



ANDREWS, Debra
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With profound sadness, the family of Dr. Debbi Andrews announce her unexpected death on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at the age of 66.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Debbi was the daughter of the late Basil and Julia Andrews. She is lovingly remembered by her devoted husband of 37 years, David Laughton; children: Donell (Ashley), Stephen (Mijung) and Sara (Chris); grandchildren, Sawyer and Tennyson; brothers: William (Laurie) and Thomas (Peggy); brothers- and sisters-in-law: Mary Frances, Brian, Muriel, Keith and Linda as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

An MD from the Harvard Medical School, Debbi came with her Canadian husband to Edmonton in 1987 as one of the first developmental pediatricians in Canada and the first in Northern Alberta. She devoted her career to alleviating the shortages that exist in medical resources available to support children with developmental and emotional-behavioral differences and their families. She provided leadership for the creation of innovative clinical programs based in Edmonton, and of new local and countrywide educational programs in developmental pediatrics at all stages of a physician's career. Considered by her colleagues to be a superb clinician and medical educator, she was recognized in 2019 by the Canadian Pediatric Society with a Life Membership for "outstanding work in the areas of developmental disabilities and child mental health".

There will be a memorial service this fall at St Peter's Anglican Church, we hope after travel restrictions from the USA are lifted. To place yourself on the list to receive information as it becomes available, please send an email to memorial.service@debbiandrews.ca

In the meantime, memories of, or thoughts about, Debbi may be posted using instructions at the memorial website debbiandrews.ca

Her family, friends and colleagues are in the process of establishing the Dr. Debbi Andrews Memorial Fund to support medical education in developmental pediatrics. For more information, please consult her memorial website.