



## Deborah L. Kordus-Popovic

January 5, 2021

Deborah L. Kordus-Popovic (nee Merritt) beloved mother, cherished daughter, and devoted sister was born to Eternal Life on January 5, 2021 at the age of 66 years.

Debbie was preceded in death by her father Richard Merritt. She is survived by her mother Jeanette Wisniewski, son Richard Kordus (Kelley), sisters Margie Zeman (Mike), Diane Kubicki (Greg), Dawn DeLucia (Joe), and Kim Merritt, her uncle Dave Balkowski (Carol), and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Debbie was born on December of 1954, the first of five daughters. She had a talent for archery starting at a young age. She had a fondness for animals and took in as many as she could care for throughout her life. She had a love for music and learned to play multiple instruments including accordion, banjo, guitar, harmonica, and piano. She enjoyed spending time Up North at the cottage with family. She also had a passion for thrift store shopping and at one point opened her own thrift shop. She graduated from MATC and worked at the Jones Island Water Reclamation Facility. She spent the last several years of her life living at the Golden Oaks Home in New Berlin. The residents became family to her and she was truly happy living there. A special thanks to Char Williams and all of the workers at Golden Oaks whom she adored and we thank you for loving her as we did. She was a breast cancer survivor in the last year of her life. Covid-19 took her from us quickly and before her time. In

her last conversation she wanted her family to know, "I will be alright. I love you all." She was not afraid and always had faith in God.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Wisconsin Humane Society. (<https://www.wihumane.org>) in Deb's memory.

Visitation Saturday, January 16 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the FUNERAL HOME followed by a Funeral Service at 12:00 Noon. Private Cremation to follow. Due to the COVID pandemic and concern for everyone's health and safety, the Funeral Service will live streamed and available to be viewed on Deborah's Tribute page on the Funeral Home's website.

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services  
Rozga-Walloch Chapel  
4309 South 20th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services - Rozga-Walloch Chapel  
4309 South 20th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221  
(414) 281-7145  
<https://www.rozgafuneral.com/>

## Funeral Service

JAN 16. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rozga Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Deborah L. Kordus-Popovic*



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**Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services** - January 15, 2021 at 07:56 PM

KA

“ *I JUST FOUND OUT NOW YOU PASSED. MY FACEBOOK SENT ME A POST THAT IT WAS YOUR BIRTHDAY. SO AS I BEGAN TO READ YOUR POST ...IT DAWNED ON ME ..THAT I JUST SAID HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SOMEONE WHO PASSED*

*.LOL EVEN THOUGH WE DID NOT SEE EACH OTHER MUCH. I KNOW WE WILL ALWAYS be in each other hearts.  
Karen labonte PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL BUDDIES*

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**KAREN** - December 04, 2022 at 01:50 PM

CM

“ *Deb was a wonderful part at Golden Oaks. This home will never be the same. Everyone loved her all staff and residents. I will miss Deb's sense of humor, her humble advice, our talks and the beautiful way she looked when talking about her family. You all made her beam. She was so proud of her family, especially her son. I'm so glad she was happy here. I'm happy she called it home. I will miss her so.*

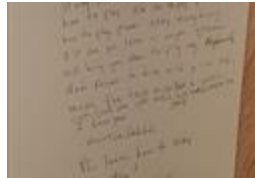
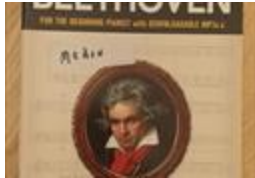
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**Cindy Maritnez** - January 16, 2021 at 09:25 PM

KK

“ Auntie Debbie always loved to support art and music. Just recently she sent Meadow and Charlie a package. In the package she sent a recorder, blank tapes, return envelopes, and sheet music books for Meadow as she is learning to play the piano. Meadow practiced and recorded a tape full of songs for Auntie Debbie. We sent it back, but we don't know if she ever heard it because it was near the time she got sick. We hope that she is able to hear all the songs played for her up in Heaven.

We love you Auntie Debbie. You will be missed. xoxoxox  
Ps. I'm starting to learn to play the Mandolin in your honor!



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**Katie Kelch** - January 16, 2021 at 02:00 PM

LS

Hi Katie. Deb did listen to the tapes. She borrowed my tape recorder. She loved!!

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**Lisa Schmocker** - January 16, 2021 at 02:49 PM

CM

Hi Katie, I'm Cindy at Golden Oaks. Deb did listen to the tapes and was amazed. She just beamed. She used a resident's tape player. Please let Meadow know she was so proud of her and 100% believes in her. We will miss Deb here. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Cindy Maritnez** - January 16, 2021 at 09:21 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah L. Kordus-Popovic.*



January 14, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ *My very deepest sympathy to Debbie's entire family. May the loving memories of the laughter you shared help to heal your heart at this time.*

**Carol DeLucia** - January 14, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ *Love, Bill and Lin Kordus purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Deborah L. Kordus-Popovic.*



**Love, Bill and Lin Kordus** - January 14, 2021 at 08:33 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah L. Kordus-Popovic.*



January 14, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Deborah L. Kordus-Popovic.*



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January 14, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Debs passing. Or deepest sympathies to all of your family. 🙏 Your family is special to us. May your memories ease your loss. Sincerely, Larry and Linda Dahlby*

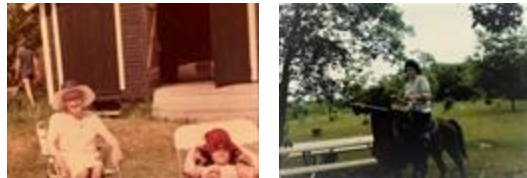


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**Linda Dahlby** - January 13, 2021 at 11:10 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Up North*



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**Rich** - January 13, 2021 at 09:35 PM

RI

“ 6 files added to the album Deb



Rich - January 13, 2021 at 09:32 PM

RI

“ 2 files added to the album Deb



Rich - January 13, 2021 at 09:30 PM

RK

“ Richard K. purchased the Garden of Sweet Memories Casket Spray for the family of Deborah L. Kordus-Popovic.



Richard K. - January 13, 2021 at 09:28 PM