



Debra Earnest-Holden

June 20, 1961 - August 6, 2020

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Mrs. Debra Earnest-Holden, 59, passed away Thursday, August 6, 2020, at her home in Como, MS. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Debra was born June 20, 1961, in Okolona, MS. She was a founding member of the Mastiff Sanctuary, and she was also devoted to the Just Giants Rescue. Not only did she give her time and love to all dogs that were in need of rescue, but also her home. She always made sure that if a dog did not have a home, she welcomed them with open arms until they found their forever home. Debra was a woman that was truly selfless. She had just a loving personality, and she always chose to focus on the good in the world instead of the bad. She had this amazing ability to fill a room with joy with her presence. Along with her husband of 20 years, John Holden, she gave her all to help anyone and anything in need. She loved her family and her “adopted, furry family” more than anything. She will be dearly missed.

Mrs. Debra is survived by her husband, John Holden of Como, MS; her mother, Helen Barlow of Como; two sisters, Karen (Richard) Hosenev of Como, and Beverly Earnest of Sardis, MS; one niece, Kathryn (Justin) Alred of Como; two nephews, Richard (Anna) Hosenev, Jr. of Southaven, and Robert (Joibeth) Hosenev of Senatobia, MS; one great-nephew, Matthew Alred of Como; and all of her beloved fur babies.

Mrs. Debra was preceded in death by her father, Walter Chandler Earnest, Jr.

Donations and memorial in honor of Mrs. Debra Earnest-Holden in lieu of flowers may be made to the donor’s choice of the Mastiff Sanctuary (in c/o John Holden, 104 Sledge St., Como, MS 38619) or Just Giants Rescue – Mississippi Chapter (<http://www.justgiants.org>).

Online condolences may be left on her Tribute Wall at <http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com>.

Comments



“ God take care of my sister - I am so missing you girl You will always hold a spot in my heart -

lesley - August 11, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ Debbie was a person you could never forget. I will always cherish the picture she gave me in high school since I was her art teacher. Not many will do that, but she was just so proud and happy. Sharon (Muska) Moore

Sharon Moore - August 09, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ Debbie I will always miss you, we had many adventures together back in the day. Spring River for one! I love and miss you already. I love that we had the same religious views. The work you were doing was meant for you and your love for animals. You were always a loving person that loved animals as much as your friends do! R.I.P.



Gail Nollner Millette - August 09, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ You were such a selfless woman and a wonderful woman, friend and cousin. I am blessed to have known you through all these years. I know you are surrounded by your friends family and the many animals that you touched. Bless you Debbie

Joe Hillenbrand - August 09, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Debra’s family for their loss. It was my privilege to assist she and John during the loss of some of their fur babies when I worked with CFH-Oxford. She was a lovely, kind-hearted person.

Ellen Coleman Weavee - August 08, 2020 at 10:39 PM