



Rebecca Lynn Beard

June 21, 1974 - July 13, 2025

Rebecca Lynn Beard, of Provo, Utah, passed away peacefully July 13, 2025, after a yearlong battle with cancer. Rebecca was born June 21, 1974, to Michael and Lois Thorne.

Rebecca was a loving and kind wife, stepmother, sister, aunt and friend. She always had a smile on her face and was, at all times, willing to listen to anyone in need. Her tireless compassion for others was one of her greatest attributes. Rebecca loved gardening, plants, cooking and entertaining. She attended the University of Missouri where she earned a bachelor's degree. Rebecca worked as the Director of Data Center Operations at DC Blox.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband, Jim Beard of 23 years, her sisters Sherry, Amanda, and Jessie, her brother, Josh, five nieces and two nephews as well as her stepsons, Aaron, Cameron and Hunter. She will be missed by many and loved forever.

Services to honor Rebecca will be held at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 2pm. Her family will receive guests for one hour prior to service time. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the charity of your choice in her memory.

Previous Events

Family will receive friends

AUG 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale
Gardendale, AL 35071

Memorial Service

AUG 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

IS

“ I had the privilege of working with Rebecca at CHS. Her warm smile and joyful laughter could light up any room. She will be dearly missed. My heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones.

Ida Smith - August 09, 2025 at 08:11 PM

JR

“ My deepest condolences on your loss. I had the pleasure of getting to know Rebecca through her role at DC BLOX. She was a welcoming face at the data center and patiently helped us in so many ways. She was a trusted peer and shared her experience freely. Beyond that she was always a joy to be around. I will miss her dearly.

John-Paul Robinson
UAB Research Computing

John-Paul Robinson - August 09, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rebecca Lynn Beard.

August 09, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rebecca Lynn Beard.



August 09, 2025 at 09:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rebecca Lynn Beard.*



August 08, 2025 at 11:41 AM

JW

“ *The world lost one of the best in Rebecca Beard last month. I have been trying to find the words, and it has been tough. Rebecca was one of the hardest-working, caring, and kindest souls you could ever meet. She lost a year-long battle with cancer, but she truly battled to the last week of her life. I am so glad that I had the pleasure of knowing her and being so very close to her. She worked for me for over 10 years, but often it felt like I worked for her! She was so bright and so strong. Truly the best employee any company could ask for!*

The picture shows who was boss here; this was taken toward the end of our Birmingham Data Center data hall 2 upgrade and buildout, when she was still healthy and the cancer had not yet been discovered. A force to reckon with!

hashtag#dcblox was amazing throughout her entire ordeal. She could not have worked for a better company during her battle. I am going to skip the details of how much the company did for her, but man, it was nothing short of amazing. Jeff Uphues, the executive leadership team, her colleagues, and even the board at this company played a vital role in her last year. Rebecca's husband and I will be forever grateful for their grace during her battle.

Below is a well-worded communication that our CEO, Jeff Uphues, sent out after her passing. These words are as true as the day is long. I did have to remove one paragraph due to the character limit on LinkedIn.

"Dear DC BLOX Team,

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that I share the heartbreaking news that our dear colleague and friend, Rebecca Beard, passed away this morning.

Rebecca served as our Director of Edge Data Centers, was a key member of our team for the past four years and was truly a shining

star within DC BLOX. Her dedication, extraordinary work ethic, vibrant personality, and strong leadership helped shape the company we are today. She consistently led by example and inspired those around her with her fierce commitment her team and for our customers.

She was recently honored with the first-ever DC BLOX Capstone Award, given to the individual who best embodies our core values of Trust, Teamwork, Tenacity, and Transparency. No one deserved it more. Through her leadership, she lifted those around her and exemplified the very best of who we are.

Even during her battle, Rebecca's dedication never wavered. She showed up every day with strength and grace, never allowing her health challenges to define her or diminish her passion for serving customers and supporting her team. Her resilience was nothing short of heroic.

Rebecca truly loved DC BLOX, her teammates, and the work we do together. She considered her time here the pinnacle of her career, and we are so grateful to have been a part of her incredible journey. Her passing deeply saddens all of us, especially the team at the Birmingham data center, where she was based and where her presence will be profoundly missed.

Thank you all for being a source of strength and support for Rebecca. Through her, we became better people, better leaders, and a better company.

Rest in peace, dear Rebecca. You will forever be in our hearts.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Jeff Uphues"

*With all the love in me, we will miss you and never forget you,
Rebecca Beard!!!*

Jeff Williams



Jeff Williams - August 08, 2025 at 11:06 AM

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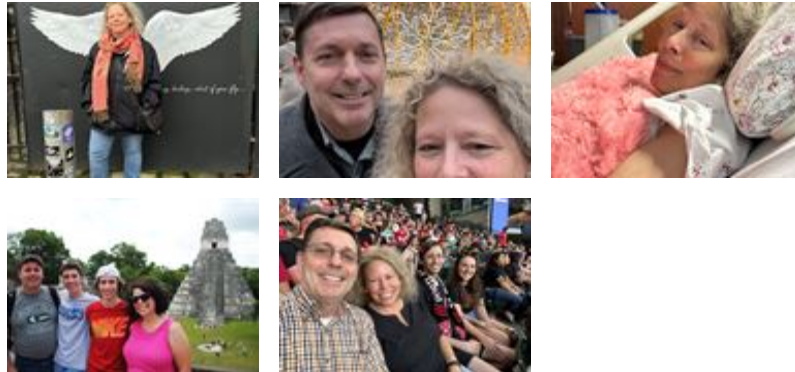
“ *Tristan Pisacane/Mark Payne (B&G) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rebecca Lynn Beard.*



Tristan Pisacane/Mark Payne (B&G) - July 28, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home - July 28, 2025 at 12:49 PM

JW

I love the pictures, Jim and Fam!

Jeff Williams - August 08, 2025 at 11:07 AM

SD

“ Sara Williams from Illusions Hair Design purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Rebecca Lynn Beard.



Sara Williams from Illusions Hair Design - July 25, 2025 at 12:26 PM

JG

“ It was our great pleasure to meet Rebecca and Jim on our Russian river cruise. We very quickly connected with these two adventurous and generous travelling companions who became highly valued friends. Rebecca was both interested and interesting, obviously highly intelligent but also very caring and great fun. We were supposed to travel with them again ... sadly not to be. Our hearts ache for you Jimjimavitch and all who loved her. Love from your Aussie friends. Vale Rebecca 🌹

Jen Grant - July 22, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rebecca Lynn Beard.



July 21, 2025 at 10:19 PM

BH

“ Rebecca was one of the most beautiful people I have ever met, inside and out! I only knew her a couple of years but she certainly touched my life and I grew to love her. I’m so sad but so happy that she was part of my life,

Betty Howell - July 19, 2025 at 09:31 PM

SW

“ My name is Shamra Winford and I want to share a couple of memories I have of Rebecca Beard. Rebecca and I worked together at CHS and I really came to know her when we were newly promoted to management roles. What I discovered is that she was so full of life, fun, and very smart! IT and so much! A bright person, yes, that is Rebecca. What some may not have seen is her uncanny ability to sense when you were stressed and her positive energy to lift you up. While we were both in new roles, it was overwhelming at times. To lift me up, I would see her walking down the hallway (while no one was looking) and she would raise her hands above her head, wiggle them back and forth, and do this goofy dance while walking down the hallway, at work. The only answer was to laugh! She helped bring me out of my shell a bit and learn how to have fun while in a new role. I started doing the dance back when I would see her (if no one was watching LOL). Sometimes we got busted – “what are you two up to? Nothing! Just having fun in the hallway!” and many more memories. She was all about building relationships and building up people, individuals and teams. The team she led admired her, CHS peeps loved her. She is a bright light taken way too soon. Rest in Peace, Rebecca Lynn Beard.

Shamra Winford - July 16, 2025 at 08:51 PM