



Deborah Ann Martell

November 30, 1954 - July 5, 2016

Deborah Ann Martell, daughter of the late Robert L. and Nina Faye (Shaw) Rowlands, was born November 30, 1954 in Utica, New York where she grew up and graduated from high school.

Shortly after graduating from high school, Deborah entered the United States Army and served her country faithfully until her honorable discharge after 17 years. She began her service in the 57th Military Police Honor Guard at West Point, New York in 1975. She attained the rank of CW2 and served with the Military Police and the Criminal Investigations Command (CID). She served at Ft Belvoir, Virginia; Mannheim, Germany; Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; Camp Casey, Korea; and Ft. Stewart, Georgia.

After leaving the service, Deborah worked in the Insurance industry, then the Department of Homeland Security as a Security Specialist until her retirement from civil service in February 2016.

In her spare time, Deborah was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan. She was active in the United Methodist Church and local animal rescue groups. Most importantly, she loved spending time with her daughter.

Deborah passed away Tuesday, July 5, 2016 in the Life Care Center of Waynesville at 61 years of age. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

In addition to her parents, Deborah was preceded in death by her brother, William "Bill" Rowlands.

Deborah leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter and son-in-law: Leslie and Aaron Jones of Mt Vernon, IN.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 9, 2016 in the Memorial Chapels and

Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Marsha Vincent officiating. Family members and friends recalled their wonderful memories of Deborah. The songs "Amazing Grace" and "In the Garden" were played.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 19, 2016 at 03:47 PM



“ It has been three years to the day when my sister left this world to go to the next - I think about her all of the time; even though we did not see eye to eye as often as I would have wished . . . being 4 years older, I knew her all of her life - she is missed and I will always hold precious memories of my times with her in my heart!

Victoria Lyn Ryan - July 05, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ Leslie, I'm so sorry about your mom's passing -- she was a brave lady. I pray that you are at peace. Your mom gave me Ebony when she could no longer care for her. I want to let you know that Ebony is doing fine. She is also a testament to your mom's many talents, as it is evident that Debbie trained her exceptionally well.

Mary Willmon

Mary Willmon - September 13, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



carol mummert - September 13, 2016 at 05:59 PM



“ I met Deb in 2010 n Dulles, VA. She became a very good friend and we spent a lot of time together. Deb taught me the game of football and every Steelers game we would hang out at an Irish pub in Herndon. In May of 2015, we went to her place in Duck, NC...it was so much fun to spend a few days away. She was a special person.

Leslie, her eyes lit up when she spoke of you.

I feel blessed to have her as a friend.

Carol Mummert

Carol Mummert - September 13, 2016 at 05:49 PM



“ I was a new CID agent in 1979 and worked with Debbie on cases in Germany. I am sad to hear the news.

Dr Steven Gilbert



Dr Steven Gilbert - July 18, 2016 at 03:09 PM



“ Leslie - I can only hope that you can hold to your heart just how proud your Mom has always been of you. Her whole face just lit up whenever she talked about you. May God bless you and your family and provide you comfort during this difficult time. You are in our prayers.

Lisa Eargle

Lisa Eargle - July 18, 2016 at 11:20 AM



“ Scott Jones lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Martell



Scott Jones - July 18, 2016 at 10:50 AM



“ I met Deborah years ago, when she was living in Reston and I began preparing her taxes. I so admired the way she handled her mortality four years ago when she found out she was sick and immediately began downsizing to write off non cash charitable donations. She had courage and common/business sense and I'll never forget her grace and how she was able to focus and separate from her physical pain to handle everything so that her daughter, Leslie wouldn't have too. RIP my friend. I will miss you very much.

Sarah McGuire - July 13, 2016 at 03:14 PM



“ I met Deborah when she was assigned as a CID Agent at Ft. Belvoir, VA, while I was assigned to HQ, 1st RGN, USACIDC. Shortly thereafter, while she was still assigned to FT. Belvoir, VA she became part of the Economic Crime Unit at 1st RGN, that I was responsible for. Deborah was a member of an investigative element responsible for the investigation of a major construction/repair fraud involving, the Army, Air Force and Navy in the TN and KY area, Deborah was extremely intelligent, always prepared and a pleasure to work with.

During this association, when traveling down to Ft. Lee, VA, I mentioned the specific color of green and the only other time I had ever seen that color green. It turned out that we had actually known each other as children. We grew up in the same area of Miami, her family moving away when I was about 16. I knew her brother and sister better than her. It was a hilarious moment.

I met Leslie when she was about 8 months or so, She was in a shopping basket when I ran into Deborah. It was my pleasure to know both of them off and on as Leslie grew to the person she is to day.

I will always miss Deborah and consider myself lucky to have known her and been her friend.

God Bless you!

Tracy Usry

Tracy Usry - July 11, 2016 at 12:36 PM



“ As with Toni, I too met Deborah in Mannheim, Germany at the Mannheim Resident Agency CID office where I had a "short tour". Deborah was the Criminal Intel coordinator and I got to work with her closely. She was extremely proficient, a maniac for attention to detail and had the wit, charm and humor to disarm anyone. We regained contact several years later and continued to perform tirelessly, proficiently and with unmatched dedication until this past February. God bless Deborah. She will be missed, but not forgotten.

Ed Mullin - July 11, 2016 at 10:36 AM



“ In honor and memory of her service to our country

Marlin Stevens



Marlin Stevens - July 11, 2016 at 07:50 AM



“ Toni lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Martell



Toni - July 09, 2016 at 09:18 AM



“ I am Debi's older sister by four years and could write volumes of memories of our time growing up together, sharing a bedroom in Miami, Florida and later in Yonkers, New York when I was the more rebellious teenager! As the years went by and we both had children, more time was spent apart than together and it was not until a few years ago that we reconnected.

I will always miss her smile and laughter and beautiful green eyes . . . she lived a good life and will be missed!

Victoria Ryan - July 09, 2016 at 08:12 AM



“ Deborah and I served in the US Army together. We met in 1983 and instantly became best friends. She was very intelligent, funny and humorous at times, and a true professional at what she did in the Army. I learned a lot from her. She was also a very caring person. She has now departed and I will miss her terribly, but the memories of our time together in the Army and after the Army will live on until the end of time. Words cannot describe how much I miss her already. This is a very sorrowful time, and I extend my heartfelt condolences to Leslie, who lost her loving mother, to other family members, and other close friends who had the pleasure of knowing Deborah. I have lost my best friend and I am feeling very sad.

Toni - July 08, 2016 at 10:13 PM



“ 24 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 08, 2016 at 03:04 PM