



Debra L. Stocker

February 5, 1957 - June 12, 2025

Debra Lynn Stocker, age 68 of Alhambra, IL, died Thursday, June 12, 2025, at her home near Alhambra, IL.

She was born on Tuesday, February 5, 1957, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Marvin and Darlene (nee Weinheimer) Stille.

On Saturday, June 20, 1981, she married Dale C. Stocker at Salem UCC in Alhambra, Illinois, who survives.

She was a member of Salem United Church of Christ, Salem Ringers, Madison County Extension Education Foundation, and the Alhambra Morning-Glories 4-H Club.

Deb Stocker was raised near Alhambra on her parents' dairy farm. She graduated in 1975 from Highland High School and from UIUC in 1979 with a degree in Home Management. She later attended SIU-E for her Master of Education and graduated in 1989. Deb was active on the family dairy farm, 4-H, band, and chorus in high school. She worked 38 years with the U of I Extension Service; 11 years in St. Clair County and Clinton County, and 27 years as a State Specialist at the Illinois State 4-H office. Deb was instrumental in starting state-wide programs including the Illinois State 4-H Youth Leadership Team, Illini Summer Academies, and the Jr. Leadership

Conference. Deb worked with thousands of youths with events like the Illinois State Fair, National 4-H Conference, and National 4-H Congress.

Deb enjoyed quilting and attending quilt retreats with friends Kathy Stille and Donna Blackwell. She collected Santa Clause figurines and loved watching the St. Louis Cardinals baseball, her grandsons run track and cross-country, and her granddaughter playing hockey. Deb was also the Assistant Leader of the Alhambra Morning Glories 4-H Club and President of the Madison County Extension Education Foundation.

After retirement Deb & Dale moved back to her family farm in Alhambra in July 2021.

Survivors include:

Spouse - Dale C. Stocker, Alhambra, IL

Daughter - Amber L. (Eric) Kesler, Champaign, IL

Daughter - Heather MS. Britsky, Champaign, IL

Grandchild - Nikolas C. Kesler

Grandchild - Parker A. Kesler

Grandchild - River L. Kesler

Brother - Lee (Life Parter: Dawn Gray) Stille, Dearborn, MI

Sister-In-Law - Barbara K. Stille, Cottage Grove, MN

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Marvin L. Stille (died 9/22/2012)

Mother - Darlene Stille (died 4/14/1999)

Brother - David Stille (died 12/18/2017)

Stepmother - Elinor M. Stille (died 12/5/2018)

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, June 20, 2025, and from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Salem UCC in Alhambra, Illinois.

Funeral Service will be at Salem UCC on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at 11:00 am in Alhambra, Illinois, with Rev. Jeremy R. Wood, Pastor, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to U of I: 4H Foundation Youth Scholarships, the Salem UCC Ringers, or plants.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Salem United Church of Christ
1117 W North St
Alhambra, IL 62001

Visitation

JUN 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem United Church of Christ
1117 W North St
Alhambra, IL 62001

Funeral Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem United Church of Christ
1117 W North St
Alhambra, IL 62001

Tribute Wall



“ Was so sorry to here about Deb. I knew her when she was in Clinton County with the Extension. Always a pleasure to work with her! Condolences to the family! She'll be missed!

Mary L. Heeren - June 26, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ Heartfelt sympathies to Dale and family. Deb was my mentor in band. Too bad I didn't always follow her good instructions! The best thing I remember about Deb was she was a friend to everyone and always had time to chat when we would randomly run into each other...usually at 4-H related event. I will always remember Deb with a smile. RIP Deb.
Darlene Frey Menietti

Darlene Menietti - June 20, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Debra L. Stocker.



June 19, 2025 at 04:08 PM

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“ IEPYE IL Ext Professionals for Youth Ed purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Debra L. Stocker.



IEPYE IL Ext Professionals for Youth Ed - June 19, 2025 at 01:09 PM

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“ Deb was an important part of my 4-H and leadership journey. I hold fond memories and much reverence for her and the passion she placed behind the clover.

Susan Moore - June 19, 2025 at 10:21 AM

JD

“ My life was richer because of my association with Deb--no one ever did more for 4-H or helped youth achieve their dreams better. We lost an Angel

John Davis - June 18, 2025 at 08:50 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Debra L. Stocker.



June 18, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Debra L. Stocker.

June 18, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ Keith & Lissa Parr purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Debra L. Stocker.



Keith & Lissa Parr - June 18, 2025 at 01:25 PM



“ Keith & Lissa Parr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra L. Stocker.

Keith & Lissa Parr - June 18, 2025 at 01:25 PM



“ Dave and Lisa McMurtry and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Debra L. Stocker.



Dave and Lisa McMurtry and family - June 17, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ Dave and Lisa McMurtry and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Debra L. Stocker.

Dave and Lisa McMurtry and family - June 17, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Debra L. Stocker.*



June 17, 2025 at 02:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Debra L. Stocker.

June 17, 2025 at 02:20 PM



“ *June Barney (Keith Giger's mother) lit a candle in memory of Debra Stocker*



June Barney (Keith Giger's mother) - June 16, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ *My sympathy, Dale, to you and your family. Deb was so energetic, bright and friendly. I was quite surprised to see this. May her memory be a blessing to you. Ken Schneck*

Ken Schneck - June 16, 2025 at 11:42 AM