



## Traci L. Derr

February 5, 2026

Traci L. Derr, also known as Ma, Mimi or Aunt Traci to many, passed away unexpectedly at her Mount Joy home on February 5, 2026. She was the daughter to the late John “Jack” Kirchner Jr., who died serving his country during the Vietnam War, and Marlene (Rudes) Kirchner. She was preceded in death by her brother Kerick. Traci was the loving wife of Matt D. Derr and devoted mother to Brittini Delp and son-in-law Kyle Delp. She is also survived by her two grandchildren; Brayden and Addison who were the light of her world. Traci was a 1980 graduate of Hempfield High School and then continued her education at Empire Beauty School studying Cosmetology. She spent years off and on working at local salons, most recently at Design’s on Main in Mount Joy where she built many personal relationships. However, most of her career and life she was the go-to-stylist for friends and family. Traci devoted herself to friends and family by spending her time caring for and babysitting her close friends’ and families’ children. She developed a special place in her heart for all her nieces and nephews. When her two grandchildren were born, she devoted herself to helping care for and being a constant presence in their lives-being sure to spoil and love them and show up to as many of their sporting events as she could.

Traci found great joy in the relationships she had with her family. She was her daughter’s number one cheerleader and, for 22 years, was happily married to the love of her life, Matt. Together, Traci and Matt, shared an immense love of the ocean, their cats, and their grandchildren. Matt and Traci were inseparable. Their love for each other was felt by everyone around them. The Outer Banks was her happy place and she had so many wonderful times there with her family. She will be fondly remembered by all the lives she has touched and standing over an oceanside balcony watching over all the people she loved.

In keeping with Traci’s wishes, there will be no traditional services. However, there will be a Celebration of Life for friends and family to gather together and share laughs and memories. This will be held on Friday, February 20th from 5-8 at the Columbia American Legion. 329 Chestnut St Columbia, Pa 17512.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

American Legion- Columbia  
329 Chestnut St  
Columbia, PA 17512

# Tribute Wall

GI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Georgette Iannuzzi - February 14 at 08:07 PM

JW

“ I was so very sorry to hear about the loss of Traci. Even though it has been years since we last saw each other, I have such fond memories of her and the special place she held in our lives. She cared for Eric & Elyssa with so much love, and those days — along with the laughter, hairdos, and conversations — are memories I will always treasure. She truly felt like part of our family, and she will never be forgotten. Please know your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Julie Hoover Woodruff - February 14 at 08:17 AM

CM

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Celeste March - February 13 at 05:45 PM

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Celeste March - February 13 at 02:14 PM

MD

“ To my love, I'm at a total loss of words right now you were truly the love and soul mate for life. My life is lost right now my love but with everyone's love and support I'm hoping to get through this.



Matt Derr - February 13 at 09:02 AM

SP

“ My deepest sympathies to Traci's family. She went to school with my sister and did my father and my hair years ago.  
Sharon (Warmkessel) Presto

Sharon Rae Presto - February 11 at 04:38 PM

JD

“ "Someone I loved once gave me a box full of darkness.  
It took me years to understand that this, too, was a gift."  
Mary Oliver, *The Uses of Sorrow*.

*I am, right now, cherishing every memory to secure that part of me that was influenced by you. I am a better person because of you, Traci, who taught me to search through the many perspectives of a thing before passing judgment. Your love for family, and devotion to their comfort and happiness is your monument. You are forever in my imagination.*

jan derr - February 11 at 02:05 PM

MP

“ Omg so hard to believe you are not here with us I miss you my friend 🥺  
condolences to your family this is so overwhelming Love & will miss you!! 💕🙏

Michele Parks - February 11 at 12:58 PM

KD

“ Traci, you were the best of the best! Our first time meeting and joking about both having the last name of “Derr”. You and Matt were inseparable. You had an endearing love for your daughter. Your grandchildren were your life. You had an opinion about everything and you were usually right! Our conversations were electrifying sometimes, and that was when we agreed. You were a lover and a fighter for what you believed in, and a true friend. I will miss you terribly, and love you forever!

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**Kathy Derr** - February 11 at 03:49 AM

WB

“ Traci, we had a lot of great times and good memories, one of the best was the birth of our child Brittni. You were an awesome mother and grandmother you will be greatly missed. May God bless your soul.  
To Brittni, Brayden, Addison, Matt and all those that knew and loved Traci, may God provide comfort and peace in this time of grief.

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**Walter Buckius** - February 10 at 02:44 PM