



# Alice Deborah Pierce

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**A**lice Deborah Pierce nee Carney, better known as Debbie peacefully passed away at home with her Family. Debbie had been ill for a very long time, passing with dignity and grace in the early morning hours on Thursday April 14, 2011. God called her name Debbie and Jesus spoke "come unto me and I will give you rest". Debbie was a lifetime resident of the Bridgeton area. She was born Sept. 27, 1952, the daughter of Ernie and Jane Carney, and as a child grew up in the Springtown-Greenwich area.

Debbie was a devoted wife to Alfred, the love of her life; mother, Mom-Mom, sister, daughter and friend. She leaves to cherish her memory - husband Alfred, daughter Deanna and spouse Roberta Selleck-Pierce of PA, son Brad and spouse Sandy Pierce of NJ, grandchildren Jordyn, Jacob and Ava, her dad Woody Harris, a sister Linda White & Family, a brother Chris Harris & Family and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She was predeceased by parents Ernie and Jane Carney-Harris.

This is not just an obituary, but rather the incredible story of Debbie's life...

Debbie was employed at Bridgeton Hospital, now known as South Jersey Healthcare, for 40 years, retiring April 1, 2010. She started her career in the Radiology department as X-ray Technologist; she went on to become an Ultrasound Sonographer. As one of the best Sonographers in the area, Debbie played a major role in the development of the Ultrasound department at South Jersey Healthcare.

Debbie personified the Jesus centered Christian life. Not by talk only, but by living it, and to coin the phrase: her life "was the only Bible that some read". As an Elder of Glory Tabernacle Church, she was an active member at all levels of the church until disabled by her illness. Debbie taught the gospel in her prison ministry at the Cumberland County Jail where she was known as the "Church Lady" to the women. Prior to her membership at Glory Tabernacle, Debbie was an active member of St. John United Methodist Church, where she played an active role in the choir and youth group, and held positions at the district level for the United Methodist Women. She spear



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headed a local street ministry not only feeding the spirit with the Word of God, but physically taking food to nourish their physical body too. Debbie also volunteered at CornerStone Pregnancy, performing ultrasounds and counseling women in need. She was an active member of the Lenni Lenape American Indian Tribe and she received the distinguished Bridgeton Jaycee Outstanding Young Woman Award in 1999. She was very creative, loved being a Mom-Mom, which was one of the pinnacles of her life, enjoyed cruises, and spending time walking on the beach.

Debbie's life was an inspiration to all who had the opportunity to have crossed her path, whether a brief moment or life long experience. God sent her to us as a messenger of faith, hope, love, peace and joy... Debbie will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.



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**Anonymous** posted:

My heart goes out to Deanna and Brad as you mourn the lost of your mother. I will miss her and remember the good times growing up in Fordville Church with her leadership to guide us.##imported-begin##carol##imported-end##

April 19 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Debbie will be missed by all. I'll always remember her as a great Pray Warrior. I know she is at peace with God and happy. May God comfort her family.Love,Janet Glatfelter##imported-begin##Janet Glatfelter##imported-end##

April 17 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Plase accept our sincere condolences in the loss of Debbie. She will always hold a special spot in my heart,and I will truly miss the beautiful person that she was inside and out. We all know that she is now at peace and without pain with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Timmie and I will never forget her. Please know that your family will always be in our prayers. May God be with you always. Love, Timmie and Stacy King & Family##imported-begin##Stacy King##imported-end##

April 16 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry to hear about Debbie's passing away. I met her through Patty Pierce many years ago. She was a beautiful person. I know you will miss her but she is with God now with no more pain. Keep the good memories of her in your heart.May God bless you.##imported-begin##Brenda Davis##imported-end##

April 15 at 8:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

May God give you comfort and his grace. Debbie had a heart of gold and a peaceful spirit. When I spoke with her last she was very ill but so full of life and God's goodness. She was such a comfort to me when she spoke at my mom's Aunt Betty funeral. She said that God had a name for those who knew him and that he would whisper that name to call them home to him. You can have comfort in knowing that Debbie heard her name. It is my prayer that in time great memories will fill your hearts and give you peace.##imported-begin##Rosena Freeman Zenie##imported-end##

April 15 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My Prayers go out to the family in their time of need. Debbie will be missed by me. She got me through a lot in my life. If it was not for my cousin I think I would not found god. I will miss you Debbie and love you always.##imported-begin##Peggy Caeney - Jackson##imported-end##

April 14 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

There once was a woman who had a box. Her name was Debbie. In the box she stored her life. She put in the box good judgement. She also put in it knowlege of right and wrong. Along with these, she added integrity. She placed honesty, softly in the bottom. Some years later, Debbie tossed in priorities and a well-rounded nature. This so-called box is her heart. She then presented this box in one package to her husband, Alfred Dee, Brad and grandchildren, family and friends rest peaceful Love Dottie and family##imported-begin##Dorothy Dottie##imported-end##

April 14 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Peace at last! Nobody worked harder for the Creator than Debbie. She was never afraid to proclaim His name. May we all remember her walk on earth and how she influenced the lives of so many. May the Creator especially bless the family during these days ahead. Much love and may prayers, Cyndy Mosley##imported-begin##Cynthia Mosley##imported-end##

April 14 at 8:00 PM



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