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Deborah Anne Freeman DuFresne, 59, left her physical body and became an angel on Tuesday April 4th, 2017 at The Community Hospice Bailey Family Center for Caring in St. Augustine, Florida, after an intense but brief battle with Cancer. Deborah was born in Englewood, NJ, on November 23, 1957, the only daughter of Thomas Freeman and Margaret McKernan. Deborah graduated from St. Augustine High School in 1975. She began her lifelong and passionate career as a registered nurse after completing college at the old Flagler Hospital on the Bayfront, through her relocation to Colorado after her marriage to Ernest H. DuFresne, Jr. in November of 1983 at Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, CO and Sky Ridge Medical Center in Lone Tree, CO and ending at Putnam Community Hospital, in Palatka, FL in December of 2016. Her devotion to caring for the sick will be among the very best of memories left for her family, friends and co-workers. Deborah also loved to cook, garden and spend time with friends and family after her return to St. Augustine, FL in 2013. Caring for her husband and extended family brought Deborah great joy and satisfaction in her final years and she will be missed by all. Deborah was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas & Margaret McKernan-Freeman, her brothers, Thomas Freeman, Jr. and Dennis Freeman; her mother and father in-law, Ernest H. (Duffy) and Rose DuFresne, as well as her nieces Lauren and Mackenzie DuFresne. She is survived by

her husband of 34 years, Ernest H. DuFresne Jr. and her brothers, Patrick Freeman (Simone), of Brazil and Brendan Freeman (Maria Johnson) of St. Augustine, FL.; her daughter, Deirdre DuFresne (Christian) of St. Augustine, her stepdaughters, Johna DuFresne-Baxa (Ron) & Denise DuFresne, both of St. Augustine, FL; her grandsons: Joshua DuFresne-Schwartz, Logan & Ian Baxa, and her beloved little "Princess", Ayzlynn DuFresne of St. Augustine, FL. Deborah leaves behind many who will feel her absence deeply, including sisters and brothers-in-law Robert DuFresne, Linda Schmidt, Donald DuFresne, Jeff & Debbie DuFresne, Kristine Rynn, Tina Tasker, Beverly & Richard Sorrentino, Mary-Kay & Rich Staver, and Bill Schmidt. Nieces, nephews, and others whom lovingly called her "Aunt Debbie" include T.J. Freeman & his family, William Freeman, Olivia Freeman, Renee & Donnie DuFresne-Taylor, Kelly & Michael Verlatti, Robert DuFresne, Jr., Jodi & Brad Warhanek, Nicole Wolfe, Morgan & Jessica DuFresne, Parker DuFresne, Brooke Staver, Jeff and Elizabeth Bryant, Michael DuFresne and Jennifer DuFresne. A celebration of Deborah's life will be held by her family and beloved friends on Sunday, April 30, 2017. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory to The Community Hospice Bailey Family Center for Caring, Ayla's Acres No-Kill Animal Rescue, Inc., The March of Dimes or The American Cancer Society would be welcomed. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Deb, I will miss you so much. You've been an inspiration to me as a nurse and a friend to all. I will miss you energy and kindness as well as your welcome spirit who invited ALL to you table. And you had food at the table at SRMC all the time. Save me a place at your dinner table in the sky cuz I'm hungry for you fun loving spirit and soul. Love, Tami "Jeppson"* ”

Tami Jeppson - April 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I wish to express my sorrow and condolences to Deb's family.* ”

Cyd Khayter - April 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Deepest sympathy on the death of Deborah* ”

Susan Woods - April 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM