



## Deborah Gatewood

September 29, 1949 - October 19, 2019

Deborah J. Gatewood, age 70 of Harbor Beach, passed away Saturday, October 19, 2019, at her daughter's home in Indiana.

She was born on September 29, 1949 in Harbor Beach to the late Robert and Myrtle "Peg" (Wilson) Veldman. Debbie and Gregory Gatewood were united in marriage on May 4, 1968 in Port Huron. Over the years Debbie worked in retail until she obtained a degree in accounting in 1994. She then went on to become a bookkeeper working at Farmer Jack, and later owned and operated Gates Upholstery. She was a longstanding member of the American Legion Post 197 Auxiliary, where she also served as an officer, and she was active and always involved with her church family.

Debbie loved arts and crafts, and was continually bringing messy gifts to give to her grandchildren - most recently a pottery wheel that she and her youngest granddaughter attempted to use, putting mud and water all over the kitchen.

Debbie loved Harbor Beach and the water, and many happy memories have been shared of her swimming, canoeing down the river, being caught in the undertow in California but refusing to yell for help, and inner tubing on the lake with her siblings and nephews.

Debbie also loved animals, and was always taking in the strays that people dropped at her lane. During the last few weeks of her illness and as she finally went Home, her kitten Noelle was constantly at the foot of her bed, or sleeping nestled next to her side bringing her comfort.

Debbie is survived by her husband Gregory Gatewood of Muncie, Indiana,

daughter Kimberly (Dennis) Livingston of Yorktown, Indiana, three grandchildren, Reilly, Brynna and Keira Livingston, siblings: Robert (Nancy) Veldman of Harbor Beach, David (Christine) Veldman of Jeddo, Carol (Garth) Booms of Rogers, Minnesota, and many special nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews she loved dearly and with all of her heart.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 11am at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Friends may gather from 9:30am until time of services at 11am. Internment will take place at Rock Falls Cemetery.

Memories can be shared at [www.RamseyFH.com](http://www.RamseyFH.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Rock Falls Cemetery

Harbor Beach, MI 48441

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc  
425 State St  
Harbor Beach, MI 48441  
(989) 479-3407  
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Gatewood*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Deb and I worked for 7 years together at Farmer Jack I always enjoyed our chats if we were on break together, and although we did not see much of each other after the store closed when we did it was always a pleasure. Sending my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

**Kelly Adams** - November 01, 2019 at 01:49 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Debbie. She was the Treasurer of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 197 in Harbor Beach for as long as I have known her. I speak for all members of the Auxiliary, that she will be greatly missed. I especially remember one year when we were doing the lap robe project, she stood at our meeting and read a beautiful poem about keeping the veterans in our hearts & minds as we made lap robes for them. One year she sewed embellishments onto our new Auxiliary banner that we carry in parades to improve and enhance how it looked. She was always stepping up to help and participate in any way she was able. Nancy Erb, Secretary, Unit 197, Harbor Beach*



**Nancy Erb** - October 30, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. A beautiful person in so many ways.*

**Marie Heleski** - October 30, 2019 at 11:01 AM

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“ *Caroline lit a candle in memory of Deborah Gatewood*



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**caroline** - October 27, 2019 at 01:52 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah Gatewood.*



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October 26, 2019 at 02:19 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Deborah Gatewood.*



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October 25, 2019 at 02:27 PM

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**Kimberly Livingston** - October 24, 2019 at 10:07 AM

CA

*I remember her talking about this visit, Kim she loved having you and the family visit*

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**caroline** - October 25, 2019 at 03:04 PM

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**Kimberly Livingston** - October 24, 2019 at 10:07 AM

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Kimberly Livingston - October 24, 2019 at 10:05 AM

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*This is a wonderful picture of your mom and dad*

caroline - October 27, 2019 at 01:47 PM

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Kimberly Livingston - October 24, 2019 at 10:04 AM

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**Kimberly Livingston** - October 24, 2019 at 10:03 AM

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**Kimberly Livingston** - October 24, 2019 at 10:02 AM