



Denise Lorraine Stovall

September 7, 2024

Denise Lorraine Stovall, born on February 25, 1951, to Francis and Hazel Kearns in Bronx County, New York, passed away September 7, 2024 in Surprise, Arizona. She attended Mount Carmel Catholic School for her primary education at Walton High School in the Bronx before relocating to Hacienda Heights, California, in 1967. Denise continued her education at Wilson High School, graduating in 1969.

In 1972, Denise married John Gonzalez and had two daughters, Andrea and Angela. She also embraced the role of mother to John's sons, John and Christopher. The marriage ended in divorce in 1982. In 1986, Denise rekindled a friendship with Wayne Stovall, whom she had known since she was thirteen. They married in 1987 and lived in California until Wayne's retirement from Amtrak in 2012. Wayne, who also served with the LA Police Department, retired in 1996.

In 2021, Denise and Wayne relocated to Surprise, Arizona, where they lived until her passing. Denise is survived by her devoted husband Wayne, her sons John, Christopher, and Jason, her daughters Stephanie, Andrea, Jennifer, and Angela, and her three grandchildren, Sebastian, James, and Jadelynn and her brother Raymond Kearns. She is preceded in death by her parents and her fifteen siblings.

Denise will be deeply missed by her family and friends. Her legacy of love and warmth will be cherished by all who knew her.

Tribute Wall

BC

“ Aunt Dee, Your absence leaves a void that can never be filled. Thank you for your unwavering love and support. You were a beacon of light in our lives, and your kindness will forever be cherished. Rest in peace. Love always, Your niece Britney

Britney Stovall Chamberlin - September 29, 2024 at 12:07 AM

SE

“ It was always wonderful to hear Denise laugh. Her laughter filled every campground we were at with her. She had the greatest smile and shared it with everyone. She brought a special light into the world. Sandy & Phil Emerson

Sandy & Phil Emerson - September 16, 2024 at 03:04 PM

LE

“ I love you so much DeeDee. I'll miss you more than anything. I hope you're at peace now. You were the light in the darkness n u brought smiles to everyone when u walked in any room. John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." Your legacy will forever live on, you'll never be forgotten. Say hi to my grandma for me, love you always💕

Leah - September 15, 2024 at 02:56 PM

DP

“ Rest in Peace Denise! You were obviously loved dearly by Wayne and your family . 🙏

David Poces - September 14, 2024 at 06:43 PM

RU

“ I should be grateful for all the extra time i got to spend with you. Waking up and having coffee in the garage . We solved all the worlds problems over a cup of coffee. You would make the most amazing breakfast while U Dub slept til 10. Then our afternoon backgammon game with a beer n lays potato chips and Id whoop your butt every time. Ending the day with one of U Dubs awesome dinners. I will treasure those memories forever but I feel shorted you were taken way too fast. Im not ready to let you go yet, I want more time with you! You were simply the best, I will miss you every single day. Rest in peace my beautiful Aunt, you are so missed. I love you!

Russ - September 13, 2024 at 07:43 PM

ML

“ Denise had such a way about her that had you laughing in no time flat. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Rest In Peace my friend.

Maria and Udo Lange - September 13, 2024 at 06:42 PM

MS

“ May God wrap His arms around you Wayne and your family as you face a life with out Denise. Denise had a laugh that lightened a room or at times a campfire. She welcomed all to her home be it the RV or it was a stick and brick home with a smile and love. May all of you find comfort in your memories of her and knowing that many send you friendship and love as you face life without her.

Mike and Diana Smith - September 13, 2024 at 03:38 PM

SG

“ Denise, I was introduced to your life as an unexpected surprise and you welcomed me with open arms. Always loving and caring and never judging. You were the best example of a loving wife and mother to the family. I'm sorry we didn't have more time but know we will meet again. I will miss your sassy, spunky sense of humor the most. Thank you for sharing your love and memories! Rest in paradise and keep the wine cold for me!💕💕

Stephanie Greving - September 12, 2024 at 09:45 PM

ST

“ My dear Denise, I can't believe I won't see you again in this lifetime. Joe and I loved being your friends. There isn't anything we wouldn't do for you and Wayne. You embraced us with love and laughter and always made us feel welcome in your life. What a joy it was to be invited to your family celebrations. Sometimes we were the only "friends" there! My heart broke when we lost Darlene, but now losing you is 100% worse. I think of you, I miss you, and then I cry. I'm grateful for knowing you and I will always miss you. 💕💕 Sue

Sue Tursi - September 12, 2024 at 08:32 PM

JE

“ Mom, As I search for all the words I want to express, they have escaped me. Thank you for being my "Mom in Reserve". You pulled me from darkness more than once with your beautiful and brilliant light. The world seems a lot dimmer without you in it. You were the best Grandmother and you are truly missed by James and Jadelynn. We will do our best as a unit to carry your impacting light till we meet again at those pearly gates. Till then, shake the heavens with those parties. We love and miss you! Jennie

Jennie - September 12, 2024 at 06:47 PM

LW

“ *Such a beautiful life ended too soon. Denise was such a kind, caring person. It was so obvious that she and Wayne had a special love and enjoyed being with each other and doing things together. That in itself is such a blessing. I'm sure Denise is at peace now and I pray for peace for all those who loved Denise. May God bless you all.*

Linda and Ed Wetter - September 12, 2024 at 06:39 PM

CA

“ *Denise I've known you since NY you and Wayne were first loves you we'r just here never knowing it would have been the last time I would see you . May God keep you in his care rest in peace love you Carol. Mom and Frankie*

Carol - September 12, 2024 at 06:23 PM

NC

“ *Denise truly had a unique light about her. If you were lucky enough to call her your friend – you had the most loyal, funny and true friendship ever. We were one of the lucky ones. We will miss her greatly. Sending our deepest condolences to Wayne and the family. RIP Denise Love Norma & Jeff Collopy*

Norma Colloy - September 12, 2024 at 06:15 PM

PS

“ *Rest in Peace Denise. Your passing has left a void in the hearts of those who love you.*

Patricia Stovall - September 12, 2024 at 06:10 PM

RH

“ Will miss you Valerie and I .Loved you alot. Rest in peace with God You'll never be forgotten..Your in our hearts. Forever. Bob and Valerie Hays

Robert Hays - September 12, 2024 at 06:03 PM

JS

“ Mom you were the bedrock and light of our amazing family.A few days ago I learned we had lost you and my heart is broken into a million pieces and my soul a little more empty. I am struggling to find the right words but I will try.You have helped to mold me into the man I am today and I will forever be grateful for the lessons, love and laughter you have shared with me.I can still hear your laughter, see your beautiful smile and feel your never ending love filled hugs. I will miss you dearly! May you rest in eternal peace, wrapped in the warmth of our never ending love for you.

Jason Stovall - September 12, 2024 at 05:59 PM

NC

“ Denise knew the art of making friends and loving and loyalty to her friends. She was truly a light and fun spirit. We will miss her smile, her amazing laugh but most of all her true friendship. RIP sweet Denise. ❤️

Norma & Jeff Collopy - September 12, 2024 at 05:50 PM

LE

“ While heaven gains another star, our world dims.Thank you, Auntie, for everything you did for us – loved us, raised us, made us who we are. I'm heartbroken...I will love and miss you every day!Until we meet again... say hit to the rest of the Magnificent Seven!Lala

Laura Escarcega - September 12, 2024 at 05:29 PM

JS

“ My heart is broken. I can still hear your contagious laugh. Thank you for always being so kind and supportive to me. You treated me like a daughter from the first time we met. It seems like yesterday you were here at our wedding and now you're gone. Your wisdom and advice echo in my thoughts. I will miss you. We will miss you. Please say Hi to Darlene for me. Its not goodbye, its until we meet again. Love you.

Joy Stovall - September 12, 2024 at 05:27 PM

JS

“ My heart is broken! I can still hear your contagious laugh. You were just here for our wedding, what seems like yesterday, and now you're gone. Thank you for always being so kind and supportive. You made me feel like your daughter from the first time we met. Say Hi to Darlene for me. Its not goodbye, its Until we meet again...

Joy Stovall - September 12, 2024 at 05:18 PM

MD

“ Denise.....your love of family inspired me when I visited you & Wayne several years ago. God Bless you & now you know that every tear is wiped away in Paradise.

Michael DeJoseph - September 12, 2024 at 04:57 PM

GC

“ We loved Denise. When ever I went to visit Wayne, my girls wanted to come and visit Denise. Denise was always welcoming to my family. She made everyone feel so comfortable. Denise, you'll always be in our thoughts and will be missed very much.

Gilbert Cenicerros - September 12, 2024 at 04:46 PM

JO

“Denise, you were a very nice person and good friend you will be missed. May your cross over into God's arms be a peaceful one and a blessed one...travel well...Joe and Sue O'Rourke

Joe orourke - September 12, 2024 at 04:40 PM

CS

“Aunt Dee.Cam and I love you so much.I remember flying from NJ to PHX to your wedding like It was yesterday.I'll miss your laugh and warm embrace.I hope your with all the people you want to see until we all meet again.Love Your nephews,Christopher and Cameron

Christopher Solano - September 12, 2024 at 04:29 PM

WS

“You were my loving wife, best friend, best supporter, loving mother and I will forever miss you until we meet again. God took you from me far too quickly and I am constantly looking for you. Denise, I have loved you during the entire time I have known you, I love you now and will always love you.

Wayne Stovall - September 12, 2024 at 04:12 PM