



## Deborah (Deb) Gapinski

July 3, 1964 - January 31, 2022

Deborah Gapinski passed away January 31, 2022 in the Jamestown Hospital after a long and courageous fight with cancer.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 pm, Saturday, February 5 at Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, North Dakota with visitation one hour prior to the service.

There has been a disruption in the WiFi, Deb's service will not be livestreamed. The service will be viewable online as soon as able.

The service will be viewable at <https://vimeo.com/673999426/0c3aeab3be>

Deborah (Deb) Kay Bassen was born July 3, 1964 to William (Bill) Jr. and Wanda (Rasmusson) Bassen in LaMoure, ND. Impatient from the day she was born, she came 7 weeks early weighing in at only 3 lbs. 14 oz. But she was a strong little fighter and grew up (well, kinda grew up...only got to be 5 ft. 1 in. tall!) a strong young woman. She was raised on her parent's farm near Litchville where she and her sister Lori helped with all kinds of farm chores, from baling, plowing, combining, and more. She even tried her hand at swathing but said her windrows weren't too straight!

She was baptized and confirmed in the Trinity Lutheran Church of rural

Litchville. She graduated from Marion High School in 1982 then went on to Wahpeton to the State School of Science where she earned her degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Her first nursing job was at the Jamestown State Hospital where she met a fellow worker Robert Burdick. They were married in 1988 and lived most of their married lives in Ypsilanti, ND where they raised their sons Marcus Stephen and Jon William.

Deb continued to work as an LPN at various locations, the Anne Carlsen Center, Veterans Home, and lastly Ava Marie Nursing Home in Jamestown. She loved working with the residents and they in turn loved her. Deb was known for her wonderful smile and loving ways, and was also loved and respected for her good "work ethic". She was known as a speed demon for how quickly she moved. Her dad taught her it doesn't matter how long your legs are but how fast you pull them up and put them down!

In 2015 she married Anthony (Tony) Gapinski. They made their home in Nortonville, ND. That is, it was their home if they weren't out camping, fishing, hunting or motorcycle riding. Deb loved the outdoors. She also loved spending time with her family, especially her 5 granddaughters and 1 grandson. She played with them with the same gusto she had for life.

In August of 2020 she was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer that had metastasized and was forced to retire from working outside the home. But she tackled the cancer with the same fighting spirit she always had and had another year and a half to enjoy life.

Deb leaves to mourn her passing her parents, her husband Tony, her son Marcus (Tianne), her daughter-in-law Melissa Burdick plus her 6 grandchildren, Zalea, Zoey, Lylah, Harper, Harlee, and Logan. She's also survived by 3 step daughters Jenna Koski, Jacque Lynn, and KayLynn plus 3 step granddaughters and 3 step grandsons. She will also be missed by her

nieces, cousins, aunts and uncles, and numerous friends.

She was preceded in death by her son Jon, her sister Lorelei (Lori) Peplinski, an infant sister, and her nephew Joshua Peplinski.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Litchville, ND

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND 58072  
(701) 845-2414  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah (Deb) Gapinski.*



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February 04, 2022 at 07:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Deborah (Deb) Gapinski.*



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February 04, 2022 at 09:23 AM



“ *Love, Dave and Peggy Foster purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Deborah (Deb) Gapinski.*



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**Love, Dave and Peggy Foster** - February 03, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah (Deb) Gapinski.*



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February 03, 2022 at 09:20 AM

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“ *Deb will surely missed! Deb always had a smile and a positive attitude, she gave the best hugs too. Treasure the wonderful memories that you all have with Deb. "Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear." Fly High my Friend! Peggy W.*

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**Peggy Widmer** - February 02, 2022 at 11:51 AM

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“ *Debbie will surely be missed. Her spunky attitude and love of jokes will be a couple of the many things I will remember most about Debbie. Also, the way she embraced her small stature, always making a joke about it. Her love for her family was undeniable, especially for her sons, grandchildren, parents and sister. Fly high Debbie! The World was a better place because of you.*



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**Ruth & Dan Larson** - February 01, 2022 at 08:02 PM