



Debra Joan Whelan

December 11, 1956 - July 8, 2012

Debra Joan Whelan
Master Upholstery Artist

Debra Joan Whelan passed away peacefully with her family by her side at Columbia Memorial Hospital on July 8th, 2012 after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer.

Beloved daughter of Robert F. Whelan and Bernice J. Whelan and stepmother, Lucille Canape Whalen. Beloved sister of Robert A. and Jeffrey S. Whelan, whom she loved dearly. Also many aunts, uncles, and cousins which she was very fond of.

Debbie was born in Oyster Bay, Long Island, on December 11, 1956 and moved to Columbia County in 1979 at which time she established Upholstery Unlimited/Debra Whelan Designs. She was a master upholsterer, well known as a perfectionist, with a solid reputation and clients from New York City to Beverly Hills, California.

Debbie loved spending time with her family, especially at special holiday dinners and cooking special requests for birthdays. She enjoyed travel and once drove solo across the U.S. She also achieved Black Belt status in Karate at age 30.

Debbie was always a kind and generous person with great inner strength which guided her through her ordeal and gave inspiration to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed even as we celebrate having had her in our lives.

Visitation hours are 4-8 pm Wednesday at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Columbia Memorial Hospice, 71 Prospect Avenue, Hudson, NY, 12534.

Tribute Wall

MY

“ *Bob, Lucille, & Family; Maureen and I are so sadden to learn of the passing of your beloved Debra. Thinking of you during this difficult time.*

Michael & Maureen Yusko

Michael and Maureen Yusko - July 17, 2012 at 11:41 AM

JW

“ *Debra Joan Whelan is / was the greatest sister any brother could ever ask for. She was my mentor, my friend, my loving sister and most of all my hero. I will miss you forever and someday hug you and kiss your face again.*

Love your brother Jeff

Jeff Whelan - July 10, 2012 at 02:43 PM

FM

“ *Dear Deb, I remember you so well and wish you light and love and laughter as you cross the divide. Bless you for who you were and your friendship.*

Fran Miller - July 10, 2012 at 06:58 AM

KH

“ Dear Bob, Lue, and family,

So sorry to hear of Debra's passing.

Thinking of you and wishing you warm memories and gentle healing.

Hugs and prayers,

Karen Hummel

Karen Hummel - July 10, 2012 at 04:58 AM