



Debbie "Spitfire" Lyons

October 10, 1955 - May 7, 2025

Debbie "Spitfire" Lyons of Branchville passed away surrounded by loved ones on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at the age of 69.

Debbie was a beloved daughter, sister, mother, Little Nana (grandmother), and friend. She loved the Lord, her church, her family and friends, and was a devoted animal lover. She had a special bond with animals, and they were always drawn to her sweet spirit, a God-given characteristic she shared with her late son, Kevin.

She is survived by her daughter, Megan Shoemake (Shannon) of Smoaks, sister Patricia S. Judy of Branchville, sister Beverly S. Keating (Timothy) of Johns Island, sister Angie S. Stroud (Sandy & Sam) of Branchville, one grandson, Brice Shoemake and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Kevin J. Miller, her mother Frances E. Smoak, and her father, Jacob F. Smoak. While she will be deeply missed by her family, we find peace in knowing she is now healed and reunited in heaven with her son, mother, and father in the loving embrace of her Lord and Savior.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday May 13th @ 2PM at Hunters Chapel Baptist Church (9423 Hunters Chapel Road Bamberg 29003) with Rev Alvin Jeffcoat officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 1-2pm.

Debbie's family asks that contributions be made to Hunters Chapel Baptist church to purchase a tree for the family to plant in her honor as she loved

watching hummingbirds and hanging bird feeders. Flowers would also be welcomed.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Debbie...you were loved beyond measure. Your memory will live on through all of us.*

Cousin Nancy Mayfield in Texas - May 16, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Debbie is one of my beloved cousins, and a very special person. I left South Carolina when I was 7, and Debbie treated me like we had grown up together. She loved me so much, and I her. I will grieve her being gone, and not being able to come home to help her, for the rest of my life. Praise God her suffering is over. My love and prayers for her whole family. Nancy Irene Dixon Mayfield*

Nancy Mayfield - May 16, 2025 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *I have so many fun memories of Ms Debbie, where to begin... she was such a genuinely REAL, and kind, loving soul. She will be greatly missed on this earth but I love her enough to feel relieved that she is in peace with her loved ones in heaven now.*

Jessi Metts - May 11, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am saddened for the loss of Debbie. We worked at the school and after a tough morning in the classroom, our shirt conversations in the cafeteria always left me with a smile. Debbie would crack me up with some of her frankness.*

Really liked her and was honored to have known her.

Cathy Griffin - May 11, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ I don't know where "spitfire" came from because since I have known her she was a very kind, sweet, loving person. She always called me Trish. I will miss seeing her around the family and miss her loving spirit. I am so sorry for your loss, but I know heaven is a lot brighter with her there. I love all of the family. Patricia Shoemake

Patricia Shoemake - May 09, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Ott Funeral Home

A Memorial Tree was planted for Debbie "Spitfire" Lyons - May 08, 2025 at 12:00 AM