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Deborah Christine Raesler, 48 of Amherst died peacefully at home surrounded by her family on December 20, 2021 following her battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was an Amherst resident most of her life. Debbie was a graduate of Marion L.Steele High School in 1991. She received her Bachelor of Arts in 1995 from Mount Union College and her Masters of Education from Cleveland State University in 2003.

Debbie dedicated her professional life to caring for children and families in her role as a school counselor and the co-chair of the Lorain County Crisis Team. She worked for Sheffield Lake City Schools for 17 years before coming to the Amherst School system in 2019 at Nord School. Her student's success was very important to her. She had an amazing ability to work with parents and foster true collaborative relationships to ensure their success.

In her personal life, she was always ready to lend her ear and heart to anyone who needed her. Debbie had 3 loves. Her first love was her son Aaron. He was the light and love of her life. Second was her love of and devotion to family and friends. The third was running. She ran 13 full-marathons, 27 half-marathons, and an ultra marathon. She loved running with family, her friends and teammates from the RIOT running group.

Debbie loved the beach, it gave her peace. She loved looking for beach glass and lucky stones. She enjoyed having friends at the family's lakehouse and watching the beautiful sunsets.

Debbie is survived by her only son Aaron M. Boothe, her parents James and Peggy Raesler of Amherst, her sister Tracey (Stephen) Evans of Westlake, her sister Becky (Scott) Stewart of Delaware Ohio, her brother Michael (Angela) of Lorain, her nephews and nieces, Alex, Samantha, and Lucas Evans, Nathan and Megan Stewart,



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Jacob and Natalie Raesler, as well as her Aunt Christina (Jeff) Shiltz and Uncle James (Carol) Kirkpatrick and her many cousins.

Debbie had an impact on the lives of so many. Her loss will be especially felt by her closest friends that she considered family. They supported her throughout her life and during her cancer battle.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at a later date due to rise in COVID cases.

A Memorial Scholarship account has been established at Fifth Third Bank in Debbie's name. Donations for The Deborah Raesler Scholarship Fund can be mailed to 541 West St. Amherst, Ohio 44001.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.dovinreberjones.com



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CF

Cullen Family posted:

Our deepest sympathies go out to Debbie's family. It's a tragic loss and hard to believe she is gone. We are so fortunate to have her as one our daughters "Best" friends. We will miss her so much. We are thankful for so many good memories from vacations, camping trips and her drop in visits. I admired what a great mother and daughter she was. And how she balanced that with the compassion she had for her students. She was a bright light. Rest In Peace dear Debbie.

December 29 at 2:18 PM

MM

Maryjo Moluse posted:

Dear Raeslers, I was fortunate enough to have had Debbie (as well as all of your children) as a student at Steele. Debbie filled the classroom with warmth, joy and kindness. She was one of the few who made it easy to connect with. I was so happy to hear she chose education as her profession. It was a perfect fit, as she had so much to give to others. I had the good fortune of meeting her son - what a great young man he is. Debbie raised him well. Thank you, Becky, for keeping me posted. To the whole family, I send my sincere sympathies. Rest in Peace, sweet Debbie. MaryJo Moluse

December 28 at 5:29 AM

RK

Rachel (Dorsch) Krugh posted:

A light gone far too soon. I will always remember Debbie's joy, energy and love for life. My deepest condolences to your family.

December 27 at 4:49 PM

DH

Daniella Hensley posted:

Debbie was an amazing woman and touched so many lives. She will be greatly missed and may Debbie's light of hope, faith and positivity continue to shine. My condolences to the family.

December 26 at 6:15 PM

JB

Joe Burns posted:

So very sorry for your family's loss.

December 26 at 6:07 AM



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LK

Lauren Koba posted:

So sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. My heartfelt sympathy to the entire family.

December 26 at 5:43 AM

HE

Heather Elfrink posted:

Words cannot begin to express how sorry I am for your loss. Debbie was an amazing woman that I am honored to call my friend. Fate brought us together 30 years ago at Mount Union in King Hall when we lived across the hall from each other. We quickly became close friends and our group was inseparable. For four years we were together every day as either roommates or neighbors and we became more like sisters than just college friends. After college, life got busy as we were balancing motherhood, careers, family & graduate school programs. Our get togethers were not as often as we would have liked but every time we could pick right back up from where we left off. That was the beauty of our friendship which I will treasure forever. She was a beautiful person inside and out. Her heart was full of love for her son, her family, her friends and her students. My heart aches for every person whose life Debbie touched but we are all better people just for knowing her. The stars in heaven are brighter because of Debbie - may she rest in peace.

December 25 at 3:48 PM

JW

Jolyn Williamson posted:

My sincerest condolences to Aaron and Debbie's whole family. She was such a light in this world and she was truly one of the most kind and loving human beings I have ever known. I consider myself lucky to call her my friend and sister for 30 years. Her friendship meant something and will forever be in my heart. I'm comforted that she is at peace and no longer in pain but this world has suffered a great loss without her bright light in it.

December 25 at 2:16 PM

MS

Mike Schrull posted:

We are so sorry about the loss of your sister. There are no words at a time like this that can be said to make it better. Just know that Deborah's suffering is over and she dwells in the house of our Lord with other loved ones who were waiting for her. They are together now. Our prayers for you and your family, Mike and Pat Schrull

December 24 at 9:52 AM



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NA

Nanci posted:

Debbie was such a warm, welcoming light! I'm sad she's gone. I will never forget her! May your family find joy in your memories, as well as love and comfort from each other during this time! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you grieve.

December 24 at 8:08 AM

PW

Pam Waite posted:

Tracey & Family, We send our heartfelt condolences to all of you. I got to work with Deb, briefly, through the ADAS Board, and she definitely was a breath of fresh air and full of energy and ideas. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Pam & Dennis Waite

December 24 at 4:38 AM

CW

Carol Wagner posted:

She was such a beautiful person. She loved her work and the students and staff at Nord loved her. She had a giving heart and she would light up when she spoke of Aaron. She will be missed.

December 24 at 4:19 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Deborah by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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