

Mary Donnan Debranski



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Atlanta, GA

02.15.1977 - 11.29.2017

Mary Donnan (MD) Debranski, 40, died November 29, 2017, in Atlanta, Georgia, after a 6 ½ year battle with Ocular Melanoma.

She is survived by her wife, Sarah Elizabeth Smith Debranski of Atlanta, Georgia, parents Dr. and Mrs. Michael J. Debranski of Suffolk, Virginia, grandmother Mrs. George V. Beamon, of Suffolk, Virginia, and sister Megan Debranski Kelhart and her husband Matthew, of Alexandria, Virginia. She was the beloved aunt of nephew, Matteson Michael Donnan Kelhart.

She is also survived by her uncle George Donnan Beamon (Kim) of Chesapeake, Virginia, her aunt Mary Sipple Beamon Mouden of Maumelle, Arkansas, and uncle Ronald Debranski (Kay) of Woodstock, Georgia, as well as many, much loved cousins.

Mary Donnan was a 1995 Lakeland High School graduate and a 1999 graduate of Virginia Tech in Graphic Design. In her free time, Mary Donnan loved traveling the world, loving on her two puppies, running and CrossFit, attending Hokie football games, and playing with her nephew.

There will be a Memorial Celebration of her life Saturday, January 13, 2018, 1:00 p.m. at R.W. Baker & Funeral Home and Crematory, Suffolk VA 23434.

Ocular Melanoma is a rare disease. Therefore funding for research to find a cure is very limited at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary Donnan's honor can be sent to the Ocular Melanoma Foundation at 1717 K St. NW, Suite #900, Washington DC 20006 or by going to <http://www.ocularmelanoma.org>.

Funeral Home

Start Time: Saturday, January 13, 2018 -

01:00pm

R.W. Baker & Co.

509 W Washington St

Suffolk, VA 23434

United States

Google Maps Link

[Directions to R.W. Baker & Co.](#)

Guestbook

Thomas Moore

Sat, 12/09/2017 -

02:42pm

To Marty , Mike & Megan, Donnie, SiP , Margaret, & Kim, having grown up a half a block away y'all are like family. My thoughts and prayers are with you . My sincerest condolences.

Thomas Moore

Jeremey Ley

Sun, 12/10/2017 -

03:41pm

I wanted to reach out, from Alaska, to extend my condolences to the Debranski family for their loss. Mary Donnan was a good friend and an amazing athlete. She brought sunshine to everyone around her. I am glad we stayed friends after high school and for the time spent together in 2010 during a trip to Atlanta. It was my honor to accompany MD to senior prom as well as many of her favorite concerts growing up. My heart is heavy at the loss of such an amazing woman and friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

Jeremey Ley

Marvin Fanny Jr

Sun, 12/10/2017 -

07:58pm

Dr. and Mrs. Debranski, my heart goes out to you at this difficult time. May the good memories you have of her sustain you in the difficult days and weeks ahead.

Marvin Fanny Jr

Dr. Elliott & Mrs. Virginia (Watford) Cuff

Sun, 12/10/2017 -

08:09pm

Mike, Megan, & Family,
Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dr. Elliott & Mrs. Virginia (Watford) Cuff

Hubie Young

**Mon, 12/11/2017 -
10:28am**

Few people in our community have contributed as much as Mike and Marty, and our entire community shares in their loss.

Hubie Young

Gene Harrell

**Mon, 12/11/2017 -
06:22pm**

Mike ,Marty ,and family,
Esther and wanted to convey our heartfelt condolences to you concerning your precious daughter. We were saddened to hear of this situation because we saw her grow up here in Suffolk and being such a great athlete at Lakeland . We will keep you in our prayers .

Gene Harrell

Kim (Duke) Hurst

**Tue, 12/12/2017 -
09:31am**

I was so saddened to hear this heartbreaking news. From Megan and I yelling at her to turn down her Green Day, to all of those many matches on the tennis courts, I have such fond memories of a life taken too soon. Justin and I's hearts go out to your family during this incredibly challenging time. Much love ~ Kim & Justin Hurst

Kim (Duke) Hurst

**Buddy and Robin
Eure**

**Tue, 12/12/2017 -
05:43pm**

Marty, Mike and family.
We are so sorry to hear of your lost. We send our sincere sympathy.
Please know you're in our thoughts and prayers.

Buddy and Robin Eure

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Pam Eure Geiss

**Sun, 12/17/2017 -
04:56pm**

I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this tough time.

Love, Pam

Pam Eure Geiss

**Allison (Howard)
VanPeeren**

**Thu, 12/21/2017 -
08:36am**

Megan, Marty, Mike and all of the Debranski's and extended families:
When I heard the news of MD's passing, to say I was in shock would be an understatement. I literally grew up with MD, having her sister Megan as my best friend. We all grew up in the Lakeside neighborhood of Suffolk, where Marty and Mike still reside and my mother as well. I have so many amazing memories of all of us playing together, having sleepovers (oh man, sooo many awesome sleepovers, especially at Ms. Beamon's....), going to parties as we ventured through the high school years at LHS. Learning this news really should make every single one of us be thankful for every day we have with our loved ones because you NEVER know when these days will end. Much love and continued prayers go out to the Debranski's~Kelhart.

Love-Allison (Howard) (and Todd) VanPeeren

Allison (Howard) VanPeeren

MELISSA G BUTLER

**Thu, 12/21/2017 -
07:42pm**

A resident of Suffolk I have seen your daughter & your family many times & used to spend a lot of time around Lakeside in my younger years !!! God rest Mary's sweet soul & may you find strength & solitude in your wonderful memories with her !!!

Sincerely,

Melissa G. Butler

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Luann Scott

**Thu, 01/04/2018 -
06:37pm**

My sincere sympathies to you and your family. I am so sorry for the loss of your child. May God send you peace and strength.

Sincerely,

Luann Scott (Windsor High School)

Luann Scott

**Wanda and Wally
Snedeker**

**Fri, 01/05/2018 -
09:05pm**

Mary Donnan became such a special part of our family. We loved her. She and Sarah toured the world together, spoiled their doggies together and filled out each other's lives. Mary Donnan loved you all so much. She always had a special smile when she talked about her nephew especially. She was so unselfish making the move back to Atlanta and making sure Sarah had a support system around her. We're so grateful for the time they had but are saddened they couldn't have more time to live out the adventurous life they would surely have led. We'll miss being with you for the memorial in Virginia but will be thinking of you. Our family will gather in Atlanta in February to celebrate her life near her birthday. God be with you and give you comfort.

Wanda and Wally Snedeker

Williams Family

**Sun, 01/07/2018 -
11:09am**

The loss of a cherished loved one is the most devastating experiences a family can face. At times, the loss may seem unbearable. Please know that there are family and friends who care and more importantly Psalm 34:18 tells us that "God is near to those that are broken at heart. He is the God of all comfort. God will comfort you during this difficult time of grief. Our prayers are also with you and your family.

Williams Family

Sandy Williams

**Mon, 01/08/2018 -
09:29am**

Dear Mike, Marty, Megan, and family,
When I think of Mary Donnan, I see that cute young girl with her blonde ponytail an those precious freckles running up and down the basketball court during SYAA Saturday games. My heart is broken for you. My God wrap his arms around all of you and bring you peace as you cope with the loss of your precious daughter and sister.

Sandy Williams

Ann and Earl Roth

**Thu, 01/11/2018 -
09:59pm**

Mike and Marty, Many prayers for you both and your extended family on the loss of Mary Donnan. Our hearts are very sad and we are praying that God wraps his arms around you all and that you will have peace as you cope with one of life's very sad tragedies. We are thinking of you all and hope that you will find comfort in the memories and time spent with Mary Donnan. Much love to you all-Palmer and Earl

Ann and Earl Roth



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