



## Debra L. Wirtanen

August 23, 1955 - April 16, 2017

Debra L. Wirtanen,

61, of Amasa , passed away Sunday, April 16, 2017 at Aspirus Iron River Hospital. Debbie was born August 23, 1955 in Tampa, Florida, daughter of the late Rueben and Marjorie (Klase) Hansen. She has been a lifelong resident of this area. Debbie worked as a teller at CoVantage Credit Union in Crystal Falls and most recently for CoVantage Credit Union's Iron River office.

She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Amasa. Debbie was a hard worker and enjoyed her work. When she wasn't working, she enjoyed playing cards and trips to the casino. Debbie loved to cook and was most happy entertaining and hosting family gatherings.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bryan and her brother, Michael Hansen.

Debbie is survived by her children, Bob (Kim) Gill of Niagara, Ian (Sara) Gill of Iron River and Courtney (Spencer) Doty of Bingham Farms, Michigan; brother, Jeffrey Hansen of Amasa; Eleven grandchildren, John (Brittany) Rockefeller, Laura Gill, Zachary Rinehart, Alexandria Gill, Cassandra Gill, Aly Pangrazzi, Haiden Gill, Bryan Gill, Penelope Doty, Lucille Doty and George Doty; two Great Grandchildren, Brylee and Paislee Rockefeller; nieces, Elizabeth and Jessica Hansen; great nieces, Nadia and Lily Hansen and great nephew, Caden Hansen. Also by her good friend, Gloria Nantelle of Crystal Falls.

Visitation will be on Friday, April 21, from 3:00 to 5:00pm at United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls. Memorial services will be held at 5:00pm Friday at

United Lutheran Church. Rev. Micheal Laakko will officiate. Burial will be in the Hematite Twp. Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Debra Wirtanen can be expressed online at [www.nashfuneralhome.com](http://www.nashfuneralhome.com).

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Hematite Twp. Cemetery

cemetery Rd  
Amasa, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 21. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

United Lutheran Church  
506 Superior Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Memorial Service

APR 21. 5:00 PM (CT)

United Lutheran Church  
506 Superior Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Met Debra through her work at Co-Vantage. Debra was always cheerful and ready to assist. She loved people! Truly one of those genuine people who cared for all! Huge condolences to her family. She will be missed, Roberta Johnson

ROBERTA E JOHNSON - May 02, 2017 at 10:33 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra L. Wirtanen.



April 21, 2017 at 10:25 AM

CC

“ Cheri (Hanttula) And Brian Cook lit a candle in memory of Debra L. Wirtanen



Cheri (Hanttula) and Brian Cook - April 21, 2017 at 10:23 AM

MH

“ Thank you for opening your heart and home to all the Celebrations in Amasa and for keeping Jeff as the fireworks powder man.

Marv HILL - April 21, 2017 at 08:49 AM

SC

“ Sue, Judy, Nancy, Tom, Tricia (Celestines children) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Debra L. Wirtanen.



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**Sue, Judy, Nancy, Tom, Tricia (Celestines children)** - April 20, 2017 at 06:43 PM

PB

“ Debra was a wonderful, caring person. She was always so good to Christina and John while they were growing up. She will be missed. Condolences to her family.  
Penny Bruce

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**Penny Bruce** - April 20, 2017 at 06:18 PM

JK

“ Jeff and Laura Kwilinski purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Debra L. Wirtanen.



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**Jeff and Laura Kwilinski** - April 20, 2017 at 05:44 PM

CS

“ Caroline Stebbins lit a candle in memory of Debra L. Wirtanen



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**Caroline stebbins** - April 20, 2017 at 03:49 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra L. Wirtanen.*



April 20, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ *With all our love - The family of Bryan Wirtanen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Debra L. Wirtanen.*



**With all our love - The family of Bryan Wirtanen** - April 20, 2017 at 02:35 PM



“ *Phil & Peggy Ketola lit a candle in memory of Debra L. Wirtanen*



**Phil & Peggy Ketola** - April 20, 2017 at 02:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra L. Wirtanen.*



April 20, 2017 at 12:32 PM

TH

“ Terry Hanttula lit a candle in memory of Debra L. Wirtanen



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**Terry Hanttula** - April 20, 2017 at 12:04 PM

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*I will always think of Debbie when I see fireworks.*

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**Terry Hanttula** - April 20, 2017 at 12:07 PM

FB

“ From Dena and Chris Bellini purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Debra L. Wirtanen.



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**From Dena and Chris Bellini** - April 20, 2017 at 11:16 AM

SG

“ Dear Family:

*Maureen and myself are very sorry to learn of your loss. Deb was always positive and cheerful. She was truly a blessing in all of the lives she touched. I last saw Deb last Christmas and she was happy and radiant. I have no doubt that she is at this very moment. I thank God that we were able to know Deb and share so many memories.*

*Steve Gagne*

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**Steven Gagne** - April 20, 2017 at 10:51 AM

BP

“ we were so sorry to see that your mother passed away. We always enjoyed her when she took care of us at the Iron River Credit Union. Loved her smile and her friendly manner. Had hoped she beat the cancer. Prayers are with her and your family. Bonnie and Tim Peruzzi

Bonnie Peruzzi - April 20, 2017 at 10:39 AM

AL

“ All of us with love purchased the Gracious Laven der Basket for the family of Debra L. Wirtanen.



All of us with love - April 19, 2017 at 06:18 PM

DA

“ Be at Peace Deb.

Dawn - April 19, 2017 at 05:55 PM

LM

“ She was beautiful. Still is. I miss her. I am very, very sorry for the family.



Lorna and Mike - April 19, 2017 at 05:44 PM

DR

“ *Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. Remembering Debbie's wonderful and gentle soul always. May she Rest In Peace. With love, Debbie and Harley*

Deb Ragan - April 19, 2017 at 04:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra L. Wirtanen.*



April 19, 2017 at 01:34 PM

CH

“ *Choddie lit a candle in memory of Debra L. Wirtanen*



Choddie - April 19, 2017 at 12:58 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Debra L. Wirtanen.*



April 19, 2017 at 11:52 AM



“ *Debbie always had a smile for everyone. My condolences her family and friends!!*

Sheri Skrzyniarz - April 19, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra L. Wirtanen.*



April 19, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ *Steve Hill lit a candle in memory of Debra L. Wirtanen*



Steve Hill - April 19, 2017 at 08:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Debra L. Wirtanen.*



April 19, 2017 at 07:59 AM

CR

“ *Debbie and I have been friends for years, she is surly going to be missed , my deepest condolences to the family. I have a lot of great memories to hold on to along with that smile of hers and great hugs. We are going to miss you*  
*Carlyn Raduechel & Gordy Robinson*



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**Carlyn Raduechel** - April 19, 2017 at 07:36 AM

KM

“ *Debbie was the kindest person and always had a smile on her face. She will be truly missed by all. My condolences to the family.*  
*From Kim and John Mastie*



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**Kim Mastie** - April 18, 2017 at 09:21 PM

SA

“ *Our condolences to the family.from Mr.and Mrs. Norman Marcell.and family.*

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**SandyMarcell** - April 18, 2017 at 08:53 PM

BP

“ *Bobbi And Leonard Porath lit a candle in memory of Debra L. Wirtanen*



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**Bobbi and Leonard Porath** - April 18, 2017 at 08:09 PM

KC

“ *Debbie took me under her wing when I worked at the Credit Union. She treated me like I was a family member and she treated my kids as if they were her grandchildren. I will cherish our memories and I'm thankful she is no longer suffering. Sending love to her family!* ”



**Kelle Clements** - April 18, 2017 at 08:06 PM

 Bernadette Cain

“ *When we worked at Jubilee together, she was like another mom and friend to me. She would laugh with me and give me words of advice when I needed them. I'm truly blessed that I was able to have her as a friend and I will miss her smile. Rest in peace my friend.* ”



**Bernadette Cain** - April 18, 2017 at 08:03 PM

PB

“ *Pete , Kara Benda lit a candle in memory of Debra L. Wirtanen* ”



**Pete , Kara Benda** - April 18, 2017 at 07:48 PM

CL

“ *MY condolences to debbie's family she was such a beautiful person so nice to everyone my heart goes out to you all---* ”

**cheryl lindahl** - April 18, 2017 at 07:41 PM

GL

“ *My Condolences to the family, Debbie always had a smile on her face and asked how my Mom was doing every time I saw her. May she rest in Peace and fly with the Angels.*



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**Ginny LaFountain** - April 18, 2017 at 07:06 PM

CW

“ *Debra's family , so very sorry to her of her death, i knew her through her workplacem we had many conversations with her, she will be missed. Keep the memories of her alive and she will always be with you in your heart. Sincerely, Carole Waligursky*

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**Carole Waligursky** - April 18, 2017 at 06:53 PM

KI

“ *A wonderful woman with a big heart. Our two granddaughters that we share with Bob and Kim were very blessed to have their great grandma Debby. We will all be sure that these two little girls grow up knowing who grandma Debby is and what a brave woman she is. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, the Ketcham family*

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**Kim** - April 18, 2017 at 06:46 PM

TB

“ Our deepest sympathy for the family.. Our prayers are sent to you! The Barlow's



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**Teri Barlow** - April 18, 2017 at 06:35 PM

AC

“ Axel And Cindy lit a candle in memory of Debra L. Wirtanen



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**Axel and Cindy** - April 18, 2017 at 06:24 PM

AC

*Our deepest sympathies to all the family! She was one very dear lady that will be missed! Hugs and Prayers!*

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**Axel and Cindy** - April 18, 2017 at 06:26 PM

WK

“ My condolences to your family. Deb was a very special lady.

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**Wendy Kolbas** - April 18, 2017 at 05:12 PM