



Deborah Jean Krakow

November 21, 1955 - May 17, 2026

Deborah Jean “Debbie” Krakow, 70, of La Plata, Maryland, passed away unexpectedly at her home on May 17, 2026.

Born on November 21, 1955, in Bethesda, Maryland, Debbie was the beloved daughter of Ralph Jesse and Norma Jean Williams. A lifelong Maryland resident, she spent her childhood in Bryans Road and later raised her own family in La Plata, a community she loved deeply.

Debbie was preceded in death by her father, Ralph Williams, and her beloved children, Ashleigh Jean Posey and Christopher Wayne Posey. Despite enduring the heartbreaking loss of both of her children, Debbie carried herself with incredible strength, grace, and resilience. Her love for her family never wavered, and she found her greatest comfort and joy in her cherished grandchildren, Andrew Skatzes and McKenzie Brown, who were truly the light of her life.

She is survived by her devoted husband and soulmate, Edward Krakow; her loving mother, Norma Williams; her brother, David Williams and his wife Tina; her grandchildren Andrew and McKenzie; and her nieces and nephew, Justin Williams, Kristen Schulz, and Sara Williams, along with their children and extended family and friends who loved her dearly.

After graduating from Henry E. Lackey High School, Debbie began what would become a distinguished 38-year civilian career with the U.S. Navy. Starting as a clerk typist at the Naval Ordnance Station in Indian Head, she steadily advanced through dedication, intelligence, and hard work, ultimately

retiring as a Senior Program Analyst for the Naval Sea Systems Command Headquarters at the Washington Navy Yard. It was there that she met Ed, the love of her life and partner in all things.

Debbie's goal in life was beautifully simple: to live a happy life — and she truly did. She found joy and wonder in so many things: time spent with family in Maryland, Philadelphia, and Georgia, traveling the world, sharing laughter and memories with lifelong friends, and especially relaxing on a beautiful beach. Some of her fondest childhood memories were of summers spent in Ocean City, Maryland — parking at the Majestic Hotel, eating tomato sandwiches and Kool-Aid for lunch, and spending endless days in the surf and sand with her brother David and their treasured childhood friends.

Debbie had a deep appreciation for the finer things in life. She took pride in creating a beautiful home and especially loved the elegance of Limoges and Tiffany pieces. Above all, it was her eternal optimism, kind spirit, and generous heart that defined her most.

Debbie will be remembered as a sweet, kind, and generous soul whose warmth touched countless lives. Her memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Tribute Wall

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“ When Debbie came into our lives I automatically saw a light in my brother's eyes that I had never seen before. Time and time again Eddie said how Debbie is "the love of my life". We were sisters, loving the same things born a month apart, and always talking about our children.

I filled her in on Eddie's childhood, all the little secrets and she loved it.

I know there is a hole in my heart and Debbie will be forever missed. All the Simpsons will miss you.

Ellen (Krakow) and Mendel Simpson

Ellen Simpson - May 31 at 07:22 AM

CT

“ Debbie was a childhood friend in Bryan's Road and a group of us would ride our bicycles through the neighborhood at night. So much fun! It was so sad to learn about her son, her daughter and father. Having lost my own parents and my soulmate of 53 years, Doug, last year, I cannot imagine the grief of losing children. My thoughts and prayers are with Norma and David. So sorry I cannot be there, `due to health reasons and distance, but Debbie will always be a bright light of `my childhood.

Cheryl (LaFontaine) Thomas - May 26 at 02:38 PM

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“Ed and David...The many memories I have of Debbie and I traveling to the Navy Yard. I so enjoyed her company as the early morning traveler. The memories of just dropping by when I was in LaPlata or having dinner with her and Ed. She was always an ear to listen. Her talking about her children and grandson Andrew. They were the love of her life. Debbie I will not forget you. I do pray and hope you are now with your children and family. Loved you.

Karen Cawthon - May 23 at 10:01 PM

DG

“My”Debbie & I send our deepest condolences. We both knew Debbie very well from school days and have many fond memories of her. She was a classmate of my Debbie.

Dennis Goode - May 22 at 07:33 AM



“Debbie I will miss you, our talks, laughs and cries so much. I love how much you loved your family & Elvis

Brandy Hamilton - May 22 at 05:43 AM

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“I had the pleasure of seeing Debbie for a very long time as her hair stylist. She was such a strong woman and I loved our time together (we both did) and our talks! She will be greatly missed. Rest easy my friend.



Kimberly Schoen - May 21 at 09:25 PM

PM

“ *Debbie was my next door neighbor in the Clark's Run subdivision in LaPlata in the 1980s. She was kind, gracious and helpful, always having a smile and a kind word. I deeply respected her.*

Patrick Murphy - May 21 at 07:29 PM

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“ *Linda Gordon lit a candle in memory of Deborah Jean Krakow*



Linda Gordon - May 21 at 09:28 AM