



## Debra Anne Cruder

October 1, 1954 - June 5, 2022

Debra Anne Cruder of Severna Park, MD, passed away on June 5, 2022, at Complete Care at Corsica Hills in Centreville, MD. She was 67.

Born on October 1, 1954, in Englewood, NJ, she was the daughter of Robert and Anne Pilz Grace. Debbie grew up in Edgewater, NJ, and graduated from Leonia High School with the Class of 1972. She attended The Berkeley School in Ridgewood, NJ, completing the Executive Secretarial Program of Study, then went on to work in point of purchase advertising and sales at Merchandising Display Corporation in Englewood NJ. She enjoyed trips to Europe and skiing in the winter with friends.

In 1986, she married then LT Marc Cruder, USCG of Cresskill, NJ. They drove across the country together, were stationed in Long Beach and lived in Palos Verdes, CA. Debbie attended the University of Redlands and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Management. She went on to work as an Account Executive and Sales Manager. When she and Marc were transferred back east, they moved into the Chartwell Community where Debbie was a stay-at-home mom by choice and actively volunteered on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer of the St. Andrews' Swim and Tennis Club as well as the Spartan Lyrical Society. She also enjoyed gardening, all kinds of crafts, and DIY home improvement projects from wallpapering to tile work to faux finishing furniture. She was a prolific

seamstress and did everything from original Halloween costumes to prom dress alterations.

Debbie eventually continued her education by studying accounting and tax law sufficient to meet the eligibility requirements for the CPA exam. She last worked for Kenneth G. Menzies Jr., PA.

She was a gentle unassuming soul with light in her eyes, a big smile and an even bigger heart, who always put others and her family before herself. Debbie was a loving wife and mother who is survived by her husband, Marc; son Matthew; and daughter Noelle Cruder; sisters in-law Rosemary (Cruder) Leone and her husband Dan and Suzanne Cruder-Hofhauer.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.

Donations may be considered to the Alzheimer's Association

# Tribute Wall



“ *Debra Anne Cruder*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Debra Anne Cruder*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Debra Anne Cruder*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Debbie was one of the dearest people I've ever known. From the moment she moved in next door we were instantly friends. She was always busy doing projects around her house or in the yard. She was a good carpenter and decorator and would invite me over to see her completed renovations. They always looked great! We also shared a love of gardens. She'd divide her plants and give me some for my yard. Then there was her cooking. She was an excellent baker and loved to make a large variety of Christmas cookies. She also loved to cook Italian food and would invite me over often to share meals with her family. I loved being part of the Cruder family! My deepest condolences. Debbie was a one of a kind!*

ginny cameron - October 19, 2022 at 06:55 PM

MC

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**marc cruder** - June 12, 2022 at 10:06 PM

VC

“ Today is one week that my best friend Debbie is gone. We started kindergarten and Sunday school together. Moved from Pal Park into brand new houses that are parents built in Edgewater, NJ. I guess we were destined to be friends... we went on vacations with her parents when younger and traveled with friends when older. Debbie was always easy going, levelheaded and fun to be with. When she met Marc a young handsome officer in the USCG she was really happy. Love changed her from being a career girl into being a wife and mother. Debbie loved her family and was so proud of all of them. Never once did I hear her say that she had any regrets. Marc and Debbie were a great couple, very much in love and wonderful parents. I will never forget her... none of us will, she will always be close in our hearts... so for me, it's goodbye for now... I'll see you on the other side



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**Vicki Carlson** - June 12, 2022 at 09:20 PM

MC

*Thank you Vicki. You certainly were Debbie's alter-ego. Every time you called, I knew who it was because of how long she was on the phone and how hard she laughed. Even when things got hard for her, a call from you would lift her spirits immeasurably. She cherished your life long friendship and her relationship with you helped her understand and guide Noelle. Let me know when Debbie's spirit comes to visit you. Thank you again and stay in touch.*

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**marc cruder** - June 14, 2022 at 08:52 AM

HS

“ *I saw and talked to Debbie a lot since we were next door neighbors for 18 years. She was dedicated to her family. A gentle person who loved animals (and they loved her), Debbie pointed out a large turtle in my back yard that needed a nudge. "Who, me?" She did not shrink from unpleasant tasks. I always admired her ability to fix things around the house, or not be daunted by things that snap, crackle or pop. Owning a large house is an adventure we shared!*

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**Helen Sherman** - June 12, 2022 at 09:10 PM

MC

*Thank you Helen. Debbie was always helping stray wildlife and over-socializing every pet we had. She was good like that....and she was good with things that went snap, crackle or pop....and because of her alternate perspective, even helped me a few times when I was stumped out in the garage. Appreciate your memories. We enjoyed you and your family as neighbors....that includes Elmo!*

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**marc cruder** - June 14, 2022 at 08:47 AM

MC

“ *And finally....Debbie could dance and really enjoyed dancing. We were always the first ones on the dance floor and even took ballroom lessons. I will miss you, my Honey....so save a dance for me...*

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**marc cruder** - June 12, 2022 at 06:03 PM

MC

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marc cruder - June 12, 2022 at 05:59 PM

MC

“ Debbie was always ready to step out, formal, casual or just a good time.

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marc cruder - June 12, 2022 at 11:45 AM

MC

“ Debbie always enjoyed a good "tootle." Her first sportscar car was a Datsun 280Z. I told her if I was ever serious about her, I'd buy her another Z....which I did. Debbie could handle and drive whatever I threw at her, including riding on my first Triumph motorcycle.

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marc cruder - June 12, 2022 at 10:57 AM

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marc cruder - June 12, 2022 at 10:52 AM

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**marc cruder** - June 11, 2022 at 11:28 AM

MC

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**marc cruder** - June 11, 2022 at 11:23 AM

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**marc cruder** - June 11, 2022 at 11:22 AM

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**marc cruder** - June 11, 2022 at 11:21 AM

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**marc cruder** - June 11, 2022 at 11:20 AM

MC

“ *Debbie was Bobby Grace's little girl, so she came to the marriage with her own toolbox and wasn't afraid to use it. She also designed her own gardens and was happiest when she was outside tending to them or cutting the lawn*



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marc cruder - June 11, 2022 at 11:19 AM

MC

“ *Before we got married, Debbie said to me that she didn't know if she could be a Coast Guard Wife. I told her I was not asking her to do that. After we got married, I looked at my payroll deposit and said to her: "This is a good deal being married, you get \$200 more a month." When she asked why, I told her because now she was a "dependent." She quickly told me: I'm not a dependent....I'm and INDEPENDENT.".....and there you have it..."my honey" again.*

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marc cruder - June 10, 2022 at 09:05 AM

RL

“ *10 files added to the tribute wall*



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Rosemary Leone - June 09, 2022 at 02:55 PM

RL

Remembering the Happy Times. 💕

Rosemary Leone - June 09, 2022 at 02:56 PM

NO

“ The look of her face says it all. She had eyes that would smile until they disappeared. She was the most active and involved mom a kid could ask for. I never have to wonder what life would be like if my mommy was around more because she was always there 💕



noelle - June 09, 2022 at 02:03 PM

CA

“ *Marc, Matthew and Noelle,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. I was so very fortunate to call Debbie as a friend thru school and even after graduation. Those school days with her are etched in my memory. We had a lot of fun times back in the day. She was so very happy with her life with you - that showed in all of the Christmas cards that she wrote. You can tell from her writings that she was so very proud of you and the kids. I wish we had taken the time to get together. My memories of her will stay forever. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this difficult time.*



*Cindy Anselmo*

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**Cindy Anselmo** - June 09, 2022 at 01:09 PM

MC

*Thank you Cindy. When Debbie talked about the old days, if she wasn't talking about Vicki, you were in the next sentence. Appreciate your thoughts and prayers.*

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**marc cruder** - June 14, 2022 at 08:40 AM

MC

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**marc cruder** - June 09, 2022 at 11:06 AM

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marc cruder - June 09, 2022 at 09:11 AM

RD

“ *Debbie was our loving sister in law. She and Marc were truly soul mates and she loved him, her children Matthew and Noelle and her Sadie dog immensely. Debbie always enjoyed an adventure especially when it involved her children and nephews. From the Statue of Liberty to Kings Dominion she brought fun, enjoyment and lots of laughs. It was always enjoyable to hear her perspective and to see her creativity from her incredible sewing skills to the famous yearly Christmas card poems that always perfectly rhymed. When it came to holiday gatherings there was never a need to worry about dessert as we could count on Debbie to show up carrying 4 or 5 delicious homemade pies.*

*Whether or not she ever got used to the loudness at our family gatherings we will never know but we do know that we will miss her very dearly and remember her always with lots of love.*

*Love Rosemary and Dan*

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Rosemary & Dan - June 08, 2022 at 08:43 PM

MC

*Thank you both. It is true Debbie preferred quiet surrounds. She always wondered why everyone was yelling at each other at the dinner (Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter) table....New York Italians...what can you say?*

*Even though she only made me rhubarb pie once, I will miss the desserts, but I have saved all her recipes.*

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marc cruder - June 14, 2022 at 08:38 AM

BW

“ *Marc,  
It's not easy going through what you must be going through. I wish  
you the best, Classmate, as you grieve the loss of a lifetime  
companion and love.  
Wishing you peace,  
Brooke Winter, USCGA '78*

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**Brooke Winter** - June 08, 2022 at 07:57 PM

MC

*Thanks Brooke. Nice to hear from you.*

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**marc cruder** - June 14, 2022 at 08:34 AM

CB

“ *Dear Marc, Deb and I are so sad to hear of your loss. I'm sure that  
you are heartbroken to lose such a dear life companion who clearly  
gave so much to those whose life she touched.  
Deb and I send our best wishes during this very challenging time.  
Your Classmate, Chris Bond '78*

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**Chris Bond** - June 08, 2022 at 03:25 PM

MC

*Thank you Chris*

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**marc cruder** - June 14, 2022 at 08:34 AM

CS

“ *Marc, so sorry to hear of the loss of your wife and life mate. Our  
condolences to the Cruder family. We lift your family in prayer.*

*Your classmate Cleon*

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**Cleon Smith** - June 08, 2022 at 02:25 PM

MC

*Brother Cleon...its' been a long time since we were roommates and you were cruising the Jensen Healey my man. Thank you for this reach out and your prayers. Much appreciated.*

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**marc cruder** - June 14, 2022 at 08:33 AM

JR

“ *Marc,  
I am sorry for your loss. So long since we talked. I remember well the happiness of your wedding day. Lots of classmates thinking of you in your time of loss.  
Joe Riordan  
'78*

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**Joe Riordan** - June 08, 2022 at 01:44 PM

MC

*Thanks Joe....good to hear from you.*

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**marc cruder** - June 14, 2022 at 08:29 AM

MF

“ *Marc,  
You know my thoughts and prayers are with you and Noelle and Matt. I remember looking forward to the Christmas cards every year with the great poems Debbie would write.  
Peace my friend  
  
Mary*

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**Mary Flynn** - June 08, 2022 at 11:01 AM

MC

*Thanks Mary. The poems were Debbie's way of sharing our lives without the sometimes excessive detail of Christmas Letters. They were fun.*

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**marc cruder** - June 14, 2022 at 08:28 AM

BI

“ *Marc, Sorry to hear this news thru the CG network. Please send me an e-mail with any other info as far as memorial services and of any charity donation preferences. Bryon*

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**bryon ing** - June 08, 2022 at 09:18 AM

MC

*Thanks Bryon, will do.*

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**marc cruder** - June 14, 2022 at 08:26 AM

MC

“ *She was my Honey...always!  
When I asked her to marry me, I told her: "I'm your last chance"....we were 30. She responded without skipping a beat: "I'm your only chance"....she was my Honey!  
Marc Cruder*

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**Marc Cruder** - June 07, 2022 at 05:37 PM