



Dr. Debra D. Riehle

June 10, 1953 - July 6, 2014

Debra “Dr. R.” Donahue Riehle (1953-2014)

CEDAR FALLS- Debra “Dr. R” Donahue Riehle, 61, of Cedar Falls, died Sunday, July 6, 2014, at Sartori Memorial Hospital.

She was born June 10, 1953, in Fort Madison, Iowa, daughter of Walter and Dorothy Welp Donahue. She married Charles “Chuck” Riehle on June 14, 1986 in Des Moines, Iowa.

She graduated from Northeast Hamilton High School and earned her BS degree from Morningside. She then earned her Masters from Drake University and her Doctorate from the University of Phoenix. She was employed as a Guidance Counselor with many schools, including: West High School, Bunker and Central Middle Schools, Waverly-Shell Rock, Wapsie Valley, Saydell High School, and St. Mary in Martensdale. She was also the Academic advisor for the Waterloo Black Hawks and served as a housing parent for the organization for many years. She was the 2012 recipient of the Karen Wenthe Award, given by the Waterloo Black Hawks for distinguished service, and was involved in P.E.O. as well as many educational organizations.

Survived by: her husband, Chuck; two daughters, Bindy (Sean) Comito Sornsin of Chicago and Kim Riehle of Seattle, WA; a son, Joe (Nellie) Riehle

of Olympia, WA; three grandchildren: Jonah Hieb, Raven and Wren Riehle; her father, Walter Donahue of Cedar Falls; and a brother, Steve (Sheril) Donahue of Normal, IL.

Preceded in death by: her mother, Dorothy.

Services: 11:00 a.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls.
Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Richardson Funeral Service and for one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **10.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

JUL **11.** 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
718 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
<http://aboutfirst.com>

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Chuck - I'm so sorry to hear about your wife. I'll keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Julie Gowans

Julie Gowans - July 13, 2014 at 05:26 PM

RK

“ I would like to say to the family that I love you all and am always praying to the Lord for your continued strength and that you will find comfort in Him (Christ Jesus) during this difficult time. I first met Debra at Bunger Middle. At that time she was working in the guidance office, and I was working across from her office in the media center. Debra was always fun loving, beautiful, inspirational, as well as encouraging to me and my oldest granddaughter who had her as a counselor at West High. I will always love and appreciate every thing that she has done for myself as well as my family. I will miss her beautiful smile, however when I think of her I will always remember the both of us embracing one another and me telling her thank you for keeping me encouraged as well as assisting with my oldest granddaughter. I had the opportunity to work with Debra at West high and I am so thankful for that. If there is anything in which I can do for you all, please know that I am here for you. Debra had a beautiful heart and God knows this and our Father will leave nothing undone. Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also. God has already gone to prepare a place for Debra. (John 14: 1-3) God bless each of you and We love you dearly. Roxanne Kincaid/family

Roxanne Kincaid - July 11, 2014 at 12:49 PM

SC

“ Dear Chuck and Bindi and family, I am so sorry for the loss of Deb. She was a good neighbor. ANd I have admired your family for your generosity to the young people of our community. She will be missed!

Stephanie Clohesy - July 11, 2014 at 09:01 AM

VH

“ Doc R was like a second mother to me in Waterloo. I went to Waterloo when I was 16 and left when I was 19, throughout those years she taught me so much and helped me grow up. I want to thank her and Chuck for everything they did for me, and everything that they did for every other kid they ever met. It was a blessing to have such a great woman in my life while being away from home, and I will always be thankful for everything she ever did for me.

Vinnie Hinostroza - July 10, 2014 at 05:39 PM

TC

“ The Cammaratas purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Dr. Debra D. Riehle.



The Cammaratas - July 10, 2014 at 04:31 PM

CL

“ Chuck
My sincere sympathy on your Loss to you and the family, I remember all the times when she supported your coaching sophomore baseball in the summer

Charlie & Janie Laipple

Charles Laipple - July 10, 2014 at 03:24 PM

JH

“ *Jim, Carol and Jamie Hill purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Dr. Debra D. Riehle.*



Jim, Carol and Jamie Hill - July 10, 2014 at 11:47 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Debra D. Riehle.*



July 10, 2014 at 11:14 AM

MG

“ *I worked as a student librarian at Wapsie Valley for Mrs. Riehle (as I called her). She was so fun to work with. I still have two Christmas ornaments she gave me with my name written on them. She had such beautiful handwriting and painted her nails with fun colors. I remember her talking about her daughter Bindy often. I will always have fond memories of her and send my deepest sympathy to all of you. I know she touched my life, but now I have heard many more stories of others who she also touched. May your memories be a comfort at this sad time.*

Michelle Iverson Galanits

Michelle Galanits - July 10, 2014 at 11:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dr. Debra D. Riehle.



July 10, 2014 at 10:08 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Dr. Debra D. Riehle.



July 10, 2014 at 09:04 AM



“ *Written in the Stars* was purchased for the family of Dr. Debra D. Riehle.



July 10, 2014 at 07:14 AM



“ *Gary D.* purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Dr. Debra D. Riehle.



Gary D. - July 10, 2014 at 05:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Debra D. Riehle.*



July 09, 2014 at 11:12 PM



“ *We are truly sorry for your loss. We remember fondly all the NU connections we had with your family. The McAdams Family--Tony, Luann, Aaron, Jeremy (Erika) and Jade*

Luann McAdams - July 09, 2014 at 11:05 PM



“ *working with Deb at Bunger Middle School, she loved dolphins and was always smiling and was there for everyone - the entire staff. God bless you, and God bless your family*

Diane Holt - July 09, 2014 at 10:22 PM

BS

“ Debra and I met at Drake University graduate school. I remember our very first day of class as though it were yesterday; Deb was wearing jeans and had a red bandanna wrapped around her blond hair. I thought she looked ridiculous. I was wearing a suit and heels. She thought I looked ridiculous. We became instant friends and that friendship withstood the test of time over many, many years since June, 1983. (I long ago stopped wearing suits and started wearing jeans.) Our little girls, Sarah and Bindy, used to play together. And I also remember when Deb invited me to stand up with her the day she married Chuck -- it was such a great honor. I am attaching a photo of how I will always remember Debra. We had gone to dinner at a Cedar Falls restaurant...I insisted we take this photo...she insisted we did not. I am grateful I have this picture as it is how I will treasure her memory. I will miss you, Deb...your quick wit, your brilliance, and your loving spirit and generosity toward your family and friends. And somewhere, I know you must have a book close at hand.

*In loving remembrance of a treasured friend,
Billie Sucher*



Billie Sucher - July 09, 2014 at 09:41 PM

AL

“ Our prayers and sympathy goes out to Chuck and his family. We are sorry for your loss. We are all in God's hands.

Love, Ms. Grover and Mrs. Gloria Wright-Wilder

Alisha - July 09, 2014 at 08:34 PM

KF

“ I don't know if you will remember me, Chuck, but Deb and I spent lots of time together in the library when she worked at Wapsie Valley. I was an associated for two of the handicapped students and Deb was so helpful to us. She also was the cheerleading coach for my oldest daughter Lisa. I remember meeting you and Bindy. Deb and I spent many hours talking about our families and becoming good friends. I was so saddened to hear of her death. My heart goes out to you and all of your family. May the love and support of your family and friends bring you peace and comfort in the difficult days ahead.
With my deepest sympathy, Kay Frame

Kay Frame - July 09, 2014 at 07:06 PM

MS

“ My deepest condolences to the family at this time of your loss. Dr. R was a wonderful bright light at West High School, a beacon for all of the students she so religiously served during her brief time on this side. My prayers are with you as you walk through this valley experience. We have lost a good and faithful servant, who can never be replaced and will truly be missed.
Marcia Sisk, West High School Success Street Manager

Marcia Sisk - July 09, 2014 at 04:31 PM

RO

“ Chuck and Family,
Sorry for your loss. Deb touched the lives of many. You have our deepest sympathy. Jack and Robin Darland



Robin - July 09, 2014 at 03:25 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Debra D. Riehle.*



July 09, 2014 at 01:03 PM



“ *Deb was a good friend and coworker of mine at Roosevelt and Bunger. We shared many good times and laughter together. My heart is heavy and saddened by her passing. I am thankful to have gotten to know her and will never forget her.*

Dede Fantroy - July 09, 2014 at 09:40 AM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Debra D. Riehle.*



July 09, 2014 at 07:57 AM



“ *Deb was a member of our local chapter, Iota, of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for many years. We are so sorry for your loss.*

Sincerely, Pat Yates, President, Iota Chapter, DKG

Pat Yates - July 08, 2014 at 09:01 PM

LJ

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Deb thur my son Cameron who was traded to the Waterloo Blackhawks in January. I am thankful for the love that you showed Cam and he loved you! You were his favorite billet Mom Dr. R!! You made me feel so welcome when I came to visit and you sure gave a great hug. I am glad that we got to spend Mothers Day together. You will be missed by many but never forgotten. I pray for Chuck and your family may God comfort you in the days to come. Heaven has a new angle and Deb Welcome to Paradise!! May you rest in peace my friend.

Love; Lori Johnson

Lori Johnson - July 08, 2014 at 08:15 PM

LS

“ What a wonderful person. She was there for me at my darkest hour. I will miss her so much. Chuck and Bindy you both have my deepest sympathy. Heven is getting a wonderful angel

lynn stock - July 08, 2014 at 08:02 PM

DT

“ Our deepest sympathy to Chuck and the family. Deb will be missed greatly.

Dale and Ann Thier

Dale Thier - July 08, 2014 at 07:18 PM

SF

“ I walked in with my son to West High School mid semester last fall and he was greeted with a big hug from Dr. R, and at that moment I knew everything would be ok. She was very proud of her Black Hawk players and did a remarkable job of keeping them all on schedule. She kept a close eye on them just like a Mom would and when I would see her at the games I was also greeted with a big hug and some story about Tyler - on more than one occasion she would thank me for sharing Tyler with Waterloo! I will always be thankful to Deb not only the guidance and caring she provided to Tyler last year but to all the players that she touched during her time with the Black Hawks. She will be missed very much. She is an angel in heaven I am sure of that. Thank you Dr. R!



Sheehy Family - July 08, 2014 at 01:05 PM

JE

“ I knew Debra through PET PALS. What a sweet, devoted woman! PET PALS will miss her! Heaven has a new angel!

Janice E. - July 08, 2014 at 11:44 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Debra D. Riehle.



July 07, 2014 at 09:24 PM

JS

“ She was the smartest woman I ever met. I remember her and chucks first hockey game I think they went just so I would stop bothering her to go. They were both instantly hooked. She was so concerned she didn't understand the game she bought a book titled Hockey for Dummies. I have lost on of my best friends and best hockey buddy

Jody stratton - July 07, 2014 at 09:12 PM

TF

“ Bless this woman who out of her own kindness and generosity provided not only shelter for Liam for 2 years while he honed his hockey skills with the Black Hawks and academically assisted him despite his demanding hockey schedules complete his high school diploma, but opened up her heart to him. We are forever grateful for the life example showed Liam. Thank you. May you rest in peace. The Pecararo Family

The Pecararo Family - July 07, 2014 at 07:47 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Debra D. Riehle.



July 07, 2014 at 07:07 PM



“ I remember her when we both got our hips replaced at the same time. We always used to see each other at the hockey games. She was a wonderful and very kind lady. She will be truly missed.

Dennis Johnson - July 07, 2014 at 03:55 PM

TH

“ No better friend has ever been found and words cannot express my grief and sadness to lose such a dear friend/soul sister! My thoughts and prayers are with Chuck, Bindy and their extended family! May you find peace in knowing no better person has gone home to be with our Savior - God Bless You Deb!

Traci Hahn - July 07, 2014 at 02:42 PM

SA

“ Sending all our love and prayers to Chuck, Bindy and the extended family. Deb was dynamic, spunky and brilliant. A talented woman who was special friends with my mom for many many years. Love, Sarah (Sucher) Amerson Charleston, SC

sarah amerson - July 07, 2014 at 01:44 PM

RH

“ Rhonda lit a candle in memory of Dr. Debra D. Riehle



Rhonda - July 07, 2014 at 01:17 PM

RT

Your light will shine on through the many lives you have touched, my friend. Heaven gained a beautiful angel! Rhonda Tiwari

Rhonda Tiwari - July 07, 2014 at 01:49 PM

TF

“ Remembering a dear and treasured friend.
With heartfelt sympathy.
Our love and prayers,
The Sucher Family



The Sucher Family - July 07, 2014 at 12:37 PM

JH

“ Jamie Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr.
Debra D. Riehle



Jamie Hill - July 07, 2014 at 10:53 AM

CH

“ Carol Hill lit a candle in memory of Dr. Debra
D. Riehle



Carol Hill - July 07, 2014 at 10:49 AM

JH

*A fabulous lady with a heart of gold who would help anyone who asked
and will be greatly missed.*

Julie Howland - July 08, 2014 at 04:38 PM