



## Miss Deborah Lynn Santamaria

December 30, 1964 - September 26, 2016

Deborah was born in Belleville, Illinois on December 30, 1964 to Guiseppe and Judith [nee Schirmer] Santamaria. She had a twin sister Phyllis born at the same time.

Deborah graduated from Southwest High School in St Louis and worked as a Gallery Attendant at the St Louis Art Museum in Forest Park..

She is survived by her parents and her sister.

Services are private through Valhalla's Hillcrest Abbey.

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ *Deb was so dear. Worked together at the Museum. She and Phyllis were so generous with gifts for my fur family. I think of her so often, including when I get to the corner where the auto shop she didn't care for is located. Love you and bless your family*

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**Rebecca Kaner** - March 10, 2020 at 04:42 AM



“ *Aunt judy, uncle joe and phyllis, i am so sorry for your loss. I was reslly shocked to run across this last night. I will keep you all in my prayers. Love and prayers sue york hamm*

*You can contact me at 135 n long st. Bonne terre mo.*

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**Sue Hamm** - July 14, 2017 at 10:49 AM

JC

“ *Deb is like a sister to me, an aunt to my kids. She and Phyllis would spend every Halloween with us, taking us trick or treating...She and Phyllis would always bring by tons of Christmas for the kids (and me, as well!) They were my favorite part of working at the museum. Deb was always the driver, and she was pretty assertive! One of our favorite things to say when we were all going to lunch together, which we did long after I left the museum, was "It was yellow!" after racing through an intersection. :)*  
*I think about you every day, Deb. And you too, Phyllis. I think of how to comfort you, Phyllis, and to help you stay strong. Just like you say, Deb is always with you. And I am sure that helps you to get through some of the harder stuff. I love you Deb and Phyllis, you'll always be my beautiful big sisters <3*

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**Joel Curtis** - December 14, 2016 at 11:09 AM

JC

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Joel Curtis - December 14, 2016 at 11:02 AM



“ The last thing Deb ever said to me was, "Go home and put some cold milk on it". Deb always had the best ways to let people know how much she cared for them. She knew how to say she loved you without needing to say it. She was a beautiful soul and she will be forever missed. Her laugh was always contagioud and she, and her sister Phyllis, always had the best stories to make your day better.

A little piece was taken from all of us, but we are all here to help her family repair that missing piece. We love you all so very much.

Jennifer Fank - October 07, 2016 at 11:21 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss...Deborah was loved by all. I always enjoyed seeing the twins in the galleries. Deborah understood the art and had great insight into the museum going ons. She will be missed by staffand visitors alike. I AM SORRY I haven't been back to the museum to visit.....but I would always ask about Deborah and Phylis.....again so sorry for your loss.....Mary Nichols

Mary Nichols - October 06, 2016 at 07:57 PM

CE

“Deborah, one of the kindest, generous and most caring people you will ever know. You could talk Deborah about anything. Whether it was a problem or not she would listen so intently. Then she would offer her opinion or advice, which was usually always on point. If you were fortunate to have had Deborah for a friend, consider yourself lucky.

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**Cydney Engel** - October 05, 2016 at 10:46 PM

JD

“Deborah was full of kindness, generosity, love, and just a little naughtiness. She loved to tell new employees ghost stories before they had to stay on their work assignment alone. Deb you will be missed by many. May you RIP.

Love,  
Judy Dwyer

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**Judy Dwyer** - October 05, 2016 at 09:35 AM



“Deborah had the kindness of an angel. When I worked with her at the museum, she tolerated so much and was such a dear. She was so generous too, many times giving huge gifts of dog and cat food to help my fur family. She is in Heaven and my heart goes out to her sister, parents and her fur family.

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**Rebecca Kaner** - October 01, 2016 at 01:14 PM