



Debbie Rondem

September 15, 1951 - July 5, 2012

Debra (Debbie) Conrad Rondem, Colonel (retired) US Army Reserve, of Milton, Georgia.

Debbie passed away on July 5, 2012 after fighting a courageous battle against complications from pancreatic cancer. She was born September 15, 1951 in Lafayette, LA and grew up in Texas City, Texas. She was a 1969 graduate of Texas City High School, attended LSU in Baton Rouge, LA for over two years and received a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and a Master's Degree in School and Community Health from Sam Houston State University in 1973 and 1975. In addition, she also earned a Counselor Certification and a Leadership Certification. She retired from the Forsyth County School District in 2011 where she first served as a Middle School Counselor and then a Director of Student Support Services since 1990 with a total of 35 years devoted to the profession of education. Mrs. Rondem served on numerous community boards including education, hospital, community, and charitable organizations. She was a founder and past president of the Student Support Team Association for Georgia Educators. Her continuous emphasis on always placing the child or student first, garnered her immense respect and admiration throughout Forsyth County and the State of Georgia. She was also one of the founders and a past president of the Cumming/Forsyth Council on Youth. Additionally, Debbie joined the Army Reserves in 1975 as an enlisted soldier. She received a Direct Commission to 2d Lieutenant and retired in 2007 with the grade of Colonel with 32 years' service to the country that she

loved. Colonel Rondem is a graduate of the Adjutant General Basic and Advanced Course and of the Command and General Staff Officers Course. She served in the 75th Maneuver Area Command in Houston, Texas, and the Selective Service System in Houston and in Marietta, Georgia. She was the Commander of the Selective Service Detachment for the State of Georgia and, upon retirement from the Army Reserves, she was appointed by the President of the United States to be the civilian State Director for the State of Georgia for the Selective Service System. Her military awards include: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Selective Service Distinguished Meritorious Award with Bronze Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hourglass Device, Army Service Ribbon and the Georgia Commendation Medal. She also served on the Board of the Cadets of the Ole War Skule at LSU. Colonel Rondem's highest priorities in life were her family, her country and her profession as an educator. She was preceded in death by her sister, Karen Conrad. She is survived by her husband of 28 years, Colonel (ret) Ronnie Rondem; son, Christopher Conrad Rondem and fiancée Katie Ficco of Salt Lake City, Utah; father, Major General (ret) A. Harry Conrad, and mother, Joyce Conrad, both of The Woodlands, Texas; sister, Susan Winkler and husband Mark Winkler, with nephews Ryan, and Kevin, and niece Kristen Romoff and husband David Romoff, with daughters Savannah and Mayce, all from The Woodlands, Texas area; stepdaughter, Monika Morton and her daughter, Madeline, from Lexington, Texas, stepdaughter, Jannette Rondem and her sons, Brannon and Daniel from Humble, Texas. The family requests donations in lieu of flowers to Colonel Rondem's favorite charities: The Student Support Team Association of Georgia Educators, c/o Lynn Pennington, 110 Old Chartwell Dr., Alpharetta, GA. 30022; The LSU Foundation, c/o The Cadets of the Ole War Skule at Louisiana State University-3838 West Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808; or to the United

Way of Forsyth County, PO Box 1350, Cumming, GA. 30028. Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 13, 2012 at 11:00AM at Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Marietta, GA. Interment to follow at Georgia National Cemetery. The Rondem family will receive friends on Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell, GA. 770-645-1414.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Visitation

JUL 12. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Service

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Paul
1795 Johnson Ferry Rd.
Marietta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Debbie Rondem*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *You and your beautiful dog are amzniag, moving, and have moved me to tears. Thank you for your wonderful sharing of what seem like almost intimate moments between the two of you. Such devotion and love between you both is truly a beautiful thing to behold. Thank you, Thank you. Health and Happiness to you and all you hold dear.##imported-begin##Luaycubo##imported-end##*

November 30, 2012 at 07:03 PM



“ *To Ronnie and Family, My husband and I are so sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. I am glad that today she is not suffering, but at peace and being celebrated in heaven for her many wonderful deeds here on earth. Scott and Emily Mikkelsen, Woodstock, GA##imported-begin##Emily Mikkelsen##imported-end##*

July 12, 2012 at 04:03 PM



“ *May I extend my deepest sympathy on your loss of Debbie. My prayers will be with your family.##imported-begin##Marcus D. Anderson##imported-end##*

July 11, 2012 at 06:55 PM



“ She was an amazing woman and did so much for our country and community and for School Nurses. I am so happy she is with Our Lord and she is no longer in pain. You will be missed Debbie. God bless your family and friends that are left behind greiving that God will bring peace through this difficult time. You will live on in the hearts of many.##imported-begin##Amy Chesna -Forsyth County School Nurse- Little Mill Middle##imported-end##

July 10, 2012 at 04:57 PM



“ Ronnie:

Our prayers are with you.

Al & Ginger##imported-begin##Al Dattolo##imported-end##

July 10, 2012 at 04:44 PM



“ Colonel (Ret) Rondem & Family;
Debbie was such a sweet person with the personality to match. May God bring you and your family peace during this time of need.

Joann Swain##imported-begin##Joann Swain##imported-end##

July 10, 2012 at 08:24 AM



“ Ronnie & Chris,
Lots of prayers up for you & Debbie. What a wonderful person was she! Debbie was loved by many.##imported-begin##Beverly, Derek & Geoff Johnson##imported-end##

July 09, 2012 at 06:19 PM



“ Ronnie and Family,

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all thru this time of Sorrow.##imported-begin##Rudy and Cindy Ruth##imported-end##

July 09, 2012 at 03:33 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Debbie was a very nice and sincere lady to all that she was in contact with at work. May you cherish all the wonderful memories.##imported-begin##Cindy M. Mills##imported-end##*

July 09, 2012 at 11:28 AM



“ *Ronnie and Chris,
We sending our sympathies to you and your families. We are very sorry to hear about Debbie- she was a wonderful wife, mother and neighbor- and an accomplished educator and decorated soldier. Her legacy and influence will be passed on in many different directions and felt by many different people. She was a special person.##imported-begin##Stephanie and Mason Holland##imported-end##*

July 08, 2012 at 06:56 AM