



## Debra A. Balk

August 16, 1955 - June 22, 2024

On Saturday, June 22, 2024 this earth lost a loving soul but heaven gained a saint. It was on this day that our beloved Father called Debra Ann Balk home to be with Jesus. Even though Deb would never admit it, she was a caring person, one who was quick to point out an injustice and try to correct it. She was preceded in death by her mother, Virginia Baugh and her father Dale Baugh as well as three brothers Steve Ferguson, Larry Mosier, and Bill Baugh. Deb was greatly loved by all her family and will be greatly missed. She has a son Michael Balk, married to Samantha Sweet, and one pseudo-adopted son Phil Alex who is wed to Lisa Alex. She has three sisters, Sondra Wood, husband Buddy; Nancy Baker, husband Scott; and

Terri Brown, husband Philip; and one surviving brother, Patrick Baugh; and sister in laws Cindy Ferguson and Sootie Baugh. When you have this many brothers and sisters it becomes obvious that within the family there are many nieces and nephews too numerous to list here, but you know who you are: right Sarah? The prides of her life were her grandsons, granddaughter's in-law, and pseudo granddaughters whom she loved and doted

over. These apples of her eye include Michael Jonathan Balk, Gabriel, wife Abbey Balk; Ethan Balk; and Daniel, wife Natasha Balk; as well as pseudo granddaughters Jennifer, husband James Spencer; Kelsey, husband Garrett James; and Ashton, husband Austin Lovewell. Her granddaughter's

in-law are Cohen Sweet-Lichtenberg and Arwyn Lichtenberg. Finally, she has one great granddaughter Charlotte Balk born recently.

Debbie became a licensed nurse in the summer of 1976 and she practiced nursing in hospitals, nursing homes, and several doctors offices in the area. The same summer of 1976, on June 12th, Murray Balk had the good fortune of uniting in holy matrimony with his best friend and the love of his life.

Deb touched many lives in Southeast Kansas and she will be missed. Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 am, Thursday, July 18, 2024 at Beulah Community Church with the Pastor Mike Buckamneer officiating.