



## Debra Roylance

September 16, 1966 - August 8, 2017

Debra (Debbie) Payne Roylance, 50, passed away peacefully in her home Aug. 8, following a brave battle with cancer.

Debbie was born Sept. 16, 1966 in Salina, Utah. She was the 10th child of Val and NonaVee Payne. At 3 months old she joined her family in their move to Warden, WA, where she lived for the remainder of her life.

Debbie grew up working side by side with her sisters on the Vern Smith farm where her father was the farm manager. Changing siphon tubes, hand line sprinklers and weeding sugar beets in the summer was a usual part of her young life. She made the mistake of learning how to milk the family cow and it soon became one of her regular chores. This skill proved to be helpful to her as a way to earn money for college, as she was employed by a local dairy farmer to milk his herd during her senior year of high school. Debbie earned enough money to attend Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho.

After college, Debbie returned home and found employment at the Pheasant Run gas station. It was at this time that she met her sweetheart, Clare Roylance, and they were married on Dec. 10th, 1992 in the Seattle LDS Temple. One of the happiest days of her life was the day she and Clare were able to adopt their precious daughter, Patricia.

Some of Debbie's favorite activities were crafting, baking, crocheting scarves and fishing in Sitka, Alaska (or any nearby lake!). Debbie loved her very large family. She never missed an opportunity to be in the middle of any family gathering regardless of how she was feeling.

Debbie was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and was cherished by all of the members of the Warden Ward where she selflessly served in many capacities. She offered service to all who were in need through her words and deeds, and many people were touched by her thoughtfulness.

Debbie is survived by her husband, Clare, their children, Steve (Ronni), Amy, Luke, Patricia, their grandchildren, Logan, Sarah, Dylan and Lilliana Roylance, her siblings, Jerry (Denise) Payne, Janice (Eugene) Zirker, Kirk (Suzette) Payne, Rexene (Stan) Marshall, Patty (Kent) Marsden, Nesha (Brent) Roylance, Andrea (Rick) Gale, ValaRee (Gary) Roylance, Kristi (Marty) Whitney and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother, Val J. She will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know her.

Her family would like to extend a special thank you to Assured Hospice for their tender and sincere care.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Gardens

9934 Road U SE  
Warden, WA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Warden Chapel  
1017 S. County Rd.  
Warden, WA

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

BK

“ *Debbie was in my Home & Family Life class in 1980 when I first came to Warden. I really enjoyed her during high school and whenever I have seen her since. She was a wonderful person and I am very saddened by her death. I remember a few years ago hearing her sing with her sisters. They blended so well and it was such a blessing. May God be with her family especially her daughter as you adjust to life without her. Bonnie Kottong*

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**Bonnie Kottong** - August 12, 2017 at 10:41 PM

CW

“ *Cynthia Weeks lit a candle in memory of Debra Roylance*



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**Cynthia Weeks** - August 12, 2017 at 09:46 PM

JS

“ *Jennie Salinas lit a candle in memory of Debra Roylance*



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**Jennie Salinas** - August 11, 2017 at 01:43 PM

JS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Debbie was such a nice person. I miss seeing her smile and her sweet personality. Lord bless her soul.*

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**Jennie Salinas** - August 11, 2017 at 01:42 PM

MP

“ I did not realize that Debbie and I had so much in common. My birthday is September 16th and we adopted our daughter. Once the adoption was final, we had her sealed to us in the Salt Lake Temple. She will be greatly missed.

Marsha Pitt - August 11, 2017 at 01:14 PM

VG

“ My prayers to the family



Viola Acevedo Garza - August 11, 2017 at 01:53 AM

GL

“ I love this girl! We have some great memories. Church softball, floating down the canal, young adult dances, gummy worms, and going to lunch. What a great example. What a wonderful friend. I loved her smile, I loved her laugh, I loved her sense of humor. What an amazing family! Both Payne's and Roylances. Love and prayers to you all! Love ya, GerriAnn

gerriann lincoln - August 10, 2017 at 11:39 PM

GK

“ Greg Klueber lit a candle in memory of Debra Roylance



Greg Klueber - August 10, 2017 at 08:55 PM

SS

“ I will always remember Debbie's kindness and compassion to my mother, Bell Sorensen, when she visited a number of years ago. I know our Lord's peace and grace will bless us all.

Steve Sorensen, Cousin

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Steve Sorensen - August 10, 2017 at 12:16 PM

RB

“ Debbie was such an amazing example to us all in enduring so cheerfully the trials that she suffered. We will miss her smile and willing service. She was a friend to us and our children as she grew up with them. Our prayers go out to Clair and Trish. Love,  
Roger and Karen Barnum and our family

Words from our children: Shaunae Barnum Ellsworth. Debbie was always so special, loving and calm. She was one of the friendly faces of Warden and when we came home to visit always ready to give a hug. So blessed to have known her. She was so amazing. She made such a difference in our lives as Young Women.  
Kari Barnum Simpson. Oh no, Oh Debbie. I loved her so. Kristi was my age and we had a love/hate thing. Debs was always so amazing to me..probably had everything to do with her being buddies with Karl. I'd go to their house for dinner and while Kristi was the center of attention, Debbie was always so chill...always helping her Mom and so easy to talk to. She had Type 1 Diabetes, lost her dad while a teenager but remained happy and positive. Dang...I'll miss her.  
Steven Barnum. That's so sad, she will be missed.  
Karl Barnum. She was my good friend.

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Roger Barnum - August 10, 2017 at 11:47 AM

SA

“ *Steve And Laurie Ahmann lit a candle in  
memory of Debra Roylance*



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**Steve and Laurie Ahmann** - August 10, 2017 at 08:56 AM

RR

“ There will forever be two things I owe to Aunt Debbie: a love for missionaries, and peach pie! During the six months Blake and I lived in Warden, it crossed peach season and Aunt Debbie made a point to come over and teach me how to make it. I've never made pie before, and she was such a natural! We started the oven on fire, and when she asked for some soda to put it out I thought of something carbonated! Luckily my brain woke up, I did have some baking soda, and the kitchen did not burn down. To this day, I always make sure I have minute tapioca in my cupboard so I can always make pie. I think from now on, August 8 will always be a day I make peach pie. :)

The other thing she taught me was a love for the Missionaries. Again while we were there in warden, Debbie was in charge of The missionary calendar for the ward. I was so impressed with how she magnified her calling, because she was always on call for those missionaries! I remember her telling me that she tells every set of missionaries that they are always welcome in her home for dinner. Sometimes that meant multiple times a week of her feeding the missionaries, and she didn't ever feel burdened by that. She had the attitude of sharing everything she had, and her example really stuck with me. That's transferred to my life now too. Since living in Texas we have had the missionaries over a lot, and I attribute the heart of that to Debbie. We try to make our home a place that the Missionaries can always feel welcome, and whenever I wonder if it could be a burden, I remember that if Debbie could do it, I will do it too. I love Aunt Debbie! And I will always be grateful for her examples to me!

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Rianne Roylance - August 10, 2017 at 08:04 AM

OD

“ *Odelia lit a candle in memory of Debra Roylance*



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**Odelia** - August 10, 2017 at 06:47 AM

CD

“ *Debbie was truely one ofbthe sweetest people I have met.. Prayers to her family and friends.. She will be missed.*



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**Cassi Dalhsug** - August 09, 2017 at 11:42 PM

MM

“ *Such a positive spirit in our school. Her eyes smiled with her. So very sorry for the Payne and Roylance families.*

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**Mo McPartland** - August 09, 2017 at 11:11 PM

RM

“ *Robin Malcolm-Nance lit a candle in memory of Debra Roylance*



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**Robin Malcolm-Nance** - August 09, 2017 at 09:51 PM

KL

“ Sending heartfelt prayers to Debbie's family. I am going to miss her thoughtfulness, sharp wit and her cocky little smile when she was sharing one of her family stories. And I will never forget that gleam of pride in her eyes when she talked about her family! Peace be with you all ~

Kathy Lunderville - August 09, 2017 at 09:34 PM

RD

“ The last time I spoke to Debra and Clare was at the Columbia River Temple.....she was from the clothe of her dear mother.

RAUL DIAZ - August 09, 2017 at 09:18 PM

LH

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Debbie helped out in my classroom in Warden when Trish was a fourth grader. I know many students were better readers because of the time she invested in them! She came often-and I will never forget the time she and her sister came to do edible art with my class! I know she will be greatly missed and I send big hugs to Trish!

LeAnn Hendrickson - August 09, 2017 at 08:48 PM

MP

“ Mary Perry lit a candle in memory of Debra Roylance



Mary Perry - August 09, 2017 at 04:10 PM



Our deepest Condolences .

Josie Moreno - August 09, 2017 at 09:39 PM

DM

“ To the Payne & Roylance families.. I'm so sorry for your loss. She was an amazing women. God truly got and angel yesterday.. Thoughts and prayers for your families.

*Darla Mast*

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**Darla Mast** - August 09, 2017 at 03:01 PM