

**Deborah Ann "Debi" Karlake**, daughter of Arthur Doney "Art" (1926-2001) and Dorohty Ann (Sawaya) (1930-1975) Karlake, was born 19 December 1951, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan. She graduated in 1970 from Okemos High School.



Debi died 26 January 2016, Muskegon, Muskegon County, Michigan. She was the mother of 2 daughters.

*Note: Debi's high school was mistakenly designated as East Lansing High instead of Okemos High.*

*Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home obituary:*

Debi, 64 of Okemos passed away early January 26 after a long battle with ovarian cancer. She was nicknamed Rally because of her courage and unending strength. She was born in Lansing, MI on December 19, 1951 to Arthur & Dorothy Karlake. She was a graduate of East Lansing

High School. Debi was a terrific Grandma, wonderful friend and loving mother. She was Editor and co-founder of Kids World News ([www.kidsworldnews.org](http://www.kidsworldnews.org)). She had a passion for working with children. She loved animals and especially adored her Springer Spaniel, Coco. She put others first and looked beyond her own needs to care for them. She was and always will be a treasure and God's gift to those around her.

Debi is survived by her daughters, Rachel Karlake (Brian), Anna Chapman (Nathan) and stepson Kevin Duff (Marchelle) and her 15 grandchildren. Also, by her brother Pat Karlake, sister, Pam Foster and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on January 29th from 10am until 11am at Gorsline and Runciman Funeral Home in East Lansing. The funeral will be held at 11am at Gorsline and Runciman followed by a graveside service and luncheon to celebrate this beautiful life that God gave to us. For those desiring,



contributions may be made in Deborah's memory to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI 48906 or to Facing our Risk of Cancer Empowered, 16057 Tampa Palms Blvd. W. PMB #373, Tampa, FL., 33647. The family is being served by Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, 1730 East Grand River Ave., East Lansing, MI. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.greastlansing.com](http://www.greastlansing.com)