

## **Deborah Lea Glenn**

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Deborah Lea Glenn was born to Peyton E. and Leah S. Glenn on March 8, 1975 in Portsmouth, Virginia. She was the youngest of three children. She grew up in Portsmouth and graduated from Manor High School in 1993. After graduation, she left Portsmouth to attend James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Debbie received her Bachelor's degree in Biology from JMU in 1997. After graduation, she moved to Beverly, Kentucky and spent a year as a Community Outreach Volunteer at Red Bird Mission. Upon return to Virginia in 1998, she worked as a laboratory technician in the Plant Pathology Lab at the Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Suffolk, Virginia. In spring of 1999, she enrolled in the graduate program in the Plant Pathology, Physiology, and Weed Science Department at Virginia Tech. Debbie completed her Master of Science degree in May 2001 under the direction of Drs. Phipps and Stipes.