



## Deborah Ann Graf Mabon

November 6, 1971 - August 11, 2021

### DEBORAH ANN GRAF MABON

Deborah Ann Graf Mabon, 49, of Lincoln, formerly of Grand Island passed away on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at Tabitha Residence Cove House in Lincoln, Nebraska, after a 13-year battle with cancer. She was born November 6, 1971, in Grand Island, Nebraska, to Harold Dean Graf and Anita Ann Larson Graf.

As a child and young girl, Deb was active in Brownie Girl Scouts and 4-H, took dance lessons and played saxophone. She was a cheerleader at Walnut Jr. High and in Spirit Set at Grand Island Senior High. She was baptized and confirmed at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. She graduated from Grand Island Senior High in 1990 and later from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a degree in Human Resources and Family Science. On August 17, 1996, she married Derek L. Mabon from Phillips, Nebraska, at Blessed Sacrament Church. To this union was born one daughter Jaclyn Ann Mabon. At the time of her death, Deb was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lincoln.

Deb has spent her adult years in service to others. She was employed at Belmont School in Lincoln as an activity's coordinator for four years. She then

began her career in child services by working in the foster parent program at Visinet in Lincoln. She soon began social work with child protective services at Region V and was in child protective services for 12 years. In 1999 she was awarded Volunteer of the Year by the Parent Aide Support System in Lincoln. In 2012 her health forced her to change to a different line of work and she worked in social services for a year at the nursing home in Firth, Nebraska, and then became director of social services with Tabitha for nearly ten years, at the Crete nursing home and Williamsburg in Lincoln.

Deb loved to travel, especially to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and the east and west coasts of U. S.

She also loved camping and boating and her favorite place to do so was Lake McConaughy.

She loved dogs and she and Derek have had four of them.

Deb is survived by her husband Derek, daughter Jaclyn of Lincoln, parents Dean and Anita Graf of Grand Island, brother Ronald Graf of Grand Island, parents-in-law Dave and Terri Mabon of Phillips, sister-in-law Dawn and Mark Waage of Elkhorn, Nebraska, two aunts, one uncle, several cousins, and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Clarence and Edythe Larson, paternal grandparents Clarence and Estella Graf, and uncle William Graf.

Rosary will be shared at 1 PM Sunday, August 15th at Saint Peters Catholic Church in Lincoln with Father Tony Bedient. Visitation will continue from 1:30-3 PM at Saint Peters Catholic Church in Lincoln.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM Monday, August 16th at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Grand Island with Father Marty Egging as the celebrant. The family will be greeting friends an hour before Mass time. Burial

will be in the Phillips Cemetery.

All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are suggested for either St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lincoln or Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Grand Island.

## Cemetery Details

### Phillips Cemetery

Phillips, NE

## Previous Events

### Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
518 West State Street  
Grand Island, NE 68801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Ann Graf Mabon*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Derek, Jaclyn and family*  
*I had the honor of working with Deb at Tabitha. She was a total package of smart, funny, loving, caring and compassionate! A beautiful soul inside and out. I'm so sorry to hear she has succumbed to cancer. Please know you are not alone in your sadness!*

*With much love, Janet Schorfheide RN*

**Janet Schorfheide** - August 15, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Graf Mabon.*



August 15, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Jason Schuster purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Deborah Ann Graf Mabon.*



**Jason Schuster** - August 14, 2021 at 02:16 PM



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August 14, 2021 at 08:56 AM