



## Deborah S. Serra

December 15, 1948 - May 18, 2019

Deborah S. Serra, 70, passed away on May 18, 2019 at Berkshire Medical Center with her loving family at her bedside.

Deborah was born on December 15, 1948 in Pittsfield to the union of Peter P. and Helen M. Russo. A 1967 graduate of Pittsfield High School, Deborah later obtained her Associate's Degree from Berkshire Community College and attended Williams College. Deborah worked in a number of different fields but most enjoyed her work in outside sales. She particularly enjoyed working in this capacity for Caligari Supply of Lenox.

Deborah's first priority was the love of her husband Leon and her family. A skilled ballerina in her youth, she competed for and was accepted to the Juilliard School of Ballet in New York City. For reasons beyond her control, she was not able to attend. Deborah loved to garden and cook. She was also a skilled herbalist and regularly helped family and friends with natural remedies. She and Leon enjoyed greatly their annual summer vacations on the coast of Maine. One of her greatest pleasures was hosting an annual Christmas party in her elegant home for the Russo and Serra families.

Deborah was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Charles Gattuso. She leaves behind Leon, her husband of 37 years, of Pittsfield; her daughter, Marieke Marshall of Charlotte, North Carolina; her granddaughter, Sierrah Marshall of Reno, Nevada; her brother, Peter P. Russo, Jr. and his wife Annmarie of Concord, New Hampshire; her sister, Terri Barnaby and her husband Tim of Lanesborough; her sister, Antonia Comer of South Bend,

Indiana; her stepson, Chris Serra and his wife Melissa of Appleton Wisconsin; her stepson, Matthew Serra and his wife Czarina of Jacksonville Florida; her grandchildren Julia, Joe, Sophia, Ben and Adam Serra; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Serra will be Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 12 p.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, with the Rev. Peter Naranjo, officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home will precede the service on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Make a Wish Foundation in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201 in his memory. Please visit [www.dwyerfuneral.com](http://www.dwyerfuneral.com) to leave condolences and remembrances.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 23.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home  
776 North Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Debbie was like a sister to me, always full of joy and life She will be missed dearly. God Bless Annie*

annie bennett - May 22, 2019 at 10:08 PM

MS

“ *Debby was my childhood friend (we lived next door to each other.) Her love of ballet got me interested and we ended up taking lessons at the same dance school. We drifted apart after 10th grade, but I always liked her and hoped she was happy in her adult life. It sounds like she had a rich and fulfilling life. We ran into each other at the gym a few years ago and it was so good to talk with her a few times. I am very sorry that she is no longer with us. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Mary-Jane (Ryba) Sackett*

Mary-Jane Sackett - May 22, 2019 at 04:15 PM

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*My sincerest condolences to the Serra and Russo families. Debbie and I were good friends in high school. I remember she was a sweet, beautiful girl with a happy personality, and she loved her ballet. Rest In Peace, Debbie.*

Carol Travers Hoyda

Carol Travers Hoyda - May 24, 2019 at 09:17 AM

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“ *Amy Fennelly lit a candle in memory of Deborah S. Serra*



Amy fennelly - May 22, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah S. Serra.* ”



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May 21, 2019 at 02:46 PM