



Darlene Sponberger Crane

August 13, 1955 - April 21, 2016

Darlene Sponberger Crane, 60, of Ringgold, Georgia lost her long and courageous battle with Cancer Thursday April 21, 2016. Darlene worked many years as an Interior Designer, which she loved dearly. It was a true passion for her. She also was an avid gardner, designing landscaper and flower gardner, not only for herself but for others as well. Her faith and trust in Jesus Christ and her belief in eternal life was of great comfort to her in her last remaining days. She wanted people to understand not just Breast Cancer but Metastatic Breast Cancer and to support research and studies on both. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Wade and Margie Marlow, and John and Eva Sponberger; her mother, Bettye Sponberger Lee; her former husband, Ernie Crane and her beloved sister in law, Robin Sponberger. She leaves to grieve her passing, her beloved sons, Spencer (Alicia) Crane of Ringgold, GA., and Dustin (Melissa) Crane of Apison, TN.; her precious grandchildren, Audrey, Natalie, Emma and Jack Crane; sister, Denise (Michael) Haggard of Ooltewah, TN; two brothers, Pete Sponberger of Ringgold, GA., and Mitchell (Donna) Sponberger of Dalton, GA.; father, John (Lucy) Sponberger of Dalton, GA.; nieces and nephews, Jake, Jessi, Katie Mae, and Bailey Sponberger, and Sebastian, Michael and Oliver Haggard. Memorial services will be held 7:00 P.M. Monday April 25, 2016 in the funeral home chapel. The family will receive friends Monday from 5-7 P.M. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family request donation to be made to Breast Cancer and Metastatic Breast Cancer Research.

The family would like to send their deepest appreciation to Dr. Edward Arrowsmith and the entire staff at Tennessee Oncology “especially the nurses” for all they have done for Darlene and the family.

Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Ringgold Chapel
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Denise and the Crane Family;*

Was just given the message today about Darlene. Along with Rebecca and Dawn, please accept our condolences. Although I only got to meet Darlene and some of the family under very difficult circumstances, it was very clear to me that Darlene was a joyful courageous woman who was determined to see that justice was done. Despite her medical condition, she traveled to Florida on two occasions and assisted in the prosecution of the homicide case involving Robin Crane. She did not complain about her condition, and provided great encouragement to both Rebecca and myself during a difficult trial. I Hope that there is some comfort in knowing that Darlene had faith and trust in Jesus and is at peace. Bruce Lee

BRUCE LEE - May 11, 2016 at 05:47 PM

SW

“ *Pete and Mitchell, so sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved sister. I'm sure she was quite an amazing person. My condolences, Susan Wood (former employee of Pete and Mitchell)*

Susan Wood - May 08, 2016 at 05:52 PM

JA

“ *Jim & Tina Adams lit a candle in memory of Darlene Sponberger Crane*



Jim & Tina Adams - April 25, 2016 at 04:26 PM

KD

“ Kelly Dempsey sent a virtual gift in memory of Darlene Sponberger Crane



Kelly Dempsey - April 25, 2016 at 06:21 AM

DG

“ Denise and family, I am so sorry to hear Darlene passed away. I thought the world of her just loved her. She and I had so much fun and so many laughs when we ran around together. I missed her and hated we lost touch. She was such a special lady. She was always busy and such a hard worker but was always smiling, no matter what. This world has lost a precious person while heaven has welcomed her home. Praying for you all, Debbie Gibson

Debbie Gibson - April 25, 2016 at 12:07 AM

DB

“ I first want to say that all of Betty Sponburger girls and all of the kirby girls were in girls scout for many years together with Betty and my mother Doris Kirby Neal were our leaders. Darlene and Robin were such beautiful ladies. I remember Darlene and mother talking at Ace Hardware almost everyday. She and I loved Darlene so much. All of them boys and then girls. I am battling cancer right now but mine is fortunate enough to be curable. Prayers for all the family and many many friends. I know she will be missed. But can't you just see her and Robin with my mother and their mother rejoicing. Waiting on us to join them. So all live for the Lord and serve him well then we will see them again. Love you Darlene. You will be missed.

Debi Kirby Branam - April 24, 2016 at 04:42 PM

TK

“ So sorry for your loss Denise. Prayers for your family

tammy kernea - April 24, 2016 at 02:17 PM

EC

“ Ervinetta Clayton lit a candle in memory of Darlene Sponberger Crane



Ervinetta Clayton - April 24, 2016 at 02:04 PM

FS

“ Fred Shirley lit a candle in memory of Darlene Sponberger Crane



Fred Shirley - April 23, 2016 at 08:34 PM

AS

“ Anita Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Darlene Sponberger Crane



Anita Stubbs - April 23, 2016 at 10:20 AM

DS

“ *Deepest Sympathy to the family of Darlene. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. David and Sharon Swope [former co-worker of Ernie Crane at Lilie and McCall]*

David Swope - April 23, 2016 at 09:50 AM

RK

“ *Rebecca Kemp lit a candle in memory of Darlene Sponberger Crane*



Rebecca Kemp - April 23, 2016 at 09:09 AM

RK

I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family. Darlene was one of the first friends that I made when I moved to Lone Mountain. She brightened up the place with her smile, strength, and zest for life. I will greatly miss her and our conversations. God Bless you all. Love Rebecca Kemp.

Rebecca Kemp - April 23, 2016 at 09:14 AM

JH

“ *Jan McNew Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Darlene Sponberger Crane*



Jan McNew Hendrix - April 23, 2016 at 07:30 AM

JH

Darlene was one of the sweetest girls to have come through my classes at RJH. That was when I first learned to love this girl. There will always be a soft spot in my heart for her and her family. She will surely be missed. Jan

Jan McNew Hendrix - April 24, 2016 at 11:06 AM

JJ

“Denise, I am so sorry, my heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time, sending prayers, love and hugs.... I grew up with Darlene and we had many sleep over nights at her house when we were little girls. My heart breaks to lose another friend to cancer! May God bless you all, love Jan Berry Jones

Jan Berry Jones - April 23, 2016 at 07:25 AM

DC

Prayers for the family

Doris and William Cochran - April 23, 2016 at 03:15 PM

JJ

“Jan Berry Jones lit a candle in memory of Darlene Sponberger Crane



Jan Berry Jones - April 23, 2016 at 07:19 AM

TV

“Teresa Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Darlene Sponberger Crane



Teresa Vaughn - April 22, 2016 at 10:01 PM

JW

“ *Joy C Whaley lit a candle in memory of Darlene Sponberger Crane*



Joy C Whaley - April 22, 2016 at 09:42 PM

VC

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Darlene. She will be missed a lot. Prayers for all of the family. Love Vickie Cochran*



Victoria Cochran - April 22, 2016 at 08:39 PM