



## Deborah "Debbie" M. Schraer

October 26, 1951 - September 28, 2016

Deborah "Debbie" M. Schraer, 64 of San Antonio, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, Sept. 28th, 2016 at Methodist Stone Oak Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Debbie left her birth home of Columbus, Nebraska in 1973 to begin her career with the Brownsville Independent School District. Upon her retirement, she moved to San Antonio.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and aunt. Deborah was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed not only by her family and friends but by all those fortunate to have known her during her thirty-five-year plus career as a special education teacher.

Debbie is preceded in death by her father, Sylvester "Ves" C. Zuerlein; a sister, Julie D. Zuerlein Grace; and a brother, Joseph C. Zuerlein.

She is survived by her loving husband of 32 years, Ronald G. Schraer; three sons: Adam D. Schraer (Vanessa), Erik A. Olivarez (Jordan) and Elliot N. Schraer; three daughters: Mimososa M. Flores (Robert); Amanda J. Lopez and Emily R. Schraer. 10 grandchildren; her mother Rosemary C. Zuerlein Moore (Joe); a brother Peter S. Zuerlein (Karen); three sisters; Connie J. Schneider (Bruce), Margaret "Peg" M. Graf (Tim) and Mary B. Emanuel (Brad); along with numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family members and friends.

Visitation will start at 6:00 pm and continue through 9:00 pm Monday October 3, 2016, in the chapel at Mission Park Funeral Chapels Stone Oak Funeral

Home 23645 US-281, San Antonio, TX 78258. A celebration of life service will begin at 10:00 am on Tuesday October 4, 2016 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels Stone Oak Funeral Home with a reception to follow immediately following the conclusion of the service. A private graveside burial will be held for family members and friends later that day at 2:00 pm at the Mission Park North Dominion Cemetery.

Fred Schraer, Brian Schneider, Daniel Vasquez, Robert Flores, Timothy Schraer and Jasmine Lopez are honored to serve as Debbie's pallbearers: You may go online to view the obituary, sign the guestbook, and extend your condolences online to Debbie's family at [www.MissionParks.com](http://www.MissionParks.com)

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Mission Park Funeral Chapels Stone Oak Funeral Home 23645 US-281, San Antonio, TX 78258. (210) 576-3377

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Life Center at Stone Oak  
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San Antonio, TX 78258  
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## Service

OCT 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MR

“ Ron, please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I know this is a hard time for everyone. I will pray for your strength and peace. I also know you will see her again someday. God Bless You and your family always. With Love, Marcy G.Rothe

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**Marcy G. Rothe** - October 04, 2016 at 07:39 AM

SC

“ To the Schraer family,  
I am honored and blessed to have known Mrs. Schraer during my years in special education in Brownsville ISD. She always showed she cared about her students and was always there to help me with therapists and improving my educational experience at BISD. She was truly a blessing in my life and I will miss her. My condolences.  
Stephen Colunga

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**Stephen Colunga** - October 03, 2016 at 05:56 PM

TF

Stephen, you may not remember me, but I was your OT for a while and I know Debbie would have been so proud of you...just to read this. It's obvious you are an amazing young man! Thank you for writing this caring note.

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**Trina Feliciano** - October 08, 2016 at 08:35 AM

AS

“ Ron, I was very sad to hear the passing of Debbie. Debbie lived in an apartment across from me back in our younger days & we were together at Lincoln Park & Special Services. Unfortunately, in her move to San Antonio we lost contact. I have very fond memories of Debbie. My sincere condolences to you, her children & other family members.

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**Arlene Sears Stelzer** - October 03, 2016 at 09:42 AM

JC

“ *To Debbie's Family. My sincere sympathies. As a classmate of Debbie, I remember most the Pep Club, trips to games and her infectious smile. She was always there to work on any project we had. My only regret is that she was not able to attend some of the class reunions we have had in the past several years. We need to remember not to put off seeing someone or calling that someone, for we may not get the chance tomorrow. Love and prayers to you.*

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**Jane Cromwell** - October 03, 2016 at 09:41 AM

“Dearest Mimosa Thank You for sharing Debbie's obituary with me, Please share this message of Deepest Sympathy with your Dad, and all of your Brothers, and Sisters, Brother-in-laws, Sister-in-Laws, Grandmother, Uncles, Aunts, and Cousins. Dear Family, Dear Adam, and Vanessa, Especially You, Ron, As you well know, Debbie was placed in my life in 1979. Then you, Rion, came into my life as the Director of Special Services for BISD. In 1980, God put Adam into your Giving Hearts, and God saw to it that Adam would become Deaf, so that I, a Certified Teacher of Deaf Individuals, would become a part of your Family's lives. Everyday I Thank God for You and I pray for each and everyone of you, for You are like my Family too. I saw Adam Grow from a Curious Infant into Quite an Intelligent and Energetic Young Man, You Vanessa, I saw Grow from a Little Girl Into A Wonderful Loving Caring Wife, and Mother. You Mimosa, Amanda, and Erik, I watched you become intelligent Young Teens, and then, you Erik, moved on to San Antonio, You Elliot, and Emily, you probably do not know me, but I loved you from the first moments you were born. I Loved your Beloved Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Debbie, Your Best Half, Ron, and Your Magnificent Mother. She was one of the Most Devoted, Encouraging Beloved Inspiring Exceptional people that I have had the pleasure of working with and Calling a True Friend, I am Truly Sad For your loss, But I am Rejoicing and Singing God's Praises For her Triumph over pain. She is no longer suffering, She is Free To Dance, Free to Fly like an Eagle, and She is Blessed. Yes, Indeed, Debbie will be Forever Watching over you! She will Always be with you in Your Heart. She is always in your Thoughts, and she shall remain in your Memory until the Day Jesus Comes to take you to be with him, too. Please understand that I would be with you Today if it were at all possible, but Unfortunately, I am no longer able to travel as I did several years ago. However, I want You to know, even though, I am not physically there with you, I am with you in Spirit. These words I want to Leave with you! Keep them close to your Heart. Throw All of Your Sadness On God Ask God To Guide You Ask Him to Comfort You Ask Him to Place His Arms All Around You and Give You Peace. Depend on God for All Your Needs He is

*There to Love you, Comfort You and Guide You. Debbie is always there for all of you. too! I am Forever,your Friend, With Love in Christ. Helen*

Helen H Rebok - October 03, 2016 at 09:41 AM

MT

“ *Mimosa, Sorry to hear about your loss. Our prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family.*

Max & Angie Zavala... Donna, Texas - October 03, 2016 at 09:41 AM

MH

“ *Our most sincere condolences to our daughter-in-law, Mimosa and her family. May the good Lord comfort you and give you all the strength needed at this time of sorrow.*

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Flores Sr. From Housto - October 03, 2016 at 09:40 AM

JH

“ *Rosemary,Connie and all your families, So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Thought of Debbie so often when we walked by Connie's home. May she be pain free and in God's loving hands.*

John and Rita Hoebing - October 03, 2016 at 09:40 AM

JC

“ *God comfort n bless you during this time.*

Joe Contrrras - October 03, 2016 at 09:40 AM

MM

“ *My prayers to you and your family. I have fond memories of working with her as a special ed. teacher at BISD.*

Mary McCune - October 03, 2016 at 09:40 AM

RM

“ Hi Ron, my deepest condolences to you and your children for your loss. Debbie was a wonderful person, always cheerful and willing to assist anyone. I have fond memories of you and Debbie during our days at BISD Special Services Department. You and Debbie were pleasant to work with and I will always remember her lovely personality. May God Bless you, your children, give you comfort, and may he grant her peace in his Kingdom.

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**Ruben H. Martinez** - October 03, 2016 at 09:40 AM

JH

“ Hi Ron & Family. I am so shocked to hear about Deb. I will be keeping your family in my prayers during the weeks and months to come. GOD bless you and comfort you during this time in your lives.

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**Joyce A. Hutt** - October 03, 2016 at 09:39 AM

HK

“ Ron and Family, I was reading the Brownsville Herald before getting ready for Sunday Mass and read about Debbie. I was deeply shocked and saddened to hear the news. Please accept my deepest condolences. It was an extreme pleasure to always work with her as she was a very devoted and concerned teacher. Again, I can't say enough about her and I'm really truly sorry for your loss. She will be remembered today and join a growing list of passed relatives, friends and acquaintances. Sincerely, Henry G. Kenneson, Jr. retired BISD Principal

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**Henry K** - October 03, 2016 at 09:39 AM

JK

“ I have great memories of Debbie from Saint Bon's grade school when her mom was our "room mother" We all thought Debbie had the prettiest mom ever and that was true. When we were seniors she hosted our "after Homecoming breakfast" and Debbie had to be as tired as the rest of us, but she put on that killer smile and gave us all doughnuts and juice. She was a class act even then! My husband and I got to go to the Cotton Bowl over 40 years ago and we stayed with Debbie. Once again, she was a fabulous hostess and that never ending smile was always there. I was a nurse and loved pediatrics so we talked about her love for special needs kids . She was always so aware of the needs of others which she obviously learned at home. I always had the utmost respect for who she was as a person, a teacher and a friend. I am certain that Jesus said "Well done, good and faithful servant. Welcome home." Hugs to you Debbie and to your family. We will see you on the other side.

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**Jean Kamrath** - October 03, 2016 at 09:39 AM

CS

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Debbie was truly a sweet, gentle, and soft spoken woman. Everyone who worked with her in Brownsville ISD loved her. Ron, you and your children will be in my prayers.

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**Caroline Skill** - October 03, 2016 at 09:39 AM

BC

“ Debbie was a wonderful woman, teacher and friend. Always cheerful and eager to help children with special needs. I am happy to have had the chance to work with her and learned much from her. Holding her memory in my heart. My deepest condolences to all who will miss her.

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**Beth Coletta** - October 03, 2016 at 09:38 AM

PW

“ Ron, I was so sad to hear about your and your family's loss yesterday. God needed another angel. He takes the best away from us too soon. I will pray for you and your precious children.

Patricia Widener - October 03, 2016 at 09:38 AM

JG

“ May each of you be surrounded by all the loving memories you have of Deborah. My sincere condolence for your family, take care and God Bless.

Jill Graves - October 03, 2016 at 09:38 AM

MZ

“ My heart and thoughts are with you and your family during this time of grieving. Please know that you are not alone in remembering a truly wonderful person that meant so much to so many. May happy memories carry you through this difficult time. Much love always.

Minnie Zamora - October 03, 2016 at 09:38 AM

HA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So sorry for your loss. It was an honor to have had the opportunity to know and work with Debbie.

Helen Abbott - October 03, 2016 at 09:38 AM

SG

“ TO the family of Debbie Schraer, My sincere condolences. I went to school and graduated with Debbie and even though I hadn't seen her in many years we continued to have that bond of being a Scotus Shamrock. I'll always remember Debbie as as a very sweet girl with a beautiful smile. May you rest in Gods Peace Debbie,

SUE Gonka - October 03, 2016 at 09:38 AM

TF

“ *Debbie was truly one of the best people I've ever known in my life. She was wonderful to work with and I have certainly missed having her in my life as I did when we worked together in Brownsville. I look forward to a great heavenly reunion some day! Praising God for the blessing she was to all she knew here on this earth! She was such an inspiration!*

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**Trina Feliciano** - October 03, 2016 at 09:37 AM

KK

“ *my sincere sympathy to Debbie's entire family. we graduated from Columbus Scotus in 1969. Debbie was a kind, sweet, dear person, inside and out. On behalf of our entire graduating class, rest in peace, Debbie.*

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**Kathy Kudron** - October 03, 2016 at 09:37 AM

AR

“ *I'm so sorry to hear the news about Debbie's passing. She was always an upbeat generous person who gave her time and talent to the children with whom she worked. I worked with Debbie throughout many years of teaching in Brownsville. We were part of the assistive technology team before everyone had computers and high tech devices. Debbie led the district's first efforts at provide assistive technology to many children. She was always eager to learn and try out whatever the newest AT was at the time. Her spirit and efforts will not be forgotten. Go in peace, my friend.*

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**Andrea Rudnik** - October 03, 2016 at 09:37 AM

SG

“ To the Schraer Family...I am so very sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. She & I were friends in grade school and high school. I remember going to her house in Columbus and learning to ice skate (well at least trying!!) on the skating rink she had in the back yard. I've wondered so very often how she was and what she had accomplished in her life. It sounds like a great deal. You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Suzanne Gilsdorf** - October 03, 2016 at 09:37 AM

MF

“ Ron - My heart is broken. Seeing her picture on her obituary brought back so many memories, What a good sweet person she was. You hired me for my Special Ed position in 1980 and Debbie made sure i got back to Lincoln Park to teach the special children I always loved. I remember your courtship on the motor cycle. We were so happy for you both-- & then I sang for your wedding. I did not know that you knew the Dittmans. So happy that Eric can do her service. I feel your pain. I pray for your comfort. Love & prayers from Margene Frazier

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**Margene O Frazier** - October 03, 2016 at 09:37 AM

NG

“ Hello Ron, this is Norma Garcia I had the up most pleaser of knowing Debbie since I was 3 years old. Debbie took me under her wing until I graduated high school. After that she attended my wedding and reconnected when you move to San Antonio where I live too. I lost her phone number so I couldn't reach her any more. I am eternally grateful for all she did for me academically and emotionally. I always loved her like a second mom. I am so sorry to hear about Debbie's passing but I'm sure heaven is rejoicing her entrance. I will pray that our Heavenly Father will comfort all of you daily. Love, Norma

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**Norma Astorga Garcia** - October 03, 2016 at 09:36 AM

LM

“ *Eric, Tony and I heard about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. May your beautiful memories sustain and bring comfort to you during this difficult season.*

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**Laura Sierra/Tony Meza** - October 03, 2016 at 09:35 AM