



Debbie Lehman

June 26, 1951 - November 2, 2019

Debbie Lehman passed away on November 2nd, 2019 after a very brief but intense battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born June 26, 1951, in Pocatello, Idaho and went to school at Washington State University where she met Tom Lehman. They married and moved to Sault Ste Marie, MI, where they had three children. She became the Children's Librarian at Bayliss Public Library, a position she would hold for the next 29 years.

Debbie was a lover of flowers, birds, and gardens, and had an insatiable appetite for reading. If she wasn't working in the garden, she could be found curled up on the couch with a good book. Debbie was smart, funny, and fiercely independent. She was known for her dry wit, and her absolute devotion to the children of Sault Ste Marie. As a long-time Children's Librarian, she instilled a love of reading in three generations of the Sault, and her summer storytime became a highly anticipated event every year for little and not-so-little kids around town. If you grew up in Sault Ste Marie and have a love of stories, odds are she played a part.

Debbie is survived by her husband of 47 years, Tom, and her three children, Chris (Anne), Amanda (Paul), and Betsy (Kedzie), as well as four grandchildren, Julie, Emma, Sid, and Dex, plus two beloved kitties, Finley and Brownley, and Walter the turtle.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 30, 2019, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Friends may gather at the funeral home from

1:00 PM until the time of the service.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Dr. Lehman - I had the pleasure of meeting you and Debbie last summer while in Sault Ste Marie. I really enjoyed that opportunity and felt terribly when I learned she had passed away. Please know you have been in my thoughts and prayers.*
Pauline Blanton

Pauline Blanton - December 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Debbie,*
We and our grandkids always loved the books you sent us for Xmas!
The favorite of theirs was "Frenchie the Frog goes to Paris" complete with hand puppet. You touched more lives than most of us can count. My, what a legacy! You are missed.
Love,
Jenni, Your sister-in-law

jenni turner - December 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you,*
The Andersons'
Liz, Jennifer, and Barb

Jennifer Anderson - November 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Mrs Lehman was a treasure for our community. My children grew up listening to her read books at the Baylis Library. She helped me countless times when I couldn't find the right book for my sons to read. She will be sadly missed but fondly remembered.*

Kris Dunbar - November 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dear Tom and family. So sorry to learn about Debbie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Phil

Phil and Jo Ann Bryant - November 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dr. Lehman, I am so very sorry for your loss of Debbie. No words for such a shocking loss! I wish you peace & comfort in the days ahead. May you find solace in your children & grandchildren, & all the shared happy memories.

Sincerely~ Cheryl Bernard



Cheryl Bernard - November 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Dear Dr. Tom: Please accept our most sincere sympathy on the loss of your dear wife. We wish you and your family love and comfort at this most difficult time.

Richard and Elena Olson - November 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I will never forget her digging new books out for me to read. Or helping me perfect my Young Authors' books. The best memories I have of elementary school happened in the library. So sorry for your loss. She was a remarkable lady.

Kelly (Sibbald) Cain - November 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Was so sorry and saddened to hear of Debbie's passing. My heart goes out to you Dr. Lehman and all your family. Hope you know you are all in my thoughts today and all the days ahead. Know she will be missed by all of you and all that were lucky enough to have known her. She had one of the warmest smiles of anyone I have ever known and was genuine great lady. The memories you have in your heart will never be taken away and hope all those beautiful memories will one day bring you comfort and peace. With my deepest sympathy, Pam

Pam Sutton - November 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ She touched the lives of so many! May your hearts be filled with the love of God and His peace in the days to come. - Kaunisto Family

GENEVIEVE KAUNISTO - November 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ So very sorry to hear of Debbie's passing❤️ My heart goes out to Tom & family. God bless each of you & give you peace. Val Lawlor

Val lawlor - November 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Tom and family. My heart is so sad with the loss of Debbie. I'm praying for your peace of heart and mind. May it help to realize the positive impact on the young hearts of our community and that she changed many a young mind for the better.

Nancy Berkompas - November 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM