

Deborah Ray (Klingensmith)

March 12, 2022

Age 68

Fredericksburg, Virginia

Deborah Ray Klingensmith died on March 12, 2022 at age 67 in Fredericksburg, Virginia where she had lived since 1993.

She was survived by her husband, Samuel Klingensmith and their son, Justin Klingensmith, as well as Klingensmith grandchildren, Jordan, Taylor, Aiden and Cheyenne Kulka. She was also survived her sister, Mary (Richard) Williams and her brothers William, James, and Glenn R. Ray.

Debbie was preceded in death by her parents Glenn W. and Dorothy Ray of Lakewood, Ohio and her stepdaughter, Nicole Klingensmith Beach of Pennsylvania.

Debbie was a lifeguard in early years and swam on both the Lakewood High and Ohio State synchronized teams before marrying and moving to North Carolina. Her North Carolina and Fredericksburg career in real estate spanned over 35 years. Locally, she worked eleven years on the Education Committee, was a FAAR Academy instructor, mentor and teacher, obtained her GRI certification, and won the FAAR 2015 Code of Ethics Award.

Debbie participated in life, was hard working, and creative. Above all, she loved spending time with family and was passionate about children. She worked with the Boy Scouts in North Carolina, served as a local ACES (Association for Enforcement of Support) board member, volunteered for March of Dimes, spent time helping local children read at Salem Elementary and participated in many 5K events for the Mary Washington Breast Cancer Fund.

Debbie always lent a helping hand, was a true kid at heart, and never missed an opportunity to plan and execute an event.

According to her Facebook page, her favorite quote was: "Don't be pushed by your problems. Be led by your dreams."

While she was a student at Lakewood High, Debbie was very active, participating in Barnstormers and Boosters Club for three years, as well as serving as vice president of Lens & Shutter-Hi-Art. She was also part of Ushers, Athletic Board, Shield, Leaders' Club, and Swim Timers.