



Mrs Deborah "Debbie" Gail Orchard

May 3, 1951 - January 22, 2025

It is with much sadness that the family of Debbie Gail Orchard announce her passing on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at the age of 73 years.

Debbie was born in Calgary, AB, on May 3, 1951. Debbie and Arthur were married on October 19, 1984.

Debbie is predeceased by her brother Larry, her father and mother, Gordon Stone and Myrtle Viola Stone. Debbie was very close to her mother and missed her very much.

Debbie was a very kind person who liked to help other people. While she was employed by Pioneer Credit Union she helped many people with loans that no one else would consider. Unfortunately, it later cost her a job that she very much enjoyed. But that did not stop Debbie from doing what she liked to do. She worked at the liquor store in the southeast of High River and met many friends. Some people have said that they would not go into the store if they didn't see Debbie's car parked outside.

Debbie was Arthur's best friend and he will miss her so much. They lived on an acreage for 10 years and he could tell some real stories about her and horses. Finally, Debbie said she did not want to drive from Gladis Ridge to High River especially in the winter. So as usual she convinced Arthur they

should sell and move to High River. They did lots of things like golfing, which she became very good at, and travelling.

Unfortunately, Debbie's health became a factor and she had one leg amputated on December 2, 2021. The first thing she said to Arthur after was that she would be golfing in 6 months. And on July 31, 2022, Arthur and Debbie drove to the Nanon golf course. It was late afternoon, and they let them use a cart. They drove to No. 1 fairway, and Arthur threw a ball out a few feet. Debbie got out of the cart and with a cane, she walked to the ball. Arthur took her cane and handed her a 3 wood. She got her stance and balance under control and hit the ball as good as she always did. Her determination was remarkable. Debbie and Arthur never did get to play a game, but she had reached her goal.

She was loved and will be missed by members of the family Bill and Hiedi Orchard, Brenda and Greg Diggins, Donald orchard, Bradley and Glenda Orchard, Kyle and Kelsea Orchard, and many other grandchildren, as well as numerous family members from Ontario.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Deb was a first cousin, and will be sadly missed. We spent may summers with her and Larry in Calgary getting into mischief and suffering the consequences from Aunt Myrtle. Gone too soon. Cherished memories.*
Carrol Atkinson

Carrol Atkinson - May 06, 2025 at 10:22 PM

GD

“ It is Sunday, 13 April 2025, as I write this. I just googled "Debbie Stone" and discovered this obituary. In my youth, Debbie's mother, Myrtle, was my second mother while my mother worked late into the evening. Debbie's brother Larry was my best friend from age six until he died in a motorcycle accident at age 28. I met Larry in grade 1. I quit school in grade 11. (I later taught high school and now have a PhD.) As teenagers, Larry & I roomed together. I met Debbie when she was 4-5 years old. I had no siblings. Debbie was the closest to a sister I would ever have. Somehow, sadly, we lost contact decades ago. I wanted to reconnect now, but now is too late. My memories of Debbie range from her preschool rambungeous self to a gorgeous, intelligent young woman. In their youth, Debbie and her best friend, Cathy, were excellent students, excelling in every subject. Debbie was kind, athletic, resourceful and popular. When we were teenagers, Debbie welcomed my girlfriend, Sheila, with open arms. I later married Sheila, and we continue to share our lives together. I have amazingly fond memories of sleepovers with my best friend Larry. There was an extra bed in Larry's room for me because I had nowhere else to go while my mother worked late. Debbie was in her room down the hall; her Mom Myrtle in the bedroom downstairs. Myrtle, Larry and Debbie were my childhood family. I often searched for Debbie over the years but only once briefly connected by phone. The Debbie I knew so very well in my youth will live vividly in my memories. Those are rich, happy memories because Debbie was so cheerful and happy to know and live with. I feel sad and sorry to learn of her passing.

Gerry Donaldson - April 13, 2025 at 11:00 AM

KE

“ Hi Art, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We've all lost a fine neighbour and friend.
Kelly and Nancie Eshpeter

Kelly Eshpeter - February 06, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ Art, Cindy and I are very sorry to hear about Deb's passing.

Vic and Cindy McClelland

Vic McClelland - February 06, 2025 at 04:14 PM

HH

“ So sorry for your loss Art. We're thinking of you.

Harj and Marilyn Hari

Harj Hari - January 29, 2025 at 07:53 PM

DP

“ Art; Bill & I are so sorry for your loss. We have fond memories of times we spent together at the Nanton Golf Course. Our thoughts are with you as you go through this most difficult of times. God speed Deb.

Bill & Dorothy Peters

Dorothy Peters - January 29, 2025 at 05:10 PM

BB

“ Art - we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Deb. Our paths haven't crossed in the past while, but remember times spent together. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers ❤️❤️

Betty & Bruce Bridgett

Betty & Bruce Bridgett - January 28, 2025 at 08:13 PM

DB

“ Donna Burn lit a candle in memory of Mrs Deborah "Debbie" Gail Orchard



Donna Burn - January 28, 2025 at 10:28 AM

MC

“ Mary Lou Carleton lit a candle in memory of Mrs Deborah "Debbie" Gail Orchard



Mary Lou Carleton - January 27, 2025 at 07:58 PM

JB

“ Condolences to you Art O and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Deb I will miss you my dear friend Had lots of great memories with you and Art. Will miss are coffee times together ,catching up on all the new Great friend and you will be missed by so many of us. RIP Deb

judy beutler - January 27, 2025 at 03:34 PM

SC

“ We are so sorry Art for your loss. We have great memories of our friendship with you both. RIP Debby, Condolences to the family. Pat and Sheila Cooke

Sheila Cooke - January 25, 2025 at 03:16 PM

MG

“ My condolences are to you and your family for the passing of your wife Deb My thoughts are with you at this time.

MAUREEN GRAHAME - January 25, 2025 at 03:11 PM

DL

“ Dear Art,
We are sorry to hear of your loss. May all the sweet memories you shared with Deb come to your remembrance. Till you meet again!

Dan and Lesley Rowland

Dan and Lesley - January 25, 2025 at 12:56 PM

BB

“ Betty Berthelette lit a candle in memory of Mrs Deborah "Debbie" Gail Orchard



Betty Berthelette - January 25, 2025 at 11:07 AM

RD

“ Rosemary Derbecker lit a candle in memory of Mrs Deborah "Debbie" Gail Orchard



Rosemary Derbecker - January 25, 2025 at 09:50 AM

SS

“ Sheila And Lawrence Storoschuk lit a candle in memory of Mrs Deborah "Debbie" Gail Orchard



Sheila and Lawrence Storoschuk - January 25, 2025 at 08:04 AM

SS

Are thoughts are with you Art

Sheila and Lawrence Storoschuk - January 25, 2025 at 08:05 AM



So Many great memories working with Deb at PCU. Please know I am thinking about you Art.

Jacquie Mowbray - January 26, 2025 at 05:15 PM

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Lyle Reeves Funerals - January 24, 2025 at 04:05 PM

SV

“ Sherry Visosky lit a candle in memory of Mrs Deborah "Debbie" Gail Orchard



Sherry Visosky - January 24, 2025 at 09:27 AM

SV

Sorry for your loss of Deb Art

Sherry Visosky - January 24, 2025 at 09:28 AM

CL

“ *So sorry to hear... my condolences... she was a great lady ... we had lots of fun times together !!*

Carol Lyall - January 23, 2025 at 10:06 PM

BB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Art. I loved working with Debbie, loved going to Bingo.*

Betty Berthelette - January 23, 2025 at 07:47 PM