



Deborah Nihei

October 11, 1955 - February 15, 2026

Deborah Nihei, 70, passed away peacefully on February 15, 2026, in Barrington, Illinois. Born on October 11, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, Deborah lived a life filled with love, devotion, and cherished memories.

Deborah is survived by her beloved husband, James Nihei; her two sons, Justin (Maria) and Jim (Jen) Nihei; her grandson Clark; her brother, Marvin (Brenda) Rude; her nephew Daniel, and niece Kayla. Her family was the center of her world, and she took immense pride in their accomplishments and happiness. She was a woman who loved completely and fiercely protected those closest to her.

Deborah found joy in traveling with her family on vacations that created lasting memories for all who joined her. She also had a passion for collecting dolls and trinkets—a hobby that reflected her appreciation for beauty and detail. Her collection was vast and meticulously cared for, a testament to her dedication and enthusiasm.

Those who knew Deborah will remember her infectious laugh and zest for life. Her warmth and love left an indelible mark on everyone she encountered. Though she is no longer with us, the memory of her vibrant spirit will continue to bring comfort to those who loved her.

May Deborah's memory be a source of solace to all who mourn her passing.

Private services will be held by the family. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Debbie and I became best friends back in Jack London Jr High and throughout Wheeling High School. What attracted me to Debbie was that bouncy and bubbly personality she had. We stayed friends up until we both married. Though the years we drifted apart. But on our class of 1973 50th WHS reunion we found each other again through social media regarding the event. We both couldn't attend the reunion bur we stayed in touch by phone calls and texts until the day she died. I'm so grateful for those last 2 yrs we had to talk together and reminisce about the past. I miss you so much Debbie. RIP my old pal. Love Linda*

Linda Muriella - March 04 at 10:58 AM