



## Debra Marie Smith

September 20, 1963 - February 15, 2019

Debra Marie Smith, 55, Fernandina Beach, passed away Feb. 15, 2019 at her home after a lengthy illness. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, she had resided in Fernandina for the past 11 years, moving there from Louisiana. She graduated from Freedom High School in Easton, PA and had received her AA degree in finance from Lamar Salter Technical College in Louisiana. Debra was a veteran of the U.S. Army. She went to Iraq serving as a contractor from 2004-2008, and that is where she met her husband Michael, also a U.S. Army veteran. While in Iraq she also started her own business, DB Enterprises, which she operated from 2004-2012. She was an adventurer who loved to travel anywhere on a whim. She traveled to Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, and Dubai for both business and pleasure. She loved her family, especially her 4 grandchildren. She also cherished her friendships and had a deep love for her 2 dogs, Lily and Bentley, which were always by her side. Debra loved sailing, golfing, interior design, and especially loved staying home and being a wife. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 54, the American Legion Post 54 Riders, and a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Graveside services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday February 25, 2019 at Northampton Memorial Shrine, 3051 Green Pond Rd, Easton; with visitation 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the Ashton Funeral Home, 1337 Northampton St., Easton, PA.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Nancy R. Ackerman

She is survived by her husband, Michael J. Smith of Fernandina Beach, FL; father, Joseph P. Ackerman and step-mother, Gloria Ackerman of N. Ft. Myers, FL; step-daughter, Michelle E. Carmichael of Baker, FL; sisters Teri Whittaker of Marshalls Creek, PA, Dawn Corpora of Easton, PA; brothers, Joseph Ackerman of Shelby, Montana, Russell Ackerman of Easton, PA; grandson, Jason Smith, grandson, Damien "DJ" Carmichael, granddaughter, Katherine Neisler, and grandson, James Wyatt Neisler.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Northampton Memorial Shrine  
3051 Green Pond Rd  
Easton, PA 18045

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Poechmann Family -Jim, Harriet Lee and Quinn purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Debra Marie Smith.*



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**The Poechmann Family -Jim, Harriet Lee and Quinn -**  
February 23, 2019 at 10:24 AM

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