



Mrs. Deborah Ann Gungor

February 16, 1954 - December 15, 2017

Deborah Ann Gungor, 63, of Green Bay, WI, died on Friday, December 15th at her home.

Born February 16, 1954 as Deborah Ann Stabnow, she grew up with her family in Greenwood, WI. After graduating high school in 1972, she married her high school sweetheart Mark Gungor of nearby Neillsville.

The Gungors then helped form one of earliest Christian rock bands and Debbie was the lead vocalist. They traveled all over the US and Europe for 5 years, performing in everything from simple tent meetings to elaborate cathedrals and famous music halls to dingy discoteques. Their daughter Leslie was born in Gothenburg, Sweden while on tour.

The Gungors then entered the ministry and served in churches in Monroe, WI (where they added their son Phillip to the family), Waukegan, IL, Decatur, IL, Marshfield, WI, Green Bay, WI, Stevens Point, WI and finally back to Green Bay where they served at Celebration Church.

In 2003, Mark and Debbie began doing marriage seminars called "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage". They have traveled World-wide sharing their stories and insights into how to have a healthy and successful marriage.

Debbie was affectionately known to millions of people as "The Redhead" who inspired women to succeed as wives and mothers.

While Debbie's public life touched so many, her single greatest joy was spending time alone with her grandchildren.

In 1997 Debbie was diagnosed with malignant melanoma and a few years

later with breast cancer. For 20 years she bravely fought the cancers, but on Friday December 15, with her husband of almost 45 years by her side, she took her last breaths and stepped into the arms of Jesus.

Debbie was preceded in death by her father William Bernard Stabnow of Greenwood, WI.

Debbie is survived by her mother Beverly June Wherman, husband Mark Gungor, daughter Leslie Skorzewski and her husband Ross and their children Keyan and Mya, son Phillip Gungor and his wife Kirsty and their children Parker, Monty, Elliot and Scarlet, brother Randy Stabnow and wife Lynn, sister Valeri Lake, brother Galen Thorson and wife Avis, brother Mark Thorson and wife Lisa.

Visitation will be Thursday December 21st, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.M. with the funeral service following at 7p. Visitation & Service will be held at Celebration Church, 3475 Humboldt Road, Green Bay, WI 54311. Service will be officiated by Bishop Gary Rivas of South Africa and Bishop Ed Gungor of New York. Entombment at Shrine of the Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Celebration Church
3475 Humboldt Road
Green Bay, WI 54311

Service

DEC **21**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Green Bay, WI 54311

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Debbie always had a smile and was so beautifully in love with Jesus. Because of Marks wonderful teaching, we are born again baptized Christians and love being taught the Scriptures as no one has ever taught them to us before. We love to be serenaded by Phil on guitar and Ross’ wonderful deep voice - Debbie has left a legacy - and her marriage ministry with her husband has made our life amazing. What a beautiful family, what a remarkable lady. You will be missed here on this earth. I bet you are singing with the angels.*



Janet and Chris Swan - December 24, 2017 at 04:43 AM



“ *I meet Deb and Mark at Austin Straubel Airport, a few years ago when they flew back from a "Laugh Your Way" event. Deb and Mark are such a inspiration to Green Bay, WI. I will always remember her cheerful Smile and friendly Christian demeanor. RIP ~~ Deb. (You are now Dancing in Heaven, with my father Donald J. Quinette, who passed away here in Green Bay, WI, on December 2, 2017, of severe pneumonia.)*

Ashley Thompson - December 21, 2017 at 07:14 PM



“ *She was always a bright and smiling woman.*

Ashley Thompson - December 21, 2017 at 07:03 PM



“ *Debbie was a special friend I could be totally open with. I have many good memories with her, but one stands out. My last visit with her was exceptional. As I was leaving her home from a visit, we said we loved each other . As I was about to walk out the door,I said good bye Debbie...see you soon! She raised her hand to wave good bye and gave me a huge smile. What a beautiful memory of my friend! Diana Nimmer*

Ashley Thompson - December 21, 2017 at 06:36 PM



“ *I was in the back seat of the van. Mark was having one of his not so bright moments. Debbie says, "oh honey, I love you. You are the best at what you do!" but her face didn't match her words. No one could tell. I looked at her and said, "I am taking notes!" She was a great example of how God intended wives to be.*

Ashley Thompson

Ashley Thompson - December 21, 2017 at 05:45 PM

CM

I'm so sad to learn that Debbie passed away. Something kept nudging me to Google Dr. Mark Gungor today. I quit facebook where I followed him on his laugh your way into a happy marriage. My deepest condolences to you and your family Mark. May God continually give comfort to you all.

Catherine Mathu - June 07, 2018 at 12:16 PM

DB

“ *you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
dave and wanda koltz*

Debbie Bates - December 21, 2017 at 05:21 PM

DB

“ When I was about to be married in the summer of 2015, (I was getting married in the fall) I took on an extra job to help pay for the wedding. One of the places I had to paint was the Gungor's front porch.

So, being the pastor's house, I was 15 minutes early for the job, got started right away and gave a knock on the door to let them know I was there and had started.

Mark being the usual casual person he is answered the door wear nothing but a bathrobe and a cat in his arms, said hello, and walked back inside.

As I began to see how much work there was (in this case there really wasn't much work at all) I finished the job, knocked on the door, and informed Debbie that I was finished. She promptly handed me a check for \$200! I informed her that it was way to much for the work I had done.

She looked at me, smiled and said " use it to pay for your wedding, think of it as a wedding present, our gift to you."

Her kindness and generosity and easy smile are what I will ALWAYS remember.

Jon Bates

Debbie Bates - December 21, 2017 at 05:12 PM

DB

“ Deb was an inspiration to my grandkids the years they performed for the Christmas program.

Debbie Bates

Debbie Bates - December 21, 2017 at 02:12 PM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember the great times at Glad Tidings in Decatur. It is comforting to know that death is not the end but merely a stepping stone into eternity with Jesus. May God wrap his arms around you during this time of loss.

Mark Snoke

Decatur, IL

Mark Snoke - December 19, 2017 at 10:45 PM

SH

“ As I remember Debbie ,I can see her wonderful smile sitting next to Jesus and Him also smiling at her....saying Welcome home you are now here without pain, you have run the good race with such courage and grace that many people will be sad and miss you.....but to remember you is to have seen me in you and your life....an awesome Christian woman.

Keeping you all in prayer.....Shari Haasch

Shari Haas h - December 19, 2017 at 12:35 PM

DF

“ Was so sorry to hear of Deb's passing after so long a struggle. While we can rejoice that she is in the arm's of Jesus & that there will be a great reunion, still it is bittersweet in that those that she left behind mourn her passing. She will be missed greatly & she was one of a kind. Praying that the peace that passes all understanding & the presence of God will comfort the hearts of her family, friends & faith family during this time of loss.

Sincerely,

Diana L. Fogderud

Diana L. Fogderud - December 18, 2017 at 08:35 PM