



## Mrs. Deborah Truluck Rukat

June 9, 1950 - February 10, 2023

Deborah Truluck Rukat, 72, wife of Joseph Antoni Rukat, of West Union, passed away on Friday, February 10, 2023 at her home.

A native of Gaffney, SC, Mrs. Rukat was the daughter of the late Wilson and Virginia Truluck. She was a retired music teacher with the School District of Oconee County and a member of College Street Baptist Church where she faithfully served in the music ministry and Good News Club.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Rukat is survived by her daughters: Kathy Smith (Daniel) of Murrells Inlet and Laura Ann Lusk (Josh) of Walhalla; grandchildren: Tanner Lusk, Sadie Jo Lusk, and Bo Smith.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Friday, February 17, 2023 at College Street Baptist Church with burial to follow at Heritage Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Thursday, February 16, 2023, at Davenport Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Good News Club organization in Debbie's honor at: CEF Greenville/Piedmont, PO Box 575, Taylors, SC 29687 or to the Ronald McDonald House in Debbie's Honor at: Ronald McDonald House

Charities Inc., 26345 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1263.

The family is at their respective homes.

# Cemetery Details

## Heritage Memorial Gardens

4500 South Highway 11  
Westminster, SC 29693

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
311 S Highway 11  
West Union, SC 29696  
(864) 638-3611  
davenportfhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

College Street Baptist Church  
407 South College Street  
Walhalla, SC 29691  
<http://www.collegestreetbaptist.org>

# Tribute Wall

BO

“ I always enjoyed music class with Mrs. Rukat at South Pine Street Elementary School back in the 80's. Great memories! If Mrs. Rukat were out for some reason we would get Ms. Hughes or Ms. Brandt, Walhalla legends. I'm very sad to hear of Debbie's death Joe and you are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Bryan K Oliver** - February 25, 2023 at 08:03 AM

SB

“ STACY BELUE lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



**STACY BELUE** - February 21, 2023 at 10:09 AM

Paige Quarles

“ Prayers for Debbie's family she loved you all so much. She was s very bright light of love wherever she was. She will be greatly missed.

*Paige Quarles, Blue Ridge Elementary*



**Paige Quarles** - February 19, 2023 at 08:17 PM

SH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with each of you! May God’s love comfort and bless you all.

*Susan Hollifield*



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**Susan Hollifield** - February 17, 2023 at 07:33 PM

SB

“ I am so sorry to hear this very sad news. I will always remember Mrs. Rukat's smile and the kind, encouraging words she would share with me as a young girl growing up in Walhalla. I have been thinking of you all during this difficult time and keeping your family in my prayers.



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**Susan Biggers-Merrill** - February 17, 2023 at 01:24 PM

MC

“ Joe, Kathy, Laura Ann and family, We were saddened to learn that Deborah had left her wonderful family to gain her heavenly reward. We know she will be deeply missed. Our prayers are with you all. The Clark Family (Mary, Ken, Karl, Terry, and Jeff

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**Mary Clark** - February 17, 2023 at 12:53 PM

LJ

“ I am so sad for the family and am praying for God to comfort you all.



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**Lisa Jordan** - February 17, 2023 at 10:12 AM

DC

“ Joe and Family, You all are in our thoughts and prayers. In this time of deep sadness, we pray that God’s comforting Hands will warm your aching hearts. When we think of Debbie, the word “Joyful” is perhaps the best descriptor: always smiling and glowing with happiness and love for her family. Her Light lives on as a tribute to her love for God and her pride and joy— you, her family. What a blessed legacy!

*Sending love and prayers, Debbie and Ken Cox*

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**Debbie Cox** - February 17, 2023 at 10:10 AM

KA

“ Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



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**Kathy Addis** - February 16, 2023 at 11:32 PM

AA

“ Mrs. Rukat was my elementary music teacher at South Pine Street. Later as a teacher myself, I appreciated her encouragement as a new teacher. The Rukat family is very special to me. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers as you go into this new chapter of your lives.



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**Audrey Moore Armendariz** - February 16, 2023 at 08:57 PM

RH

“ Robert Ann Herron lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Robert and Ann Herron - February 16, 2023 at 12:42 PM

GF

“ Gerald Family lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Gerald Howard Family - February 16, 2023 at 10:26 AM

WS

“ Wayne Peggy Sibbett lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Wayne & Peggy Sibbett - February 16, 2023 at 09:32 AM

JS

“ Joan Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Joan Schmidt - February 16, 2023 at 09:10 AM

KT

“ Karen Towe lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Karen Towe - February 16, 2023 at 07:43 AM

MB

“ Joe, Kathy, and Laura Ann, our hearts and prayers are with you during this time of deep sorrow. We all have many happy memories of Debbie and will surely miss her. Debbie loved her family so much and so enjoyed sharing news about her grandchildren. Everyone who knew her will miss her. She's surely smiling down on us from Heaven. Love you all, Maeve and family

Maeve Binder - February 15, 2023 at 11:38 PM

TF

“ The Binder Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Deborah Truluck Rukat.



The Binder Family - February 15, 2023 at 11:25 PM

LJ

“ Les Deb Jolley lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Les and Deb Jolley - February 15, 2023 at 06:42 PM

LE

“ LeonardLoudermilk lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



LeonardLoudermilk - February 15, 2023 at 04:43 PM

BP

“ Barbara Pearson lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Barbara Pearson - February 15, 2023 at 04:42 PM

WS

“ Wayne Peggy Sibbett lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Wayne & Peggy Sibbett - February 15, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Truluck Rukat.



February 15, 2023 at 01:31 PM

JD

“ Dear Kathy and family,

We are so sorry to hear of your Mom's sudden passing. We met her a few times and enjoyed her company. She was so full of life, humor and know how much she loved her family and grand children. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Heaven has gained a angel. RIP

Jamie and Pam D'Anna

Jamie and Pam D'Anna - February 15, 2023 at 11:44 AM



DB

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you .Joe and daughters. Dr Alton and Elaine Barnett

Dr alton and Elaine Barnett - February 15, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Truluck Rukat.

February 15, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Truluck Rukat.

February 15, 2023 at 10:34 AM



SD

“ Steven Crystal Pelfrey DuBose lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Steven and Crystal Pelfrey DuBose - February 15, 2023 at 09:18 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Truluck Rukat.



February 15, 2023 at 08:12 AM

AS

“ So sorry to know of Debbie's passing. I have known her since working with her at South Pine Street Elementary. So many children enjoyed music from her teaching. My prayers and heartfelt sympathy go out to Joe and his family during this sad time.  
Athleen Sharp

Athleen Sharp - February 14, 2023 at 11:31 PM

LL

“ Larry Martha LeCroy lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Larry & Martha LeCroy - February 14, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Truluck Rukat.*



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February 14, 2023 at 05:52 PM



“ *Shannon Elliott lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat*



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**Shannon Elliott** - February 14, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Melanie Durham lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat*



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**Melanie Durham** - February 14, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Donnie Kimberly Arnold lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat*



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**Donnie & Kimberly Arnold** - February 14, 2023 at 03:59 PM

SA

“ *Sherry Abbott lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat*



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**Sherry Abbott** - February 14, 2023 at 03:27 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Truluck Rukat.*



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February 14, 2023 at 03:23 PM

BD

“ *Bobbie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat*



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**Bobbie Duncan** - February 14, 2023 at 02:21 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Smith lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat*



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**Cindy Smith** - February 14, 2023 at 01:50 PM

BZ

“ Bobby Zetwick lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Bobby Zetwick - February 14, 2023 at 11:23 AM

JT

“ Julie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Julie Thompson - February 14, 2023 at 11:01 AM

SM

“ I worked with Debbie at Pine Street/James M. Brown Elementary. I send my deepest sympathy.



Sherry Moore - February 14, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Truluck Rukat.



February 14, 2023 at 10:51 AM

LQ

“ *Linda Quarles lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat*



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**Linda L. Quarles** - February 14, 2023 at 10:16 AM

NF

“ *Neil Geraldine Ford lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat*



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**Neil & Geraldine Ford** - February 14, 2023 at 10:09 AM

CH

“ *Carla Hyde lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat*



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**Carla Watson Hyde** - February 14, 2023 at 09:48 AM

RL

“ Loved working with Debbie @ Pine Street & James M. Brown Elementary. She was a very special person. She was influential on our daughter, Kelley, who is now a Music Teacher. Roger was also Music Teacher when Debbie taught. I loved her laugh. She adored her family and especially her grands. After we both retired and would meet unexpectedly, the first thing she would tell me was how you girls were doing. When the grands started coming, she was so excited. She loved her babies. She will be so missed. Joe, Kathy, Laura Ann & family, you are in our thoughts & prayers.



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**Roger & Carolyn LeCroy** - February 14, 2023 at 08:21 AM

JF

“ Judy Fricks lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



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**Judy Fricks** - February 14, 2023 at 08:14 AM

DA

“ Don Darlene Albertson sent a virtual gift in memory of Deborah Rukat



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**Don and Darlene Albertson** - February 14, 2023 at 07:55 AM

LP

“ *Lisa Peden lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat*



**Lisa Peden** - February 14, 2023 at 07:24 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Truluck Rukat.*



February 14, 2023 at 06:53 AM

MH

“ *Debbie and her family have been dear friends for many years. Debbie and I worked together, but were friends outside of work too. She played the piano, and Joe took pictures at one of my daughter's weddings. I enjoyed many afternoons watching my grandson and Laura Ann run track and cross country for WHS. Going out to eat with our little group was always a fun time. My prayers are with you all. Mary Lou Hamilton and Family*

**Mary Lou Hamilton** - February 14, 2023 at 01:00 AM

SD

“ *Sonya Dobson lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat*



**Sonya Dobson** - February 14, 2023 at 12:23 AM

SC

“ Susan Crane lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Susan Pickett Crane - February 13, 2023 at 11:36 PM

RB

“ Reba Bill Butts lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Reba and Bill Butts - February 13, 2023 at 09:46 PM

RB

“ Debbie was such a joy to work with in our Good News Club ministry for over 10 years. She was so dedicated to reading our missions story each week!  
Don and Pat Bickers

Rev. Don Bickers - February 13, 2023 at 09:36 PM

VW

“ virginia weeks(Hall) lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



virginia Hall weeks(Hall) - February 13, 2023 at 08:43 PM

JP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



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**James and Maxine Pettit** - February 13, 2023 at 08:39 PM

JM

“ *Janice Morgan lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat*



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**Janice Morgan** - February 13, 2023 at 08:31 PM

DN

“ *Debbie played the piano or organ at my wedding May 2,1980. I can't remember which one. Joe took pictures. I was a member of College St. Baptist at the time.Love y'all and God bless. Debbie Harden Nicholson*

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**Debbie Nicholson** - February 13, 2023 at 08:21 PM

TN

“ *Beautiful lady give my mom a hug .love and prayers to the family. Love Tracy Norwood (jack and Martha Norwood daughter)*



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**Tracy Norwood** - February 13, 2023 at 07:43 PM

AF

“ An adopted mama for the Clemson Women’s Alumni Council, always taking care of others and happy to help. She will be remembered fondly. Hugs to the family.



Allison Fleahman - February 13, 2023 at 07:27 PM

CH

“ Chris Hamor lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Chris Hamor - February 13, 2023 at 06:44 PM

AB

“ Enjoyed talking with her at Central water aerobics. Also she taught my children. Prayers for the family.



Audrey A Barker - February 13, 2023 at 05:59 PM

DN

“ Joe, Kathy, and Laura Ann, we send our prayers for God’s mercy, comfort, and peace for you all. We loved Debbie and will miss her happy laughter and smile as well as her sweet personality. We know she heard, “well done, thy good and faithful servant” when she arrived in heaven!

Don and Susan Neal - February 13, 2023 at 05:56 PM

DN

“ Don Susan Neal lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Don and Susan Neal - February 13, 2023 at 05:46 PM

LN

“ Loretta Nichols lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Loretta Nichols - February 13, 2023 at 05:43 PM

SH

“ Steve Lisa Hanvey lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Steve & Lisa Hanvey - February 13, 2023 at 05:32 PM

KO

“ Kathy Orr lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



Kathy Orr - February 13, 2023 at 05:30 PM

RR

“ Rick Tina Robinson lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



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**Rick and Tina Robinson** - February 13, 2023 at 05:20 PM

JW

“ Jeanette Wilson lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat



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**Jeanette Wilson** - February 13, 2023 at 05:12 PM

KW

“ I'm so sad to hear of Debbie's passing. She was such a great music teacher and such a sweet person. I had no idea my son could even sing, until she brought that out to my attention. Adored her. I was lucky to have her as a teacher and so we're my children.

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**Kay Williams** - February 13, 2023 at 04:59 PM

RB

“ I am stunned to learn of Debbie's passing -- but I know for sure that she's safely in Heaven reaping God's blessings for having taught so many children to love music. Joe and their "girls" are in my prayers.

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**Rosemary Bailes** - February 13, 2023 at 04:58 PM

DR

“ *Danielle Roach lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat*



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**Danielle Roach** - February 13, 2023 at 04:53 PM

BJ

“ *Becky Johnson lit a candle in memory of Deborah Rukat*



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**Becky Johnson** - February 13, 2023 at 04:44 PM