



## Deborah M. Childs

May 22, 2026

Deb died...

That was how Deborah Childs requested family announce her death to the wider world. However, the people who love her have a few more words to add to her more succinct announcement.

Debbie died on May 22, 2026, from complications of lung disease. She was predeceased by her parents, James and Arlene Miller; and her beloved daughter, Molly Mitchell. She is survived by her husband, Jim; sister, Susan (Michael) Bierley; her children, Alissa (David) Sprout and Daniel Childs; and her grandchildren, Duncan and Magnolia. There are numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends who will all miss her.

Debbie grew up in Greece, NY. She was an honor's student and received a NY Regents scholarship for college. She completed her education at SUNY Oswego and went on to teach middle school English. During a night out with her sister, Sue, at the Varsity Inn, she met her husband, Jim. They would have celebrated 55 years of marriage this July.

Debbie left the teaching profession to focus on family, but she never really left teaching behind. She was a girl scout leader for Alissa and Molly's troops for many years. There are numerous women today who can probably still make buddy burners and string bags for their mess kits, if the need arises.

Never one to call attention to her own successes, she was the first to celebrate her kids. You'll be hard-pressed to find someone she's met who doesn't know that Dan is an amazing chef and once cooked for Matthew

Broderick.

She especially took joy in her role as grandma to Magnolia Childs and Duncan Sprout. Deb-Deb, as she is called by the kids, was a valued caregiver; helping David take care of Duncan when Alissa first returned to work and helping with Magnolia's before and after school care. Debbie was always ready to babysit, listen to a concert, or cheer at a game.

Debbie was always organizing the next camping trip or family vacation. Her family will treasure memories of camping in the Adirondacks, Alleghany, and Acadia. She loved visiting Costa Rica with Jim, Susan, and Michael, and always hoped to return.

Family and friends may call at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home Saturday, June 6th from 11am – 1pm. No formal services will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Girl Scouts of Western New York and Doctors without Borders.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ *I was her brother. Timothy J. Miller*

Dr. Timothy J Ritter von Miller - June 09 at 07:37 PM

JP

So sorry Tim for your loss 🙏

Judith Palma - June 11 at 11:35 AM

CD

“ *WE will sure miss you Debbie SENDING ALL OUR LOVE TO YOUR FAMILY*

CHUCK DENHARDT - June 06 at 09:15 AM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - June 04 at 09:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deborah M. Childs.



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June 02 at 09:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah M. Childs.

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June 02 at 09:51 AM



“ I am a neighbor of Deb and Jim, and would occasionally stop by to check in. Even though Deb suffered daily and for so long with constant pain and discomfort, she never spoke about herself, only asking how my family and I are. We would sometimes reminisce and laugh about the days when our kids were small and we celebrated our street picnics. I am grateful we had a chance to enjoy lunch together a few months before she passed. My sympathy and prayers are with Jim and Deb's entire family.  
Joan Nowak

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**Joan Nowak** - May 31 at 01:16 PM



“ So sorry to have seen you being taken out in the ambulance when I showed up to do your lawn last Thursday. Many prayers to Jim and the family.  
Greg Richards

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**Greg richards** - May 28 at 12:00 PM

RB

*Debbie, you will be missed by all we have so many memories and good times together that I still tell stories about to all of our friends in Florida. Our condolences to you, Jim, our dear friend and your family. Debbie was a woman of many words. it's funny how she wanted her final words to be so short. But that was Debbie. May you rest in peace and now enjoy your time with Molly. Love, Bob and RoseMary Bedard.*

Rosemary Bedard - May 28 at 12:12 PM

KT

*“ R.I.P. my beautiful cousin. I will miss you. I will always cherish the wonderful memories I had with you over the last 40 years of my life. You were one of my favorite people. You always gave the best hugs and always making us laugh. Watch over us. Love you!*

Kathleen Thomas - May 27 at 11:19 PM

JP

*“ To Jim's & Family...my deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your beloved, Deb. My prayers are with you all on this very sad time. Fly free, Debbie. May your memory be a blessing 🙏. Judy*



Judith Palma - May 27 at 03:25 PM



*“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah M. Childs.*



May 27 at 09:12 AM