



Deborah A. McHale

June 21, 1954 - November 6, 2022

Deborah A. McHale, 68, of Union Mills Road, Broadalbin, passed away at home on Sunday, November 6, 2022.

She was born in Niskayuna on June 21, 1954, a daughter of the late Richard and Anna Mae Gabriele Mattice and was a 1972 graduate of Mohonasen High School. Debbie lived in the capital district area before moving to Broadalbin in 1981.

She was a fabulous hairdresser for over fifty years and worked for Ray's Hair Center in Amsterdam for most of her career. Debbie was deeply loved by her clientele and coworkers.

She loved flower gardening, decorating her home for every holiday, and cooking delicious home-made meals for her family. Debbie enjoyed playing dice and cards, especially pitch. She really loved helping others and everyone always came first in her world.

She was of the Catholic faith and was comforted by angels and rosary beads to protect her family.

Survivors include two children, James W. Ferguson and Rebecca (Marshall) Dawson, all of Broadalbin; two brothers, Bruce (Debbie) Mattice, her twin, and Richard Mattice of North Greenbush; two grandchildren, Madison and Brayden; her grand furbabies, Walter, Cali, and Cooper; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday from 4 – 7 pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black

Street), Johnstown. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 1pm at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 1241 State Street, Schenectady with Rev. Dominic Isopo, officiating. Burial will follow in St. John the Baptist Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Regional SPCA, in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Baptist Cemetery

Brandywine Avenue
Schenectady, NY 12306

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
111 County Highway 106
Johnstown, NY 12095
(518) 883-5323
debbie@halgasfuneralhome.com
<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **11**. 1:00 PM (ET)

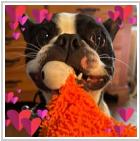
St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church
1241 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12304

Tribute Wall

BT

“ *Debbie was a very dear friend of mine for over 40 years and she also was my hairdresser. She was the best in every way possible. I shall miss her terribly.
Becky and family as well as Jay, may you always know that you had one of the best Mother's ever. Rest in Peace my dear friend. I will never forget you. !!!*

Bette Ticen - July 25, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ *Becky and Jay I am so sorry to hear of your moms passing my condolences to your family*



Doris Pangburn - November 12, 2022 at 04:17 PM

AR

“ *Dear Jay, Becky and family. I'am not good at this because I have problem
Posting things so I hope this goes thru. Words can not say how sorry I'am at Moms passing. She was my best friend and my wonderful hair dresser. We had many talks and laughs. She loved all of you and so proud of Marty and Brayden. I loved her and will miss her forever. Rest In Peace my friend.
Love yu
Annie Bananie*

Ann Reynolds - November 10, 2022 at 05:26 PM

CB

“ *Becky,*

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss of your mother. My condolences to you and your family.

Connie Bucknell - November 09, 2022 at 12:47 PM

AI

“ *Dear Madison and the Dawson Family,*

I am so sorry for your loss, and how hard of a time this is. Just know that it is okay to feel every emotion unimaginable, as experiencing the loss of someone so close to you can seem unbearable. Deb, (gram) as many would call her including myself, was one of a kind. One of the most genuine, loving, kind and understanding person I have met. She always knew how to put the negatives in life aside, so the positives would shine. She never failed to put a smile on my face, as well as many others. Deb will continue to be apart of everyone's life that she knew. She will be greatly missed. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything you guys need.

Aidan Holz

Aidan - November 09, 2022 at 12:36 PM

ES

“ *Esther Shaver lit a candle in memory of Deborah A. McHale*



Esther Shaver - November 09, 2022 at 11:27 AM

ES

Deborah was a very good person she cut my hair and we always had some good laughs she will be missed by all Rip Deb

Esther Shaver - November 09, 2022 at 11:33 AM

MW

Becky, Just learned about mom. John and I are so sad for you and your family. Your mom was a loving, caring person and so loved her family. You all are in my thoughts. Love, Mary Lynn an John

Mary Lynn Walcesky - November 30, 2022 at 08:58 AM

SS

“ *My cousin Debbie was the most loving and caring and supportive person in everyone’s lives. She was so good to her family especially her two Aunts who she loved dearly. She was always there for us all. I won’t be there physically but I will be there in spirit. I have Covid but she already knows that. I will love and miss her forever. There will be no one like her again. I miss and love you my cousin. Rest in peace and God bless you. 💜💜💜💜*

Shelley Squires - November 09, 2022 at 10:27 AM

AM

“ *Becky & Family I am so very sorry for your loss. I will be thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Please reach out if you need anything.*

Amanda - November 09, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Deborah A. McHale.*



November 09, 2022 at 09:08 AM

MA

“ *The greatest mother in law ever! Although I didn't see you as that, I saw you as my mother. Noone has ever had a bigger heart and cared more for anyone. When you loved, you loved deeply and passionately. Your emoji's will be missed as will you. There will always be a special place in my heart where you will reside for eternity. Thank you for being the amazing and special person that you are. I love you Mom. Rest easy and shine among the stars.*

Marshall - November 09, 2022 at 08:29 AM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah A. McHale.*



November 08, 2022 at 02:27 PM

FM

“ *Deb you always had a bright smile on your face every time I saw you and was very joyful to be around . rest easy sweet angel.*

Frank Myers - November 08, 2022 at 02:25 PM

NM

“ We will all miss you so very much Deb you were such an amazing person and taken way to soon out of all of our lives ❤️ we love you and rest pain free with the angels because they have gained one more 💔



Nichole Myers - November 08, 2022 at 01:44 PM

NM

You were taken from us way to soon before any of us were ready. Your smile would always brighten the room and your warm welcoming hugs for me and my family will be missed so very much we love you Deb and heaven has gained another angel that I wish was still here with us on earth. Rest pain free we love you ❤️

Nichole Myers - November 08, 2022 at 01:48 PM

BD

“ Barbara & Denise lit a candle in memory of Deborah A. McHale



Barbara & Denise - November 08, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Deborah A. McHale.



November 08, 2022 at 12:31 PM

TN

“ Please accept my condolences on the passing of Debbie. She always had a smile on her face and coffee in her hand!!!! Unless she was cutting hair!!! She always waved when she went by my shop to go to hers on Genesee lane. She was alot of fun. She loved her friends and customers and was always available for them. Oh those early morning appts!!!! She was dedicated. May she watch over her family always and know that she was very much loved by all. Fondly, tina/pooch parlor

Tina Novak - November 08, 2022 at 12:21 PM

JS

“ Becky, Jay, Maddie, Marshall, Brayden-I didn't have the privilege of knowing Deb very long, but she was an angel on this earth and now one above! My heart hurts for you all as I know the feeling all to well! I enjoyed the time I did spend with her at your get togethers. She always greeted me with a smile. She was one of a kind and I'm so sorry for your loss! I'm glad I got to spend her last night with her and all of you! Thankful I gave her that big hug before she left! Lean on each other for comfort in these times! She was so proud of you all! She will be very missed! Fly High Deb you are with the best of the best now, my friend! May you rest in peace!



Jami Spraker - November 08, 2022 at 12:16 PM

DS

“ To Becky gandchildren Jay Bruce and Richie Your mother,sister and grandmother was always there for all. We will miss her greatly..but know that the lord has taken her to his home where she will be with her mom and dad forever. We will all see her again ❤️



Denise Smith - November 08, 2022 at 12:00 PM

DM

“*Deb was a wonderful and caring person, not to mention the best hair stylist. We had many wonderful talks and laughs every time I was with her. She loved her family and there was never a time she didn't talk about them. She praised Maddie for her work with children and Braydon's love of sports. I was proud to call her friend. but she was family. Every time we parted she would say "Love You". Rest in my Peace my friend and soar with the Angels. Love You*

Deborah Minch - November 08, 2022 at 10:32 AM

SA

“*Deb will be greatly missed. Such a sweet person. She will be greatly missed by my mom and I as we visited her at the salon every other Saturday. My mother looked forward to their talks. Debbie always had a smile on her face even though we could see she was struggling.*

Sandy Alikonis - November 08, 2022 at 09:58 AM

JD

“*Becky and family - we are so very sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a kind person. I will always remember her bringing you coffee at work. Her love for you all was so bright. Thinking of you all.*

JODY DEMARCO - November 08, 2022 at 09:53 AM

MF

“ Gram you will forever be in my heart and I know you’re going to be right by side. I love you so much and miss you insanely. I want you back. You were my everything and I never will forget our memories together. I am very lucky to have you as grandmother and any granddaughter would’ve been jealous to have one like you. You were taken from the family way too soon. I wish I could’ve gotten one more hug and kiss from you...

madison ferguson - November 08, 2022 at 09:41 AM

TS

“ Deb waa a close friend in the hair business... we shared lots of laughs... she will be greatly missed... May she RIP.. and pain free!



Tisha Sapia - November 08, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ James Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Deborah A. McHale



James Ferguson - November 08, 2022 at 08:40 AM

TC

“ Theresa Caron lit a candle in memory of Deborah A. McHale



Theresa Caron - November 08, 2022 at 07:48 AM

CP

“ Mom, Ma, Grandma No Socks, you were a huge part of our family's life for so long and we will forever miss you. All of our memories of you and our love for you will live on in hearts for eternity.
Chanel, Devin and Kayde

Chanel Page - November 08, 2022 at 07:46 AM