



## Deborah Odell Montgomery

May 21, 1955 - April 28, 2025

Mrs. Deborah Montgomery made her transition on April 28, 2025. Please encourage the family with words of love and encouragement on our Tribute page. To send flowers, or a memorial gift, please visit our Sympathy Store. Zoom Instructions For Livestream 1. Go to [Kempfuneralhome.com](http://Kempfuneralhome.com). 2. Click on your loved one's photo or use the search bar and type in your loved one's name. 3. You are now on their Tribute Page. 4. You should see a tab labeled photo & videos (or it may be labeled media, depending on your device). Select that tab. 5. Just before the service starts, you will see an icon labeled Webcast (or it may be labeled external video, depending on your device). Select the icon. 6. You will begin to launch into the zoom meeting.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48203

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 8.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
24585 Evergreen Rd  
Southfield, MI 48075  
(248) 702-5367  
info@kempfh.com  
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

## Family Hour

**MAY 9.** 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
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## Funeral Service

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MAY 9. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Deborah Odell Montgomery*



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - May 09, 2025 at 12:22 PM

KR

“ *My deepest sympathy to everyone mourning the passing of Deborah. She was always so sweet and encouraging whenever I saw her, and the kindness she has shown me will not be forgotten! I pray for God's loving comfort and peace in abundance for everyone grieving her loss... Love, Kathleen Reese*

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**Kathleen reese** - May 09, 2025 at 09:31 AM

DT

“ *Donyale T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Odell Montgomery.*

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**Donyale T.** - May 09, 2025 at 06:11 AM

FF

“ From the Wiseman Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Deborah Odell Montgomery.



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**From the Wiseman Family** - May 08, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ Auntie Debbie will be greatly missed she was a beautiful soul. Her laughter, strength, hospitality and kindness will never be forgotten. Though you may be gone from our sight, you will never be gone from our hearts.  
Love Dwight & Donna Montgomery

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**Dominica DaMonte** - May 08, 2025 at 07:39 PM

CF

“ Cecile Thompson and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Deborah Odell Montgomery.



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**Cecile Thompson and family** - May 08, 2025 at 05:49 PM

CF

“ Cecile Thompson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Odell Montgomery.

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**Cecile Thompson and family** - May 08, 2025 at 05:49 PM

LI

“ *Lindsey Mason III purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Deborah Odell Montgomery.*



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**Lindsey Mason III** - May 08, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Odell Montgomery.*



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May 08, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah Odell Montgomery.*

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May 08, 2025 at 01:57 PM

IW

“ *I am very sadden by the death of Deborah. She will be missed. I remember her mostly from playing golf. Oh, how she was fully committed to the game and the competitiveness of the sport. Behind that competitive spirit though was a beautiful smile and caring soul. She talked lovingly about her grandkids! It seemed that whatever she set out to do, she was fully committed. My condolences to Tony and the entire family. May God give you comfort for HE is able. (Irma Walton)*

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**Irma Walton** - May 08, 2025 at 10:39 AM

CF

“ Coach Love & Skillz Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Deborah Odell Montgomery.



Coach Love & Skillz Family - May 07, 2025 at 02:22 PM

AA

“ Aunt Diane and Ashley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deborah Odell Montgomery.



Aunt Diane and Ashley - May 06, 2025 at 11:26 PM

AA

“ Aunt Diane and Ashley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Odell Montgomery.

Aunt Diane and Ashley - May 06, 2025 at 11:26 PM

LM

“ As it has been said before, there are no words, just this painful new normal without you here. Thank you for calling me your sister and inviting me on your next Safari adventure! I realize TIME is one of the most valuable things we have been given. We will put the time we have to its best possible use by telling our friends and family how much we love and appreciate them. Life is short and cannot be replayed. Don't hesitate! Tomorrow is not promised.

LINDA MITCHELL - May 05, 2025 at 02:54 PM

RP

*I was looking forward to knowing Deborah better during the 2025 Tee-Set Women's Golf League season. The news of her passing was devastating. The Bible says "man makes plans, but the Lord orders our steps." While eternity is forever, as humans we only know the here and now. Debbie, I pray that there are golf courses in Heaven because I was really looking forward to playing you this year! May the family's precious memories of their lives with Deborah keep them lifted up during this difficult time. In love, Ramona Pearson.*

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**Ramona Pearson** - May 08, 2025 at 04:48 PM

TG

*“ My heart is sooo heavy, with grief and disbelief. I talked and texted with Debbie the day before her transition. All was well and I never knew it was to be the last time we spoke. I met Debbie in 2018 as we were both going to physical therapy after undergoing a knee replacement. We exchanged numbers and became friends. I learned Debbie was an avid and accomplished golfer, loved to travel, and we both shared a love for fitness. Whenever we got together we shared laughs and life stories. We played pool, pickleball, ate at new restaurants, and even attended an art exhibit downtown. Her brilliant aura, unlimited energy, warm genuine personality, and calm cool demeanor were totally delightful! It was such a blessing to have known her! Though she is gone, she will never be forgotten.....Rest In Peace dear friend.....Terri Gillum*

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**Terri Gillum** - May 05, 2025 at 01:15 PM

MC

*“ Mona C. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deborah Odell Montgomery.*



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**Mona C.** - May 04, 2025 at 08:57 PM

DR

“ My love and admiration is unmeasurable. We shared our inner selves from childhood to adulthood. I will truly miss her but she will always be in my heart ❤️ and mind. I am blessed to have had her in my life. Love always Niece Diane and Ashley 🙏❤️

Diane Rougier - May 04, 2025 at 12:19 PM

JH

“ This is heartbreaking news. My heart and prayers go out to the family. She will be truly missed.



Jenifer Hughes - May 03, 2025 at 11:31 AM

GE

“ I am so sad to hear that you have gone to glory. I am right now truly lost for words. I will send my prayers to the family. This is GWEN.

Gwendolyn Easterling - May 02, 2025 at 08:06 PM

WB

“ I played golf on two different leagues with Deborah and she was friendly and helpful, I enjoyed my rounds with her in the group. She will definitely be missed



Wendy Brown-Roberts - May 02, 2025 at 05:14 PM

TS

“ The Hawk Fitness & Guest Service purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Deborah Odell Montgomery.



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**The Hawk Fitness & Guest Service** - May 02, 2025 at 03:07 PM

TS

“ The Hawk Fitness & Guest Service planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah Odell Montgomery.

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**The Hawk Fitness & Guest Service** - May 02, 2025 at 03:07 PM

VL

“ Hi to all, with my sincerest condolences. My name is Virginia Lafour and met Deborah through Tony who recruited me to play Tennis, subsequently volleyball and pickle ball. She was very reserved and quiet. Tony invited Gwen and me for Christmas and saw her in that family setting and she was a beautiful host, but still very reserved. The day we became friends, was the day she walked up to me, with the friendliest demeanor you can imagine. She took my hand and said to me; she knew my late husband suffered from Alzheimer's, Virginia, whenever you need a break feel free to call me, I'll babysit him for as long as you need. I'm there for you. Only a friend does that. I hugged and thanked her for showing me love. I will never forget so much love and kindness. That what Debra is to me. My quiet friend. Thank you Deborah



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**Virginia H Lafour** - May 02, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ I met Debbie through her sister-in-law Marsha, on the golf course. She was a good golfer and I told her I’m going to hook up with you so I can get some tips, I was joking and she said anytime. She did give me many tips over the years. We lost contact for a few years and one day my dad and I was at the driving range and she saw me and came over and said your swing has improved since I saw you. We hugged and talked for a while about golf and I asked her to join the Tuesday league I was on, and she did. I remember last year we went to a course that was almost an hour away so we drove together. I had recently loss my dad and she said some kind words to me about how to deal with it. I am so grateful I met her and she had a positive impact on me. I’ll sincerely miss her. Sending my deepest sympathy and prayers for the family.

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**Angela Brown** - May 01, 2025 at 11:19 PM



“ I met Deborah on the golf course and was lucky to be paired in her foursome. Some people exude a spirit and it was clear from that first meeting that she was a kind and joyful person. I found myself hoping she would be among the group of ladies who would show up for our outings. I'm sure she will be missed by her family and friends and wish them all my deepest condolences.  
*Claire Hall*

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**Claire S Hall** - May 01, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ Mildred Lee purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Deborah Odell Montgomery.



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**Mildred Lee** - May 01, 2025 at 12:58 PM

BL

“ I will always remember Debbie as a good person. As a supervisor she was tough but fair. As a person outside of her job, she was a very good friend, indeed. As a committee person, I had many encounters with her on union business. Over time, I learned to respect her, and she learned to respect me. We became friends. I send my condolences to her family.

Bill Luke - April 30, 2025 at 01:25 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Deborah Odell Montgomery.



April 30, 2025 at 10:22 AM

JE

“ So sad to hear about the loss of my favorite supervisor and what I considered a great friend at General Motors. I look forward to seeing her smiling face in heaven someday soon with love, John-jack.

John (jack) Everett - April 29, 2025 at 11:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deborah Odell Montgomery.



April 29, 2025 at 09:53 PM

CL

“ *What a true example of an Amazing Woman. I will truly miss you. I Love you Deborah... boy did we have our girl conversations . I THANK God for the times we shared and had together.*  
*Coach Love*

Coach Love - April 29, 2025 at 08:43 PM

NA

“ *You were beautiful and classy. You were a magnificent soul. I am so sorry that we never went on that trip we talked about or got together for lunch. I will truly miss you.*

Nancie Armstrong - April 29, 2025 at 07:35 PM

MM

“ *Thank you for always accepting me and being so welcoming when we was younger.... You had a beautiful soul and truly will be missed...*



Maria McGinnis - April 29, 2025 at 01:12 PM

RR

“ *Thank you Aunt Debbie for all the family events that you and Uncle Tony hosted at your home. You will greatly be missed. RIP*

*Love,  
The Rosenthal Family*



Richard Rosenthal - April 29, 2025 at 05:21 AM