



## Debra Anne Sullivan

June 18, 2025

Debra Anne (Souza) Sullivan, 72, of Seekonk, MA, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at her home surrounded by the love and comfort of her family and dear friends.

Born on May 14, 1953, in Providence, RI, Debra was the beloved daughter of Irma (Delano) Souza and the late James Souza. She was a proud graduate who went on to serve her community as a devoted postal carrier before embracing her most treasured role as a full-time mother.

Debra had a heart as big as her laugh — generous, nurturing, and full of warmth. Her life was a reflection of kindness in action. Whether she was baking cookies, sewing handmade gifts, cooking meals for those she loved, or caring for the homes and hearts of friends in need, Debra gave of herself with unmatched generosity. Her creativity and keen eye for detail shone through in everything she touched — from crafts to the comfort she brought to others.

She had an infectious sense of humor and a lifelong appreciation for nostalgia. She found joy in classic comedies like *The Three Stooges*, retro Disney films, old cartoons, and British sitcoms. Her love of music and the arts added color to her life and those around her. Debra loved all things Disney and visited Disney World and Disney Land at every opportunity.

Debra's early days included belly dancing and time spent with the Girl Scouts of America— first as a member and later working in their offices. These were just some of the many ways she embraced life's experiences with spirit and grace.

Above all else, Debra was a devoted mother and grandmother. She leaves behind her loving children: Randi Sullivan and her spouse Bruce Zapasnik, Kerri Sullivan, and Philip Sullivan and his spouse Brant Chee. Her greatest joy was her grandson, Zane Zapasnik, with whom she shared countless special memories.

She is also survived by her mother Irma Souza; her sisters Janet Lingard and her spouse Robert, Roberta Souza, and Norma Mink and her spouse Darryl; and many cherished nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and extended family including Bonnie Ebanks, Guy and Melissa Butler, Daniel and Doreen Lingard, Melissa and Bruce Bonneville, Geena Mink, and Tristan Mink. Debra was predeceased by her father James and her brother Michael Souza.

Debra's presence will be deeply missed by her circle of close friends at the Five Bridge Inn, where she spent many joyful days and found true friendship. Her years of care for her dear friend Ronnie and others is a testament to her boundless compassion.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m at Rehoboth Congregational Church, with a celebration of Debra's to follow at Five Bridge Inn in Rehoboth, MA. In accordance with her wishes, Debra will be cremated.

Flowers are welcome and were always appreciated by Debra. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer

Society, Rehoboth Congregational Church, the Rehoboth or Seekonk Food Pantries, or Bristol Elder Care.

For more information, please contact Randi, Kerri, or Philip.

Debra made sure everyone she loved knew just how deeply she cared. Her life was one of service, humor, and unconditional love — and her legacy will live on in every meal shared, every laugh remembered, and every heart she touched.

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ Deborah was kind enough to invite to the New Hampshire mountains during fall when we were little. I will never forget her kindness to me.



Deborah A Lepore - May 07 at 02:38 PM

MB

“ My loving aunt, always had time to spend with my kids. I miss you Deb 💔. Love you always



Melissa Bonneville - July 07, 2025 at 09:49 PM

MB

“ My aunt was amazing! She picked me and my son up from the hospital when he was born and brought us home and even got some lunch for me!  
She will be truly missed!  
Love you Debbie

Melissa Bonneville - June 30, 2025 at 10:07 PM

JC

I will definitely miss her so much 💔😭

joanne Crowle - July 01, 2025 at 11:06 AM

NA

*What a blessing she was to sooooo many! She was unique, living her life with boldness, color, and determination to do good. No one can fill that empty space. My heart and love are with her children, her mom, and her siblings during this difficult time.*

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**Nancy** - July 01, 2025 at 02:08 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



**Nancy Souza** - June 30, 2025 at 06:09 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Nancy Souza** - June 30, 2025 at 06:08 AM

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“ 13 files added to the album *Some from Debbies Phone*



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**Philip** - June 29, 2025 at 06:04 AM