

# Debra Joan (Campbell) Harders

Nov. 12, 1954 – Dec. 1, 2018



Debra Joan (Campbell) Harders was born Nov. 12, 1954 to Ronald and Evelyn (Morosic) Campbell of Wood River. She grew up in Wood River and graduated from Wood River Rural High in 1973. She then graduated from Hastings CCC in 1975. Deb married Dave Harders in July of 1975 and lived in Alda for 36 years. They had 4 children, Mandi & Jamie Morgan of Wood River (Ellie, Amaya, Layla and Ember), Heidi & Travis Klasna of Omaha (Scarlett & Andrew), Matt & Danicia Harders of Lincoln (Cannon, Maevyn & Haidyn) and Jeff & Jordan Harders of Grand Island (Quinn & Taylor). Deb passed away unexpectedly on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Deb worked at McDermott & Miller early on in her career. She then became owner/manager of the Alda Grill and Grocery for several years. The store was a much needed asset to the small town. After a bout with cancer Deb started working for Chief Industries Building Division as a Drafter. In 2014 Dave & Deb moved to an acreage north of Wood River, and Deb retired in March of 2018.

As a former member of the Wood River High Booster Club, Deb was instrumental in helping to get the Eagles Nest up and running at the annual Husker Harvest Days Event. It has been a major fundraiser for the school ever since.

Deb was also an active member of St. Mary's Church in Wood River and a member of the Council of Catholic Women (CCW). It was here that she served on the building committee to help build the Marian Hall addition to the church. She also helped start the annual fish fry for St. Mary's Church.

Deb loved her family and was very proud of her grandchildren, attending many school and sporting events for them. She especially loved to spend time at Harlan County Reservoir, fishing, boating and just relaxing. In the winter Deb and Dave would spend a couple of weeks in Arizona enjoying time with their friends.

Deb will always be remembered for her ability to organize large events and lending a helping hand to the community.

