



## Deborah "Debbie" Shumate Cifers

February 11, 1954 - May 23, 2026

Deborah "Debbie" Shumate Cifers, 72, of Danville passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at Riverside Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Danville on February 11, 1954, she was the daughter of the late Glynn Odell Shumate, Sr. and Barbara Ann Carter Shumate.

On June 17, 1973, Debbie married James Henry Cifers, who survives.

Debbie owned and operated Carter's Restaurant for many years. She was a member of Fairview Church.

In addition to her husband, James, Debbie is survived by her son, James "Jim" Cifers, Jr., and wife, Bobbie Jo; 2 grandsons, Jacob Redman and Benjamin Scott; two sisters, Belinda Gayle Martin, and husband, Danny and Carolyn Carter Westrick and one brother, Glynn Odell Shumate, Jr.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Steven Lee Shumate.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes, Westover Chapel.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes, Westover Chapel with Reverend Mike Wiles officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park.

Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes, Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Cifers family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel  
5858 Riverside Drive  
Danville, VA 24541  
(434) 793-5511  
info@wrenn-yeatts.com  
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

## Funeral Service

MAY 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

MAY 28 (ET)

Highland Burial Park  
1658 Piney Forest Road  
Danville, Va

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ Mrs Debbie was a very special lady .she had a heart of gold so sorry to here this RIP you will be missed

Angie clifton - May 28 at 02:43 PM

LR

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of sweet Debbie. She was always so sweet and never met a stranger.  
Prayers for all of her family, especially Belinda who I remember so fondly from school. ❤️🙏

Linda Sue Reese - May 28 at 10:13 AM

RW

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Debbie. She was a caring and loving person. My heart goes out to the family. Sending prayers. And hugs to all



Rebecca Walker - May 26 at 02:28 PM

PW

“ For Debbie's family. Debbie's was a dear friend to our family. I cannot believe she is gone. I had 2 strokes about 2 years ago. The doctor thought I would not make it but the lord saw different. Thank you lord for giving me more time to spend with my family and friends. I love you debbie and I will never forget you and your sweet family.

Phyllis and pee wee wentz - May 25 at 03:43 PM

CB

“ Praying for James , Jim, Bobbie Jo , Jacob and Benjamin

Christie Brunswick - May 25 at 11:40 AM

SS

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Debbie....My prayers for her family and friends. She was such a sweet soul and I know that she will be greatly missed..

Sandy Swaringen - May 25 at 02:59 PM

SH

“ Sending love and prayers for the family. Debbie was a Rock Star here on this earth. Her sweet smile will be missed.

Sis Hyler - May 25 at 08:46 AM

RB

“ James i am so very sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family!

Ronnie Barksdale - May 24 at 10:30 PM

DB

“ Prayers for the family. Sorry for your loss.



Danny and Brenda Burnett - May 24 at 10:19 AM

RP

Prayers for the family

Ricky Pruitt - May 24 at 12:52 PM

BA

*James and family, I'm sorry for the passing of your wife. Prayers for you and your family.*

**Bobby Adams** - May 26 at 08:26 PM

DJ

“ *James, I'm sending prayers for peace and comfort to you and Jim; and to Belinda, Glynn Jr, and Carolyn; and especially Debbie's "grandbabies" that she loved so much. Debbie always thought of others. She was truly a giving person. Debbie and I were always thick-as-thieves bestie cousins, so those memories will always be close and very dear to me. She will be missed so much.*

**Debby Wilson Johnson** - May 24 at 09:05 AM



*Worked with Debbie at J C Pennies. Loved her so much. Went to work for her at the restaurant for awhile. She was loved by so many. Prayers for the family 🙏. She was a special lady. Debbie will be missed so much. Love Linda Douglas.*

**Linda Douglas** - May 24 at 03:16 PM

JD

*Sincere condolences & Prayers for comfort for all the family.*

**Janice Durham** - May 25 at 12:57 PM

LB

“ *Sending our love and prayers.....Lucy & Bo*

**Lucy G. Barringer** - May 24 at 08:22 AM

DB

“ Such a loss to all who knew and loved Debbie. She was an angel on Earth and now one in Heaven!  
May she look over her family and friends to guide them through her absence. May God heal your broken hearts 💔  
Diane Burch

Diane Burch - May 24 at 07:38 AM

PP

“ James, my Deepest Condolences for your loss of Debbie. Keeping your family and friends in prayers 🙏🙏🙏🙏.

Peggy Parsons - May 24 at 07:24 AM

CS

“ James and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I've known Debbie since we were children and she was always someone that I looked up to.  
Prayers for comfort and peace in the days ahead.



Cathy Stratton - May 23 at 09:10 PM

LT

I am so sorry for your loss. She was a sweetheart. I bet her and Stuart are having a time in heaven. Yall are in my thoughts and prayers. Lisa Taylor

Lisa Taylor - May 23 at 09:37 PM

RF

James and family, I am devastated to hear about Debbie's passing. Praying for you and family. 🙏

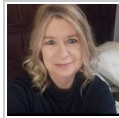
Ray Barber and family - May 23 at 10:20 PM



*I miss seeing her at Rubens from time to time. I have known her since school days and we knew we were related but didn't know how. Everyone we met she would say "hello beautiful" and I would say "hello gorgeous". I hope she is so happy and pain free and praising our Lord. Hope to see you soon, my friend.*

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**Rosemary Bennett** - May 23 at 11:16 PM



*I am so sorry for your loss! I knew Debbie from years ago. She was a sweet person and I always enjoyed talking with her. Praying for you and your entire family 🙏*

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**Betty Mims** - May 24 at 07:13 AM

BM

*I am SO SORRY to hear this sad news. I NEVER saw Debbie when she didn't have a smile. Heaven sure got an ANGEL. I know Debbie will be missed. Prayers for the family 🙏*

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**Barbara McCarty** - May 24 at 09:26 AM

DC

*So sorry to hear this about Debbie! She always had a smile on her face & never met a stranger! Heaven definitely gained an Angel! RIP Beautiful Soul! May your Journey be Glorious! Fly High with the Angels! ❤️*

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**Danny Caldwell** - May 24 at 09:52 AM

JS

*Our thoughts & continued prayers are with all the family. John & I are very sorry for your loss. May God give each of you peace & comfort. Debbie was a true blessing to me & to many others. She was a beautiful, sweet & caring friend! I loved her beautiful smile, her laugh, our talks, the fun times & her funny expressions that always made me laugh! She will surely be missed. I am very thankful for our friendship over the years. Debbie, this is not goodbye but I will see you later Shug!! I love you! ❤️ 🙏 🌹*

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**John & Teresa Sherrill** - May 24 at 07:11 PM