



## Deborah Therese "Debby" Kottenbach

January 12, 1960 - March 21, 2015

Following a year-long battle with cancer, fifty-five year old Yreka resident Deborah 'Debby' Kottenbach passed away on Saturday, March 21, 2015 with her family at her side.

Debby was born on January 12, 1960 in Mariposa, CA, the daughter of Deacon Edward and Theresa Harmon.

Debby's family moved several times while she was young, including spending two years in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where she learned to speak Portuguese, and was a member of the 'Federação de Bandeirantes do Brasil' (Brazilian Girl Scouts).

Debby began working for the US Forest Service in 1984. She worked for the Modoc NF in Alturas, the Klamath NF in Yreka and Etna, and the Eldorado NF in Pollock Pines. In 1998 she again ended up working at the Headquarters for the Klamath National Forest in Yreka, where she worked for the rest of her life. She received numerous awards for her excellent work.

Debby married Frank Kottenbach of Yreka, in Fort Jones, CA in 1991.

For many years, Debby was active in the Catholic Church, singing, teaching and working with the church youth. She enjoyed travelling in Europe, but her

favorite location to visit was Hawaii.

Her hobbies included reading, genealogy, collecting skunk memorabilia, cross-stitch, and sewing. She enjoyed camping at the Oregon coast.

Debby is survived by her husband, Frank; daughter, Brianne; parents Ed III and Theresa; brother, Edward Harmon IV and his wife Heidi; nephew and niece, Derby and Amanda Harmon; and many cousins.

A Rosary and Memorial Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Yreka, on Saturday, March 28. The Rosary will begin at 10:30 am, followed by the Memorial Mass at 11:00. All of Debby's friends are welcome to celebrate her life. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Madrone Hospice in Yreka.

The family wishes to thank everyone in the community that have sent their prayers, meals, and provided other support during Debby's long illness.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAR 28. 10:30 AM (PT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
314 Fourth Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

## Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
314 Fourth Street  
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# Tribute Wall



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