



Debra K. Cardwell-Peterson

October 22, 2009

Debra K. "Debbie" Cardwell-Peterson, 43, of Brown County and formerly of Bloomington died at her residence on Thursday, October 22, 2009. She was born in Bloomington on September 17, 1966 the daughter of Robert and Donna (Sparks) Cardwell. Debbie was a 1985 graduate of Bloomington High School North and received her Bachelors degree from Indiana University. While a student at Indiana University, she was a member of the I.U. Marching Hundred and the I.U. Pep Band. She was also a member of the Southern Indiana Wind Ensemble. Prior to moving to Eastern Brown County she also volunteered as a trumpeter for the Veterans Honor Guard in Monroe County. She very much enjoyed her music and often wrote poetry, like playing softball and watching the Indianapolis Colts football team.

Survivors include her husband, Gregory Peterson, her son she adored so much, Isaac Peterson, her parents of Bloomington, her sister and brother-in-law, Pam and Ronnie Headley of Bloomington, her brother and sister-in-law, Darin and Kirstin Cardwell of Bloomington, her grandmother, Alberta Sparks of Bloomington, her father-in-law, Richard Peterson, brother-in-law, Rick Peterson of Martinsville, Sister-in-law, Julie and her husband Phillip Wilson of Martinsville, her former sister-in-law and close friend, Karen Marlett of Mooresville and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Donald Sparks and Robert and Eileen (Games) Cardwell.

Funeral services will be held at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old State

Rd. 37 in Bloomington on Monday at 11:00 a.m. with Jim Cain officiating. Burial will be at Little Union Cemetery in Unionville. Friends may call on Sunday from 2:00-8:00 p.m. and on Monday from 10:00 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to BHSN Band Boosters, 3901 N. Kinser Pk, Bloomington, IN 47404. Online condolences may be made to family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

BD

“ Dear Donna, Bobby & family,
May the Lord give you strength & peace in this time of deep sorrow.
Debbie was a fine person that will be missed by many.
On the road ahead, let us know if we can be of help, and know our
prayers will continue to be with you.
God Bless you,
Love you,
Betty & David Lee

Betty & David Lee - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

JU

“ What great memories I have of us playing softball and volleyball ---
seems like just the other day! We had so much fun and laughed
tons. But intense, intense, intense -- in winning but especially losing,
she was going to give it her all and not hold back. She was always a
team player and always encouraging to every teammate. She made
you believe you could hit that ball past the pitcher. She never made
fun of my nervousness but with all seriousness she always guarded
the door for me --- some of you know what door I mean. I love her
and know she's asking the Lord what the game plan is --- no
bleachers for her. Love, Hugs and Prayers to you Coach Bobby and
Donna Mom, Julie

Julie Pettit - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

SD

“ Dear Donna, Bobby and Pam,
I am so sorry to hear of Debbie's death. Our childhood memories seem only like yesterday. although time and distance kept us apart I have often thought of Debbie and Pam and reminisced about our good times growing up together as "Best Friends" riding bikes, swimming and all the sleep overs at your house, etc. I will cherish my memories forever. Debbie was such a wonderful person and loved by many. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and the family during this difficult time. God bless
Susan Rutter (maiden name "Dyer")

Pam: If you get a chance please e-mail me at:
susan.rutter@mybriighthouse.com or call me at:
(727) 656-4603. I would love to see you sometime and catch up when I fly in to Bloomington. Love you!

Susan Rutter (maiden name Dyer) - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

DE

“ I rode the Homecoming truck with Debbie and other Alumni on Friday night, October 16 at IU. I was so glad to see her and the 3 other mellophones. Debbie saw that I was tossing out dozens of Cracker Jack boxes along the parade route, and she asked for a box.

I waited until after the parade, when we were unloading the parade truck at the Fieldhouse. I handed her the one saved box. Her eyes lit up. She was so appreciative of the gesture.

My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Debbie was a great musician and a terrific Alumni Band member.

May your heart be filled with her love and affection, always.

Dean Everett - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

NA

“ Bobby and Donna and family, There are no words to say how sorry Mike and I are about Debbie's passing. She was so kind to me when I called her a few years ago about help with interstitial cystitis that we both suffered from. I can not imagine the pain but know that so many people love you and are praying for your family. God Bless You, Nancy and Mike Patton

Nancy Patton - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

LL

“ I am so shocked and sorry to hear the news of Debbie's death. We were friends in high school. Although we only saw each other occasionally after graduation, I frequently thought of her. She will be missed. My thoughts are with her and her family.

Lori (Sieboldt) Lowery - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

FL

“ Dear Bobby & Donna, We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your Debbie. She was such a caring & fun loving person. She will be sadly missed. We have such fond memories of her when we were all attending Southside Church together. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and Debbie's husband & son. We love you. Fred & Lana Tieman & family

Fred & Lana Tieman - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

LO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have great memories of Debbie during our band career in High School. She was a wonderful musician that made everyone want to be better just to keep up with her. She will be greatly missed. I am sure heaven will sound all the better with her playing for everyone.

Lori King-Pollock - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

PR

“ Bobby & Donna & family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss.

Penny (Foster) Ramon - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

DA

“ Debbie and I went through school together from start to finish and were great friends. We spent time together during the summers when we were younger. I was very sad to see this. She was a wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers to your family.

Deena (Baugh) Anderson - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

TJ

“ I was very sorry to read of Debbie's passing. My family had been involved in Bloomington softball around the years Debbie played. My thoughts and condolences to her family.

Teri (Bartlett) Jacobs - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

MM

“ Dear Mr & Mrs Cardwell & Greg,

Melanie and I were saddened to hear the news about Debbie. We all shared such great times at BHSN, especially in the band. As such a wonderful person, she will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Please know you are in our thoughts during this difficult time. --
Mike Lucroy & Melanie (Rife) Lucroy

Mike & Melanie Lucroy - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

EH

“ Bobby and Donna: We are so sorry to hear about Debbie. You're in our thoughts and prayers.
The McNeely Family

Edie McNeely Henderson - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

MM

“ I went to school and played ball with Debbie. It has been years since I have seen Deb, but there are a couple of things I remember the most about her. First of all she was a very fun person to be around. Her personality was always bright and energetic. Second you didn't want to be on the receiving end of her throws on the softball field. :) My prayers go out to her entire family. Debbie will be sadly missed.

Monica Meadows - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

NA

“ Dear Bobby, Donna and Pam....I am so sorry for your loss. Kelly, Greg and I were at the funeral home making John's arrangements when he told us he had just finished arrangements for you concerning Debbie. We were shocked. I keep remembering the day all of you were at our house celebrating the 1st walk on the moon. Our kids were all so small they didn't seem to care but we loved it, didn't we? Please know how much we care and sympathize with your loss. Nancy Doane

Nancy Doane - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

RM

“ Dear Greg, Isaac and family,
Our hearts are broken for you just as Debbie's was for us when we lost our daughter Heather Reu in June. Debbie was such a comfort to us with her weekly emails of love and encouragement during the months since then. Debbie was a very special lady and meant so much to us. She will be greatly missed. We will be praying for you and the strength it takes to go on with life.

Dear Isaac,
Your Mommy loved you SO much and loved to tell everyone how very special you are. Please know that she will continue to love you from her place in heaven.

Our love and prayers,

Ray and Molly Cramer

Ray and Molly Cramer - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

CI

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. I went to North with Debbie, was in the band and graduated with her. What fond memories we shared on some band trips. Debbie was an exceptional spirit and a wonderful person to be around, always so positive and outgoing. She will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to your and your young son.

Cindy Lake - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

BR

“ Pete,
So sorry for your loss. Jim told me what happened. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bryan Roe - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

RH

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Rhonda McGuire - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

SP

“ *Dear Bobby & Donna,*

*I am so sorry to hear of your daughter's death.
I can not imagine the pain and loss.*

*Please know I am thinking and praying for you and
your family.*

Sincerely,

Shannon Phelps

Shannon Johnson Phelps - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

BZ

“ *Im so sorry to hear about Debbie, she was a great person. She & I attended Bloomington North together, she was a kind and caring person. My thoughts & prayers are with her family & friends.*

Beth Kelley - Zeilstra - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

VI

“ *Debbie was a great friend and great horn player. She was devoted to the band program at IU and her presence and contributions will be terribly missed. I am so sorry for her sudden departure. I am glad that she is now happy with Heather and pain free. May God's peace and love find a resting place in the hearts of those of us who will grieve her absence. Heaven surely has some awesome brass performances going on with a fine Marching Hundred trio of Heather, Carolyn and Debbie. I'm sorry Debbie that I didn't stay in touch with you over the years after IU. - Vickie Marshall*

Vickie Marshall - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM

BB

“ *Bobby and Family,*

I want you to know how sorry I am. I will miss Debbie. I love you all and I loved Debbie.

Aunt Betty

Betty Bohren - March 22, 2013 at 08:20 AM