



Deborah "Debby" Godfrey Brown

December 17, 2021

Deborah " Debby" Godfrey Brown, MS MA 85, 72 of Foster, RI died December 17, 2021 at home in the arms of her loving husband with loving caregivers by her side. She fought a twelve year battle with dementia. She was the loving wife of Steven C. Brown for twenty five years.

Born in Pensacola, Florida, Debby was the daughter of the late Jack and Helen Godfrey. She is predeceased by her sister Kate Robinson.

Debby was an Associate Professor Emerita at the University of Rhode Island. She held a Master's Degree in Nursing from URI, served as an Associate Professor and former Director of Undergraduate Studies for the College of Nursing.

Prior to retiring in 2008, she helped develop the Capstone Course Leadership in Professional Nursing. In 1996 she and her then fiancé Steven Brown, created the Godfrey-Brown Nursing Scholarship, a permanent endowed fund providing financial aid to Rhode Islanders who plan to pursue a career in Clinical Nursing. Debby received the University of Rhode Island Deans Award 2021.

Debby loved traveling with her husband. They enjoyed spending time in their home in Vermont. She loved attending nursing conventions. Her hobbies were

making homemade jams with her girlfriends, car shows, photography, sewing and going to the beach.

A life well lived; a woman who dedicated her life to helping and loving those around her.

Visitation will held Friday, January 14th from 4-7:00 p.m with a Funeral Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in North Scituate Baptist Church, 619 West Greenville Road, Scituate. Burial will follow in Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery, North Kingstown.

Cemetery Details

Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery

6365 Post Road
Noth Kingstown, RI 02852

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

North Scituate Baptist Church
619 West Greenville Road
Scituate, RI 02857

Funeral

JAN 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

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619 West Greenville Road
Scituate, RI 02857

Tribute Wall

SF

“ Steve, sorry for your loss. I didn't know Deb that long but I enjoyed the time we did. My thoughts & prayers to you. Sandra Forshee

Sandra Forshee - January 15, 2022 at 08:44 PM

JJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss of such a special woman. I worked with Debby at the Newport Visiting Nurses back in the 70's. She hosted a baby shower for me in 1975. I later would see her at URI when I was an adjunct clinical nursing instructor. I remember her as being such a positive person and a dedicated professional. Sincerest sympathy to her family.

Jackie Janicki

jackie janicki - January 12, 2022 at 01:24 PM

MB

“ Steven--

My deepest condolences on the loss of Debby. It was always a pleasure to treat her in the office over these many years. I will keep you in my prayers and thoughts.

Michael Battey - January 09, 2022 at 11:49 AM

CI

“ Steve

So sorry for your loss, I will always remember her from when she came to the Scituate Senior Center and how she loved working out in the yoga room. Such a pleasant person to be around.

Cheryl Ignacio

Cheryl Ignacio - January 06, 2022 at 05:59 PM

RE

I'm sorry for your loss, I worked at URI as her secretary for many years she was a beautiful person!

Reggie - January 09, 2022 at 01:08 PM

JB

Steve & Family, my heartfelt condolences for the loss of a wonderful lady. I will always miss her, Joyce

Joyce Butler - January 09, 2022 at 04:58 PM

RS

Steven my deepest sympathy.....Richard Spinacci (van dyke hair salon)

richard spinacci - January 13, 2022 at 12:26 AM

JW

*Steve, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Jennifer Waterman*

Jennifer Waterman - January 23, 2022 at 12:33 AM