



## Deborah Kelly Kilbourne

March 8, 1952 - July 28, 2017

DEBORAH S. KELLY-KILBOURNE, 65, of Kansas City, Missouri, passed away peacefully July 28, 2017 at St. Joseph Hospital, KCMO. She is survived by her husband of 33 years, two sisters: Patty Stovall (Robert) of Waco, TX and Ellen Wood (Jim) of Pittsburgh, PA, a brother, Larry Malus of Pittsburgh, PA, and two nephews: Scott Stovall (Marisa) of Waco, TX and Brad Stovall (Kimberley) of Richmond, VA.

Debby is a graduate of Shawnee Mission East High School and Penn Valley Community College where she earned a degree in Medical Transcriptions. She was employed in the Kansas City area at several hospitals and medical offices.

Debby's greatest joy was volunteering with multiple animal rescue groups. Memorial contributions may be sent to: Friends of the Animal Shelter of St. Joseph, 701 Lower Lake Road, St Joseph, MO 64504.

Memorial service will be private.

# Tribute Wall

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“ When I was very young, we lived on Rainbow Blvd in Kansas City, she lived in a little house right behind us. I never will forget the love that she had for myself and my brother. So full of life and energy. I thought of her today and looked her up. I know she passed a couple of years ago, but my heart hurts now. I am so sorry for your loss.

Michelle Warren - January 15, 2020 at 04:10 PM

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“ My dear friend..... my heart is heavy with finding your obituary. We shared many, many great times together during the 1980's. There was a very special bond that a group of us shared upon meeting each other at Montgomery Ward Credit Center in the Central Personnel Dept. in Merriam, Kansas. We all had a deep connection with each other and experienced great times together. The memories are ours, and they will always make my heart smile. I'm forever grateful that our paths crossed in this lifetime. Much love Deb.... my Skweby as I affectionately called you. 🌹 Beckers

Beckers (Shawnee) - January 15, 2018 at 09:54 PM

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“ I know Debbie through working with her in the Cancer Registry field. She was a major mentor to me when I first started in this field. She was always a kind, loving and very thoughtful friend. I am so glad I got to share in part of her life. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.

Elaine Casper - August 09, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ *Debby & I worked together at KCCOP, and remained friends going forward. I'm very fortunate to have known her. She was always sweet, funny, and very kind. She always thought of ways to try and help if you (or your dog!) were going through a difficult time. Her love of dogs was boundless. Up to the last time we talked she wanted to somehow find a way again to help dogs. Debby fought a courageous fight. I'm so glad that she's finally happy, healthy, and peaceful now with her family and her animals.*

*Susan Richards*

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**Susan Richards** - August 03, 2017 at 02:24 PM



“ *On behalf of all of us at Spay and Neuter Kansas City, we are so sorry to hear of this great loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Debby's friends and family. We were so lucky to have gotten to know Debby throughout the years that she spent as a dedicated volunteer with our organization. Debby had a heart of gold and smile that could brighten anyone's day. She was so passionate about helping everyone and every pet she came across. She will be dearly missed. Our staff and volunteers are saddened by this news, but we know she is in a better place with other loved ones and her beloved dog, Cooper.*

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**Amanda Gatten** - August 02, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Debby was always looking for ways to help and sharing everything she had. In working with animal groups I have many memories of her lighthearted way of supporting others and enjoying life. A really beautiful person who will be missed.*

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**Amy Cox** - August 01, 2017 at 11:16 PM

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*We are so sorry for your family's loss, Debbie was such a wonderful and caring person. My mother Elspeth Stoker so enjoyed Debbie and her mother Betty, they were great friends. Our prayers are with your family. Wanda and Phil Smith and Frances Reddis.*

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**Wanda L. SMITH** - August 06, 2017 at 08:31 AM

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*Extending my sympathy to all of Debby's family . . I worked with Debby in the Cancer Registry at Shawnee Mission Medical Center for a few years. Those were stressful years during which her father passed and her mother was in declining health. Debby was considerate and caring. She was a dependable, dedicated worker with a sense of humor. She spoke proudly of nephews Scott and Brad. I thank God that Debby recruited me to work at SMMC and was a friend. Lois Miller*

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**Lois Miller** - August 06, 2017 at 07:12 PM

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*Extending my sympathy to Kelly, Debby's husband. I worked with Kelly at Sprint for many years, and he always spoke of Debby in a very loving way. Kelly, I know you will greatly miss her. You helped me so much when my son, Jason, passed away. I just wanted to let you know you are in my heartfelt thoughts. Sincerely sending you comfort and peace at this difficult time.*

*Pat Cunningham*

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**Pat Cunningham** - August 08, 2017 at 04:52 PM

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*To dear Kelly, Debby's loving husband of so many years. Debby was an almost a bigger-than-life personality with her great social skills, love of people and loving commitment to the humane care of all animals. Debby will be missed by all who knew her, especially you, Kelly. You were her rock. I am so sorry for your loss. Debby went through more than her share of challenges and you certain stuck by her her side through them all. I am so sorry Debby has left us, but feel a sense of relief for her, knowing she no longer has the health restraints that she struggled with for so long. Rest in peace dear Debby and may you be with all the wonderful dogs you have loved and known who also have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. I know that Cooper was the first in line there waiting to welcome and greet you.*

*Becky Tillman*

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**Becky Tillman** - January 18, 2018 at 09:52 PM