



Deborah Elaine Bates

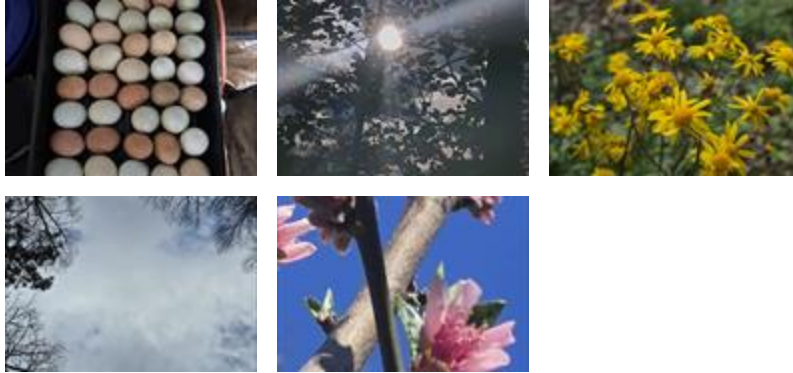
February 11, 1961 - April 20, 2026

Deborah was born on February 11, 1961, in Beaufort, South Carolina. She spent part of her younger years in Okinawa, Japan before returning to the USA, where she later built her career. She worked as a Senior Contracts Administrator with The Gordian Group, where she was known for her dedication in managing business contracts, supporting the legal team, and coordinating proposals and client documentation with great care and professionalism. Deborah was a private person and a prolific writer who found meaning in expressing herself through her words. She had a deep love for animals, especially her cherished dogs, Lacey and Buster. She also found joy tending to her plants. She will be remembered as a caring, loving, sharing, and giving woman whose kindness touched many. She is survived by her beloved husband of 27 years, Vince Bambino; her brother, Stoney Bates Jr; her nephews, Hunter, Houston, and Brogan; and her sister, Karen. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Linda Bates. Deborah's memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Skip and Trey Yong are assisting the family, along with Paula, Heather and Amanda. Young Family Funeral Home, Crawfordville 850-926-5919

Tribute Wall

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“ *Deb is known to me as being a light of love and joy. Always happy to give and receive the best this world and its beings have to offer. Unconditional love manifested itself in this being, called Deb and God knows, she didn't hold it back.* ”



Michelle - Yesterday at 11:54 AM

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“ *Deb and I met thru my husband who worked with her in Greenville. We would go out as couples and visit over plants, especially herbs. One crazy thing we all did together was process their Guinea Hogs. That was an experience. We all had to laugh at the "small" hogs. It was great fun .* ”

Donna Bobby - May 10 at 09:17 PM