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Debra Rene "Debbie" Moortgat, age 50, of St. Augustine, passed away on February 1, 2015 at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville with her husband by her side. Debbie was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and moved to Jacksonville at a young age. She studied, and later practiced message therapy in her early adult life. An avid surfer, she also enjoyed working as a Lifeguard in Atlantic Beach for many years. While vacationing in France, she met and later married Emmanuel Moortgat. It was one of the happiest times of her life; newly married, living in the City of Vence on the French Riviera, and learning and enjoying French culture. Years later, Debra & Emmanuel moved back to the states, settling in St. Augustine. With a deep interest in holistic healing, Debbie began traveling to Boone, North Carolina to study acupuncture at the Jung Tao School of Classical Chinese Medicine. After graduating from the Acupuncture Program at Jung Tao, she opened her practice in St. Augustine and quickly gained a reputation as an accomplished and sought after practitioner. Dedicated to the practice of Acupuncture and committed to its advancement, Debbie spent years translating the book of Traditional Chinese Medicine from French to English for the Jung Tao School. Debbie loved life, and simplicity. She adored her five cats, and enjoyed gardening and horseback riding. More than anything, Debbie will be remembered as a loving wife, daughter, friend, and a skilled caregiver to her patients. She will be

dearly missed. She is survived by her husband, Emmanuel Moortgat of St. Augustine; her mother & stepfather, Jane & John Kirkendall, her father & step mother, Dennis & Brenda Fagen of Tallahassee; and brothers, Dan Fagen (Carrie) of St. Johns, and Jeff Fagen of Jacksonville. A celebration of life service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home with Father Seamus O'Flynn officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations in Debbie's memory can be made to: Community Cats of Palm Coast, 18 Mahoe Drive North, Palm Coast, FL. 32137. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ Diane and I were saddened to learn today of Debbie's passing earlier this month. Please know that our thoughts are with you. With affection, Heidi Diane (Punch Jones)

Punch Jones - February 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Debra's kind and gentle spirit as well as her skill in acupuncture made her such a wonderful healer. She helped me so much over the years and became a dear friend in the process. I am so saddened by her passing way too soon. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Carol Caldwell - February 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ An angel among us gone too soon Is now an angel above us
Watching as we fill The holes in our hearts With the love and joy
She brought to us all

Marty, Chris, Maggie - February 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Some of the best humans we get to touch are called up too soon.
Deb's soul will shine bright forever.

Joanna Marks - February 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Not only was Debra my acupuncturist, she was a dear, dear friend.
Never have I known anyone so giving and caring. My heart goes out
to her husband and family

Karen Nilsson - February 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *My family joins me in sending our sincere condolences to the family.*

Skip Brown - February 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Debra was a phenomenal healer and my friend. Her gifts touched several members of my family. She helped our daughter-in-law Jenny through her pregnancy and shared in our joy over the birth of granddaughter Emma. Our condolences go to her husband Emmanuel, parents, brothers and family. We loved her dearly and will miss her so much.*

Deborah Karably - February 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *A bright light has been blown out way too soon. Debra had such a gentle, kind spirit. I will miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.*

paulette buchy - February 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *I have no words to express the sadness I feel for the loss of this beautiful person. I will miss her personally and our profession and especially those affiliated with Jung Tao School will feel the void left from her passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to Emmanuel and all of her family.*

Lora Moyle - February 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Thank you for all you did for us. I am so grateful..... Peace and blessings. Jennifer*

Jennifer Lauritzen - February 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I am shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Debra's passing. She was a delightful person and a skilled healer and translator. My prayers are with her family and friends at this difficult time. We will all miss her terribly.

Rose Haywood - February 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Debra was a wonderful gift to humanity. I will miss her very much. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Fernando Bernall - February 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ All who knew Deb are heartbroken. She was such a gifted practitioner and a better friend.

Carolyn Mudgette - February 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM