



## Deborah S. Lilje

October 21, 1949 - May 26, 2024

Deborah Sue Lilje (Sepanski), 74, passed away Sunday, May 26, 2024, at Toledo Hospital. Born to Alvin and Dorothy Sepanski, she attended Notre Dame Academy and studied journalism at the University of Toledo before earning her paralegal license.

Above all, Debbie was a beloved mother and grandmother who adored spending time with her family. She had an appreciation for the beauty in the world, especially when it came to seeing the beauty in others. You could often find her outside in nature, gardening, exploring art museums, crocheting, or cooking delicious recipes for her family and friends. She also loved to read and participated in several book clubs.

Debbie was the epitome of kindness and compassion who devoted much of her time to volunteer work. She spent many years working with the RCIA program at Christ the King Church and served as a Spiritual Counselor. She was also a leader in NARANON and an ambassador at the Toledo Museum of Art.

She will be remembered for her beautiful smile, infectious laugh, and the trail of warmth she left everywhere she went.

Debbie is survived by her children, Eric (Bekah) Lilje, Marisa Lilje and her

husband Carl Fougerousse, and Bryan Lilje; nine grandchildren, Caleb, Brynn, and Nolan Lilje, August, Oliver, Linus, and Simon Fougerousse, and Connor and Sammy Lilje; siblings, Karen Swanson and Mark Sepanski; and nieces and nephews, Robert (Stephanie) Swanson, Neal (Alison) Swanson, and Ashley (Scott) Boyer.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Al and Dorothy, and sister-in-law, Judy Sepanski.

Family and friends are invited to visit Friday, May 31, 2024, from 3-7 pm at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Ave., with rosary prayers beginning at 6:00 pm. The funeral mass will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 1:30 pm.

Memorial contributions can be made to NARANON, Christ the King Catholic Church, or the Toledo Museum of Art.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home  
3000 W. Sylvania Ave  
Toledo, OH 43613

## Rosary

MAY 31. 6:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home  
3000 W. Sylvania Ave  
Toledo, OH 43613

## Mass of the Resurrection

JUN 1. 1:30 PM (ET)

Christ the King Catholic Church  
4100 Harvest Ln  
Toledo, OH 43623

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I will remember her smile and friendliness. Even though I didn't know her very long, her love for her family was always at the forefront. She will be missed on many levels. Wishing you all strength. Judy Green, TMA ambassador classmate.*

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**Judy Green** - June 03, 2024 at 07:58 AM