



Debra Lynn Ginsburg (1955-2006) A Very Special Life



FEATURE

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Debie Ginsburg, who turned her passion for horses into a successful writing career for the *California Thoroughbred* magazine, died at St. Agnes Hospital in Fresno on June 30, 2006, after a relatively short illness. She was 51.

Debie was born in Fresno on April 11, 1955, and was raised in this Central Valley city. She rode horses as a child at Ram Tap Stables, owned three horses and was introduced to *California Thoroughbred* when given a subscription to it by her grandparents.

major California-bred runner, as well as leading breeders and farms throughout the state. She became a familiar face at local auctions and worked tirelessly in support of the CTBA and the state's racing industry.

In a recent note to the CTBA, Ginsburg's mother, Myrna, wrote, "This truly was a lifelong dream of hers to work with this organization, and as she shared with us, 'My grandparents were looking down from heaven to get me this job, because they are the ones who introduced me to the magazine.'

"As you know, this job provided her with many opportunities.



Debie graduated from Bullard High School in Fresno during 1973, and then both received an English degree at the University of Pacific and a Masters in journalism at San Diego State, beginning her career in the media office of the Los Angeles County Fair.

She joined the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association's official publication in October of 1985, and had her work published for the first time in the magazine's November 1985 issue. She continued writing through April this year, with her final articles included in the May 2006 issue.

Over the past two decades, Debie chronicled almost every

She realized her dreams, overcame her challenges and was rewarded through the ability to meet with many interesting people across the county. I am very humbled from the amount of e-mail, mail and calls we received from those people she met, interviewed, wrote about and touched."

Debie Ginsburg, who is survived by her parents Brian and Myrna, her brother David and her sister Suzi, was laid to rest at Fresno's Chapel of Light on July 3, and she requested that remembrances be made to the Christopher Reeve Foundation and American Cancer Society.

