



## Debra "Deb" Marie Shehan

December 2, 1953 - December 10, 2024

Debra "Deb" Marie Shehan, age 71, of Ottumwa, IA, passed away on Monday, December 10, 2024, at the Monroe County Hospital, surrounded by her loved ones.

Deb was born on December 2, 1953, in Albia, IA, to Thomas and Maxine (Bettis) Cosgrove. She grew up attending school and graduated from the Albia High School with the class of 1972. Deb was blessed with 3 children, Sean, Leanne, and Molly. She was united in marriage to Lester Grunig in 2000 and he preceded her in death in 2007.

Deb worked for Merrill Security delivering mail within Cargill. She enjoyed being outdoors on the farm. She was raised with 6 siblings and grew up closely with a large group of cousins. Family was everything to her and her true joy in life was spending time with them. She loved holidays and family get-togethers of all sorts. She was proud of her children and her grandchildren and great grandchildren were her true pride and joy.

Deb is survived by her 3 children, Sean (Ashley) Lampier, Leanne (Gary) Shehan, and Molly (Matt) Patterson; 6 grandchildren, Trice, Tylee, Colton (Brenda), Bethany (Dalton), Nate, and Jay; 3 great grandchildren, Reya, Letty, and Bowen; a brother, Mike (Carol) Cosgrove; a sister-in-law, Kay Cosgrove; and a brother-in-law, J.D. Clark. Deb is also survived by several nieces,

nephews, cousins, and good friends.

Deb is preceded in death by her husband, Lester Grunig; her parents, Thomas and Maxine Cosgrove; and siblings, Kay Douglas, Karyn Forsythe, Craig Cosgrove, Gene Clark, and Chris Cosgrove.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Deb's family present from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, December 13, 2024, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Larry Bettis officiating. Burial will follow services at the Blakesburg Cemetery in Blakesburg, IA.

An open memorial has been established to be determined at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Blakesburg Cemetery

Blakesburg, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 12. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
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# Tribute Wall

CP

“ While walking around Albia’s square on Saturday nights and around Monroe County Fair with you are distant memories they are still close to my heart. Cary

Cary Preston - December 26, 2024 at 11:39 AM

CP

“ Cary P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra "Deb" Marie Shehan.

Cary P. - December 26, 2024 at 11:33 AM

KP

“ Keith and Hedy Patterson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Debra "Deb" Marie Shehan.



Keith and Hedy Patterson - December 13, 2024 at 10:12 PM

KP

“ Keith and Hedy Patterson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra "Deb" Marie Shehan.

Keith and Hedy Patterson - December 13, 2024 at 10:12 PM

GB

“ *The Class of 1972 are sending our sympathies to Deb's children and family.. We all have many memories of Deb and her beautiful smile.. she will be remembered at our future class reunions in our memorial book...rest now Deb..With Sympathy Class of 1972*

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**Ginny Brewer** - December 12, 2024 at 12:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra "Deb" Marie Shehan.*



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December 11, 2024 at 10:51 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Debra "Deb" Marie Shehan.*

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December 11, 2024 at 10:51 PM

SH

“ *Shireen & John Carter, & Lexi Hutchins purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Debra "Deb" Marie Shehan.*



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**Shireen & John Carter, & Lexi Hutchins** - December 11, 2024 at 07:06 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Debra "Deb" Marie Shehan.*



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December 11, 2024 at 03:13 PM



“ *Deb was a classmate and a friend for years! I have had the pleasure of spending time with Sean (my son from another mother). I appreciated Deb's kindness as she was always very willing to let me spend time with Sean (when he was growing up) on the weekends when I would come home to Albia. She will be missed!!! Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers!!*

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**Valerie Selby Small** - December 11, 2024 at 03:02 PM