



## Deborah G. Mooney

August 4, 1952 - November 11, 2022

Deborah G. Mooney

Age 70, while surrounded by family, Deborah was reunited in spirit with her beloved late husband of 35 years, Bradford Mooney, on November 11, 2022. Deborah graduated in 1970 from Fox Chapel High School then attended the University of Pittsburgh Nursing School where she graduated in April of 1974. She then went on to work at West Penn Hospital for a short time and her nursing career commenced as a school nurse at O'Hara Elementary School in Fox Chapel School District retiring from there in 2010. She enjoyed antiques, rug hooking and gardening.

A viewing will take place on Thursday, November 17, 2022, from 4-8pm at the Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd., 930 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15238 (Blawnox). Burial will be private.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.  
930 Center Avenue  
Blawnox, PA 15238

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah G. Mooney*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Deborah G. Mooney*

October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Deb will always be remembered for her head bands, cute flats, manicured nails, perfectly aligned tiny printing, beautiful needle work and authentic period antiques. She was a perfectionist in everything she did from wrapping a gift to gardening to the basket of travel necessities tucked neatly in the back of her RangeRover. She was a lovely, kind person. When combined with Brad, it was all about Pgh. sports, country music, American history and being the ultimate host and hostess. We will have wonderful memories of fun parties at their beautiful home. Her heart was broken when the love of her life passed away. We pray that now they can be together again. They were dear friends and we'll miss them both.*

*Chris & Jim Antis*

Chris Antis - November 16, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Deborah G. Mooney.*



November 16, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah G. Mooney.*



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November 16, 2022 at 09:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah G. Mooney.*



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November 15, 2022 at 11:07 PM



“ *Mary Rebekah Fritz and Marlene Goodwin, good friends of Debbie's Mom, Fran Guch and also considered Debbie a dear friend also. We admired her talents and expert needlework. Love to all. Marlene and Mary Rebekah.*

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**Marlene W.Goodwin** - November 15, 2022 at 07:09 PM

DN

“ What a woman Deb was! She could bake you a pie (or other awesome treat), tend to your medical needs (how many O’Hara teachers had Deb take out their stitches for various small procedures?) , sew, craft, garden, wrap gifts that you never wanted to open because the wrapping was so beautiful, and even shoot a porcupine who was trying to eat her wooden porch furniture! (No plastic chairs on Brad Mooney’s porch, mind you!) I can’t tell you how many times I’ve thought of her these past few days and wanted to text her, especially photos of all the cute things out there for Christmas that I know she would love. She always said, “it’s the little things”, and indeed she blessed us all with those little things that she carefully undertook with love. In the end they turned out to be the biggest things, and cherished reminders of her forever. I’ve attached a photo of when we celebrated her birthday in the Southside of Pgh. in August of 2017, with Deb wearing a very “Deb” top! ❤️



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Debbie Nugara - November 15, 2022 at 04:03 PM

LB

“ I met Debbie at in 1984 when I cut her hair for the first time and that lasted until 2weeks ago. She was a client but also a friend and thru the years she sent me her friends,and that’s how a family friendship grows. Debbie was so talented and everything she made was done to perfection down to every last minor detail.Oh Debbie we will deeply miss you but now you and Brad can be together again 🥺

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Linda Butkovich - November 15, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ I’ve known Debbie for almost 40 years, much of my adult life. We shared passions for needlework and antiques and thoroughly enjoyed enabling each other.

*We became fast friends early on; I’ll never forget walking into my office the morning of my birthday and finding it festooned with banners, flowers and balloons. Debbie never confessed that she had been the culprit but she clearly was. That’s all right; she knew that I knew and that was a funny incident that neither of us ever forgot.*

*We took road trips to indulge our passion for needlework, trips to special shops and good restaurants along the way. We went to Sampler Gathering in Williamsburg, four days of great classes, food, camaraderie, shopping and just plain fun. We shared projects, always excited to tell each other about what we were working on. Debbie’s love of needlework extended to other aspects as well, including rug hooking, which she truly loved. Her friendships within that group were undoubtedly just as strong.*

*Debbie’s thoughtfulness certainly extended to presents. For years my Christmas presents from her were made from a lovely flannel with a sampler pattern, a sheet and pillowcases set, a long nightgown, a short summery nightgown, and needlework accessories. I’ve attached photos of the sweet and sophisticated kitty needle and pin case she made for me; the time necessary to design, embroider, sew and assemble the case still boggles my mind. The case still goes with me on every trip. Every little detail was perfect, but that was Debbie.*

*Lastly but not least, her devotion to and love for Brad were unparalleled. I’ve never known another couple so truly joined as one. Brad built their charming log house for Debbie and we treasure the times we spent there with them. Brad’s death took a great toll on Debbie and the one consolation to be had is that Brad and Debbie are together again, where they belong. Godspeed, Debbie. We love*

*you.*



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**Stephanie Fagan** - November 15, 2022 at 10:03 AM

BT

“ I taught at O'Hara elementary school with Debbie, and also she was a nurse at Boyd School, where my own children went to grade school.

*I was the school librarian. Debbie would treat us every Groundhogs Day by putting a yummy groundhog cookie in our mailbox at school. Then I would use him as a prop all day, when I read groundhog stories to my classes!!*

*Also Debbie Mooney and Debbie Schmidt and I would often go to lunch, usually every fall and every spring, after she retired. She was a very talented girl who loved her log cabin home that Brad had built for them.*

*We had a fun football rivalry too, when Notre Dame played Clemson. Just a little over a week ago Debbie and I were texting back and forth when the Irish beat the Tigers! She was not a happy fan, Debbie was mad at the Clemson coach cuz she felt he should have put a new QB into the game!*

*Debbie loved her family and she always had photos of Hannah and Leslie and other family members to show me. She was such a giving person, who cared deeply about her students and about our O'Hara staff too.*

*Gosh, what a beautiful person Debbie was, we had many fun lunches after she retired. I will miss her happy spirit and her creative mind. May Debbie rest in peace with Our Lord for all eternity.*

*Bobbye Flecker, her Boyd and O'Hara friend!*

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**Bobbye Flecker, O'Hara teacher** - November 14, 2022 at 11:55 PM

FS

“ *Fort Ligonier Board and Staff purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Deborah G. Mooney.*



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**Fort Ligonier Board and Staff** - November 14, 2022 at 10:27 AM

KD

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Karen Douthett** - November 13, 2022 at 12:51 AM

KD

*Girls Gone Woolled a group of rug hooker along with Debbie and the adventures we had at different rug camps. I'll miss Debbie and the trips we made out to Wisconsin to take a classes with Maggie. A beautiful person inside and out you will be missed.*

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**Karen Douthett** - November 13, 2022 at 01:08 AM

CS

“ Perfectly printed and selected greeting cards in my mailbox. Ground hog shaped cookies year after year sweetly packaged in paw print paper  
Pearl necklaces, bed jackets, fresh eggs with darling little stamps on them. Hair bands, meeting for breakfast at walnut grill. Texting during pirate penguin and steeler games as couch coaches And oh yes Clemson games too Hannah  
Hooking hooking and more hooking  
Gritz cream of wheat and short ribs  
Her beautiful smile and her eyelashes  
Her flower garden and grandkids fairy garden  
Morning and evening snarky texts  
And all the love kindness and amazing creativity she oozed  
Missing my Talbots girl ❤️



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**Claire Scarborough** - November 12, 2022 at 11:12 PM

DS

“ My deepest sympathy. Debbie was such a special person. May the sure and certain knowledge of the Resurrection bring comfort to all who mourn her and may many happy memories brighten days in the future.

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**Diane Santoriello** - November 12, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah G. Mooney.*



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November 12, 2022 at 07:27 PM

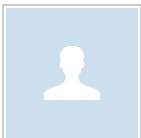


“ *4 files added to the album Rug Hooking Friends*



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**Cynthia Graham** - November 12, 2022 at 07:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah G. Mooney.*



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November 12, 2022 at 01:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah G. Mooney.*



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November 12, 2022 at 01:21 PM