

# Black Forest Lutheran Church

12455 Black Forest Road  
Colorado Springs, CO 80908  
Saturday, July 23, 2022 - 10:00 am

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Pastor  
Organist  
Ushers

Ken Hohag  
Barb Gurnett  
Bill Montie  
Jerry Johnson

## Memorial Service For Denise DeBlois

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### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### Beneath the Tree of Life

**Refrain:** Come and gather beneath the tree of life. 2x  
root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.  
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.

Here we raise the saving cross of Jesus, singing praise to him who  
leads us on from death into new life. **Refrain**

Flowing from this tree of grace and passion, Oh how sweet the taste,  
how deep and rich the well-spring of your love. **Refrain**

Memorials may be given to Black Forest Lutheran Church and  
to "Life America" (<https://www.classy.org/team/436825>).  
Family and friends are invited for refreshments in the  
Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

**Denise DeBlois**  
**April 1, 1961 to June 13, 2022**

Denise Ann DeBlois was born on April 1st, 1961, to Duane and Kathy Steinke at Tachikawa Air Force Base, Japan. She was the third child, baby sister to Cindy and Steve. She was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith. After moving back to the United States. She lived in Tennessee and Virginia, where afternoons and summer days she could always be found exploring outside, riding her bike, playing with friends and wishing for a horse of her own. After moving to Colorado with her family at thirteen, her wish came true and she got her horse, lovingly named Brandy. Every free moment throughout her middle school and high school days were spent caring for and riding Brandy with her dog Rasty by her side. While attending Lewis Palmer high school she played and lettered in volleyball and basketball, graduating in 1979. She then attended Western State in Gunnison, CO.

Denise and Michael met in high school and were married on April 11, 1981, at Black Forest Lutheran Church. They welcomed their first daughter Hannah later that year and then four years later her sister, Melissa, completed their family of four. They moved to Twenty-nine Palms California for a work opportunity where they spent several years and made so many memories. They returned to Colorado where most of their family lived and where they loved to be.

Denise always loved all things nature. She and Michael spent the first years of their marriage hiking the mountains around their home with the girls in tow or on their backs. She loved planting and caring for her flowers and feeding and watching the birds. She always had a family pet by her side while sewing, crafting and creating beautiful things for her family and friends. In her words, her favorite job began in 2002 when the family welcomed their first grandchild, Aaron, followed by Makenzie, Caleb, Genevieve, Desarae and Harmoni. Denise loved being a Grandma and she spent as much time with them as she could; watching them while their parents worked, taking them to and from their after-school activities and always going to games and events to cheer them on. She loved spending one on one time with them, getting to know each one as they grew and changed, but also taking on the whole bunch for a weekend just because she could.

Denise passed away on June 13th, 2022, at age 61, surrounded by her loved ones. She is survived by her husband Michael DeBlois, her parents Duane and Kathlyn Steinke, her siblings Cynthia Boudreau (husband Bob) and Steven Steinke (wife Ellen), her daughter Hannah DeBlois (husband Aaron Pinkerton), and their children Aaron, Caleb, Genevieve, and Harmoni, her daughter Melissa Mills (husband Rance Mills), and their children Makenzie and Desarae, and many other nieces, nephews, family and friends.