



## Debra Smith Coble

April 8, 1961 - June 23, 2020

Debra Smith Coble, aged 59, was called home and left this life to join her Lord on Tuesday the 23rd of June 2020 at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital. She was born on April 8th 1961 in Greensboro, North Carolina to Leonard and Doris Smith. She was married to the love of her life Jerry Coble on August 22nd 1981. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Coble of the home, her daughter, Kaitlin (James) Wymer, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, her father Leonard (Glenda) Smith of Silk Hope, her brother, Alan Smith of Knightdale and a large extended family of relatives. She was preceded in death by her mother Doris Smith.

Debra was born and raised in Greensboro and lived her married life in Guilford County. She was a loving wife and mother, a dedicated public servant and a supportive friend. Debra served her community in many ways. She grew up as a member of Northside Baptist Church. She spent her adult life as a member of Calvary Baptist Church where she served on many committees and was a children's Sunday school teacher. She was a health care professional for the Cone Health Care System where she worked for 41 years. She cared deeply for her many coworkers and friends. She was a Radiologic Technologist and was certified in Radiology and Mammography. She was also System Wide Quality Coordinator for Imaging Services for Cone Health. Debra's attention to detail made her the steady rock that everyone relied upon when it mattered most that it was done right. She was a graduate of the Moses Cone Radiologic Technology Program and a member of The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

As a child, Debra enjoyed roller skating at the local roller rink where she worked growing up. She remembered fondly her time practicing spins and acrobatics. Debra also enjoyed editing for others as well as reading and writing. Among the thousands of books she enjoyed, her favorites were biographies and cook books as she loved learning about other peoples' lives and cooking for her family. Debra also enjoyed the buying and selling antiques, and traveling. Debra's empathy and genuine interest in people from all walks of life is what made her such a sympathetic caregiver.

Debra's greatest passion was spending time with her husband, daughter and family. Whether watching the latest crime drama or planning for the upcoming holiday celebration, Debra's excitement was infectious. She loved decorating for holidays and planning events that brought her family together. Her warm generosity made everyone feel

at home and loved.

With Debra's passing, she leaves behind a legacy of caring and a deep well of unforgettable memories.

Funeral Service will be held Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 1:00 PM at Calvary Baptist Church in McLeansville. Interment will follow at Lakeview Memorial Park. Mrs. Coble will lie in state at Forbis & Dick North Elm Chapel.

To honor Debra's passion for learning, a scholarship fund is being set up in her name. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to a 501(c)(3) public charity, The Rady Lady Foundation, Inc. in Debra's name, at [www.RadyLady.com](http://www.RadyLady.com) or mailed to 1484 Allen Ct, Asheboro, NC 27205. The Foundation is creating a memorial fund for graduating students of an accredited radiography program and meeting specific criteria to apply.

Forbis & Dick North Elm Street is serving the Coble Family. Online condolences can be made at [www.forbisanddick.com](http://www.forbisanddick.com).

# Cemetery

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**Lakeview Memorial Park**  
3600 N. OHenry Blvd.  
Greensboro, NC, 27405

# Events

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**JUN**  
**28**

**Funeral Service**

01:00PM

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Calvary Baptist Church  
5585 Burlington Road, McLeansville, NC, US, 27301

# Comments

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“ Jerry and Katlin,  
I am so sorry to hear of Debra's passing. Debra and I shared a friendship and were co-workers for many years at Cone Hospital. Being a "stickler" for detail, you could always depend on Debra to make everything she did exactly right. She always exuded an heir of confidence in all she did, which gave you confidence that your exam was going to be done right as well. That means so much.  
Coincidentally, Debra and my sister, Amy, were best friends in Junior High and High School. Debra never forgot Amy's birthday every year thereafter. She would always tell me to wish Amy "happy birthday."  
We pray for God's peace for you and your family during this most difficult time.  
Love and prayers,

Angela and Bob Corum

Angela Corum - June 28 at 04:08 PM

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“ Jerry,  
I never met you, but I am very sorry for your loss. I read through all the tributes and she was a truly beautiful person. I knew her as a little girl, because she lived beside my Aunt Dolly Washington. When I would visit I would sometimes go over and we would play outside. I was so young when I was around her, but she was a sweet young lady too. We went our separate ways as we grew, but I always remembered her being such a nice girl to play with. I read that she was a believer, so I will see her again in Glory. Your Childhood Friend "Robby" Robert Whittemore.

Robert Whittemore - June 28 at 03:43 PM

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“ To Jerry and Family,  
  
Its hard to find the words to describe Debra as she was the light that lit up every room. She was one of those rare people that drew everyone near and radiated kindness to all around her. For the few short years she was in my life, she was my mentor, my friend, my family member, my confidante, my daily dose of positivity, and so much more. I miss you so much more than I will ever be able to describe, rest well my friend with our Father.

Love you, Tonya Viars

Tonya Viars - June 28 at 11:37 AM

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“ To Jerry and Family,  
I pray you will know God's love, comfort and peace.

I had the privilege of working with Debra for almost 18 years at Cone Health. She impressed me with her knowledge and most importantly her kind and gentle spirit had a calming influence on all of us.

Debra was passionate about the work of serving others. Her dedication and commitment to patient safety and quality of care inspired us.

I will always be reminded of our conversations about her faith. Debra loved the Lord and leaned on Him for strength and courage.

Steve Shanaberger

steve shanaberger - June 28 at 10:07 AM

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“ Jerry and Kaitlyn  
I am so sorry for your loss. Debra was indeed a special person and treated everyone with empathy and respect. I am proud to have known her and remember our early days in rad school. She will be missed but is in our Lord Jesus arms , out of pain. Blessings of peace.  
Beth Vernon, Class of 81



Beth Vernon - June 27 at 11:01 PM

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“ Debra was so kind, courteous and empathetic in everything that she did at Cone. We worked together for many years, and she was such a joy—every day. Her smile was infectious, and she was such a gift to the medical field. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Polly Davis - June 27 at 08:52 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss, Kaitlin and Jerry. While I never met either of you, I feel like I knew you because for the 5 years Debra and I were office mates she spoke so fondly of you two. I always enjoyed talking to Debra about books and writing and she took great pride in the church's newsletter she worked on. Even after I moved out of

Radiology whenever I saw Debra she'd light the room up with her smile and always made me feel welcome. She will be missed by many as she touched so many lives. Peace & Love.

**Steve Cushman** - June 27 at 08:19 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra Smith Coble.



June 27 at 07:02 PM

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“ Jerry, Caitlin and family i extend my condolence to each of you in the loss of Debra, a lovely lady. I vividly recall counting "pennies" with Debra at Vacation Bible School at Calvary Baptist Church. I am praying for comfort at this time.

Jean Little  
Raleigh

**Jean Little** - June 27 at 11:28 AM

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“ Steve and I were saddened to hear of Debra's passing. Please know that we will be praying for the entire family that God will give all of you comfort, peace, strength and wisdom in abundance.

Love and prayers,  
Steve and Donna Jordan

**Donna Jordan** - June 27 at 10:06 AM

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“ We would like to express our saddness at Debra's passing and support for the family. Joining my son James it is easy to see how Kaitlin became the accomplished young lady she is. All our thought to Jerry and the extended family.

**David and Mary Wymer** - June 27 at 08:17 AM

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“ So very sorry to hear of Debra’s passing. She was an excellent technologist that I have had the pleasure of working with for many years. Rest In Peace Debra , and keeping her family in my prayers.

**Melissa Klenke** - June 26 at 10:07 PM

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“ Debra, was such a wonderful person. We grew up together the many fine memories of her and her family are such treasures. So sorry for your great loss the the Coble and Smith family.

Hil Miller

**Hil Miller** - June 26 at 06:14 PM

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“ Coble and Smith Family. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Brenda Reitzel Moore

**Brenda Moore** - June 26 at 06:03 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Debra Smith Coble.



June 26 at 01:15 PM

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“ Jerry & family,

Wayne and I are so sorry to hear of Deb’s passing. We have greatly missed seeing her beautiful, smiling, face at the annual Wilmington Fire Prevention School. We always looked forward to spending time with you guys! Jerry, we love you.



Wayne & Leona Hamilton - June 26 at 01:08 PM

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“ Debra was such a sweet and caring person and truly had a servant's heart for others. We will always remember her smile. She was small in stature but so very big in all the things that mattered most! Our love and prayers are with you Jerry, Kaitlin, and all the family at this sad time and in the days ahead. May God's grace and peace be with you.

Gary and Janice Carter

Gary Carter - June 26 at 12:50 PM

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“ I worked with Debra at Cone Health for many years through different projects. She was excellent in her job and made a very positive difference in quality patient care. No matter what she was working on with me, she always performed exceptional work. In addition to Debra being a top notch professional, she was a wonderful person. Always smiling. Always pleasant. Always positive. Always thinking of others more than herself. She will certainly be missed and has left a hole in the hearts of those who loved her.

Diane Everhart

Diane Everhart - June 26 at 10:46 AM

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“ Debra was a joy. i enjoyed serving on committees with her. She was thoughtful and just an intelligent person. May she Rest In Peace!

Youland Williams - June 26 at 09:34 AM

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“ Denita Lynch lit a candle in memory of Debra Smith Coble



Denita Lynch - June 26 at 08:49 AM



“ My sincere condolences. I'm so sorry for your loss, and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

**Denita Lynch** - June 26 at 08:53 AM



“ Debra will be greatly missed and I will always remember the good moments that we had together. Especially the laughs, just to see her smile and to hear her laughing at something silly I had said or done. That would always make my day. Love you always Debra.

**Tasha Simpson** - June 26 at 09:16 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Debra in 1980, at Cone. She was always a great help in "finding the right answer" for any questions, and gave every patient her very best. She will be greatly missed by everyone that ever knew her. Rest in peace girl! We'll have a rad. tech. reunion one day!! Thoughts and prayers for all family members, and friends in this time of sadness.

Kelly Revels

**Kelly Revels** - June 26 at 07:02 AM

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“ The years got away from me, sweet cousin, and I am so, so sorry. But, staring at your beautiful picture now, memories flood in and the impish, smiling child I loved and spent so many hours with is still so clearly there. May your family find peace as you rest in your precious mother's arms again. Much love, Susan

**Susan Smith** - June 26 at 02:53 AM

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“ Jerry,  
So sorry to hear about the passing of your wife. Praying for you and your family.

George Frye  
Mocksville

**George Frye Jr** - June 26 at 02:22 AM

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“ Jerry so sorry to hear about the loss of your wife  
Prayers for you and your family  
Take Care  
Rick Plunkett  
Past President of NCFMA and NCIAAI

Rick Plunkett - June 26 at 12:04 AM

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“ Debra always had a sweet smile and a friendly greeting, each time I interacted with her over the last 40 years. Such a sweetheart! Go rest in God’s arms, my dear friend.



LeeAnn Ball - June 25 at 10:52 PM

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“ It seems like our childhood years were spent at each other’s houses all the time. City girl and country girl, we rode bikes all over the neighborhood ( no handles!) and explored the park. We had childhood crushes on Donny Osmond and Bobby Sherman. We lived on banana sandwiches, made art out of colored dry beans and I still remember when you met a boy named Jerry Coble and fell in love. You went on to have a beautiful family and I know you are going to be missed forever. Love you sweet “cuz” . Rest In Peace til we meet again .



Joanie - June 25 at 10:22 PM

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“ Jerry & family, I am so very sorry to hear of Debra's passing. It's been several years since we were in contact with each other, but I will always have fond memories of our time together as classmates in the Class of '81 at MCMH in the Radiography program, as well as co-workers in the Radiology department during our careers. Please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers during this time and in the days ahead.



**Cathy Oakes** - June 25 at 10:03 PM

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“ I worked with Debra for years at Cone. She was always a joy to work with. She was a gentle soul. No matter what may be happening she remained calm and her sweet smile was would light up the room. Praying for all. Rest sweet lady.

**Cindi Rathbone** - June 25 at 09:52 PM

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“ The Ayers Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Debra Smith Coble.



**The Ayers Family** - June 25 at 08:47 PM

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“ Words cannot express what a special soul Debra was and how much she will be missed! What a privilege to have worked with her and to have called her my friend. Loved her dearly and looking forward to seeing her again.  
Judy Davis

**judith davis** - June 25 at 07:57 PM



“ To the Coble family I extend my sincere sympathy. Debra was a friend, class mate & co worker. She will be missed. Debra was meticulous in every task to be completed and would stay on you until you got them done. Her smiled will be remembered, it was infectious. She helped me spell a lot in Rad Tech school. She loved doing mammograms and all her patients loved her too. Jerry, Kaitlin and family I pray for God to wrap his arms around you and give you peace in the days ahead. God bless you all. Rad Tech Class of '81. Elaine Ferguson

**Elaine Ferguson** - June 26 at 10:32 AM

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“ Alan (and Family) -

I am so very sorry about the death of your loving sister, Debra. Know that I'm thinking of you and all of your family. Sending each of you much love and prayers!

-John D. Denning

John D. Denning - June 25 at 03:54 PM

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Debra Smith Coble.



June 25 at 03:51 PM

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“ I have fond memories of Debra as she was my "Junior Student " in the Moses Cone School of Radiologic Technology 1979-1980. Debra referred to herself as "My Little Shadow". She wanted to learn everything she could and felt pride in being in this particular program at Moses Cone. Our teachers instilled why we were "Radiologic Technologists"; not Xray Technicians. Debra was a diligent worker and very empathetic care giver. She made no secret of her love for Christ Jesus, her deep love for Jerry, and recognized her daughter was a precious gift and an answer to years of prayer. We will meet again my friend. Love and prayers Jerry, Kaitlyn, and family.

Sandra Kendrick aka "Fluffy"

Sandra Kendrick, RT-R - June 25 at 03:51 PM



“ I fondly remember Debra as a special caregiver towards her patients and always willing to help her fellow coworkers. The love for her family and our Lord was a testament to those who knew her. I am proud to have graduated from the Rad Tech program with Debra. I am so sorry for your loss and pray for strength and peace during this time.

JoEllen Bell Lucas

Jo Ellen Lucas - June 25 at 05:24 PM

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“ On behalf of all at the Mecklenburg County Fire Marshal's Office we extend our sympathy and offer prayers for your family at this most difficult time. May her memory be everlasting.

Ted Panagiotopoulos - June 25 at 03:51 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Debra's passing. She was a ray of sunshine at Cone Health and my editing buddy on policies & procedures! She will be missed!

**Louise Vaughn** - June 25 at 03:18 PM

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“ Todd & Robin Gauldin lit a candle in memory of Debra Smith Coble



**Todd & Robin Gauldin** - June 25 at 03:02 PM

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“ I will miss seeing Debra's smiling face and her positive outlook on her life . It was a pleasure to care for her. Diane Bell

**Diane Bell** - June 25 at 01:14 PM

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“ Cone Health, Radiology & Imaging Services purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Debra Smith Coble.



**Cone Health, Radiology & Imaging Services** - June 25 at 01:02 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Debra Smith Coble.



June 25 at 12:31 PM

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“ Jerry and Coble family. We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God Bless you during this time.

NCDOT Piedmont Regional Office

NCDOT - June 25 at 12:17 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Debra's passing. She was always so kind and had a smile on her face that was infectious.. R.I.P. You will be missed



Toni Cosgrove - June 25 at 12:15 PM

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“ Karen Kubecka lit a candle in memory of Debra Smith Coble



Karen Kubecka - June 25 at 11:59 AM

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“ Debra was a good person. My husband and I both had the pleasure of working with her over the years. She had an eye for detail and could always be counted on. She was a beautiful soul. We are saddened to hear of her passing. John and Karen Kubecka

Karen Kubecka - June 25 at 11:59 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra Smith Coble.



June 25 at 11:47 AM

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“ Oh, Deb! How I will miss checking in with you at work and our little chats! You were always so nice to me and took such great care of me throughout my years at Cone. I feel like I was just a baby when I first started working there and it was so comforting knowing that you were always looking out for me and I could always come to you for guidance. I'm so blessed to have known you and it is in really getting to know your heart that I am able to find peace in knowing that you are now with our Heavenly Father. I will be praying for your family to find that same peace that passes all understanding. Love, Stephanie Clarke



Stephanie Clarke - June 25 at 11:17 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Debra Smith Coble.



June 25 at 09:20 AM

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“ Praying for your family during this time of loss.

Love,  
Mitchell Griffin

Mitchell Griffin - June 25 at 08:53 AM



“ Our most sincere sympathies. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Coble family.  
North Carolina Fire Marshals' Association

**Eric Wiseman** - June 25 at 08:04 AM

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“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Debra Smith Coble.



June 24 at 04:47 PM