounce

**Peggy Mounce** - February 07 at 09:23 AM

---



“ Deb was an amazing friend these many years----at Alburnett and after retirement. She did many sewing projects for my family and me and they always were perfect. Deb made sure Stan completed my home projects correctly and let us know when she had a better idea (which we followed). We will continue our rock adventures, but we know that she will be watching Pam take our selfies and laughing at us. What I will miss most of all will be the 3-hour lunches as she loved fries as much as I did, and we always found things to talk about. Becky Steele

**Becky Steele** - February 06 at 04:28 PM

---



“ I was so fortunate to have spent more time with Deb last summer when we made day trips to see quirky sights like the Matchbook Museum and Salta and Pepper Shaker Museum. We made a decision to see all 99 Freedom Rocks, one in every county, and managed to see 25 before Fall. We will miss her on our trips, but she will be with us in our hearts. Pam Brackey

**Pam Brackey** - February 06 at 02:35 PM