



## Denise Lou Desmarais

June 20, 1955 - October 19, 2023

In loving Memory of Denise Desmarais

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With heavy hearts, we bid farewell to a remarkable woman, Denise L. Desmarais who passed away on October 19, 2023, following a courageous battle against Ovarian cancer. She was a true fighter, embodying the spirit of her beloved Detroit Red Wings, a team she cherished and supported with unwavering loyalty.

Denise was a devoted mom and a loving grandma, and her face would light up with joy at the mere mention of her family and grandkids. Her love for her family was a beacon in her life, and she took immense pride in watching her loved ones grow and thrive.

Beyond her devotion to her family and her beloved Red Wings, Denise was a proud patriot who had a deep love for her country. She held the values of freedom and unity close to her heart and showed unwavering support for her nation and constitution.

Her zest for life extended beyond her family and sports, as Denise was an avid lover of sailing, darts and her annual girl's canoe trips. She enjoyed the

competitive sprit and camaraderie that came with those adventures. She also was a fantastic seamstress. She was also a proud member of Ronnie's Angels, and Dedicated Friends Forever (affectionately known as DFF).

Denise touched the lives of all who knew her with her strength, kindness and vibrant fighter spirit. Her memory will forever remain in our hearts, and we will cherish the legacy of love, resilience and patriotism she leaves behind,

She is survived by her loving children, Richard (Theresa) Collins, Steven (Michelle) Collins, Sunshine Collins (Ryan Sharrock); grandchildren Natalie (Gregory) Iacobelli, Noelle (Jackson) Roberts, Luke Collins, Hunter Collins and Jack Collins; sister Rose (Brad) Fulker and countless friends who were fortunate enough to know her,

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition ([give.orvarian.org](http://give.orvarian.org)), a cause close to Denise's heart.

A celebration of Denise's life will be held at Wasik Funeral Home, located at 35259 23 Mile Rd in New Baltimore, MI 48047. Immediate family will be welcomed on Sunday October 22 at 1 pm. All other guests and extended family are welcome from 2 pm – 8 pm. The final viewing will be at the funeral home on Monday October 23 from 2 -4 pm with service commencing at 4 pm. Wake to follow at North Star Sail Club located at 32041 South River Rd, Harrison Twp, MI 48045.

Please join us to honor the memory of this extraordinary woman and share stories of her life.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

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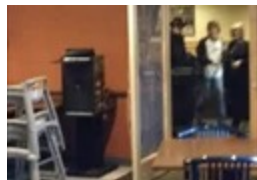
“ I'm so very sorry to hear of the passing of Denise. Although we never met in person, we have been chatting online for over a decade. We both loved the Red Wings and will always share that in common. She was a beautiful and caring Human Being, and, I will miss her.....I know she walks with Jesus.....Rest in Peace, Denise.....”



Terri Frazier - October 26, 2023 at 11:04 PM

ES

“ I had to go wayyy back through my Facebook for these memories. I met Denise at a BoN event with my late husband. We joined the club she was in and a fast friendship formed. I will miss hearing, "Kiddo" & our talks when we could catch up. The photo quality is terrible but my heart broke when she first was diagnosed so I arranged with all of our biker friends a little get together and patches made. She is so missed already. Sending love to her family and friends. ❤️”



Elizabeth Sheahan - October 25, 2023 at 12:55 PM

DM

“ Growing up in the 70's, I thought my "older" cousin was so cool--- I wanted to be just like her! Through the years, every family get-together was even better when Denise was there. You just knew she LOVED FAMILY. This was never more true than when she took our beautiful grandma's maiden name as her own. It was perfect. I will miss her.

*Dawn Morris*

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**Dawn Morris** - October 23, 2023 at 05:52 PM

BM

“ I will miss Denise on my ScanScape team. Denise was such a joy to talk with and a true team player, helping whenever she could. Denise will be missed.

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**Becky Mielecki** - October 23, 2023 at 09:22 AM

BM

“ Becky Mielecki lit a candle in memory of Denise Lou Desmarais



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**Becky Mielecki** - October 23, 2023 at 09:18 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise Lou Desmarais.



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October 22, 2023 at 04:33 PM

WP

“ Denise was always There to help on all the Boyscouts functions and the adult group had as much fun as the kids. I remember the magic show that her and Roland but on for a fund raiser. She will always have a place in my heart any give me great memories. I will miss her. Our scout group is getting older but my memories will always be there.

William Potts - October 22, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise Lou Desmarais.



October 21, 2023 at 08:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Denise Lou Desmarais.

October 21, 2023 at 08:23 PM

CP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Colleen Peterson - October 21, 2023 at 06:42 PM

CP

“ Colleen Peterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Denise Lou Desmarais



Colleen Peterson - October 21, 2023 at 06:35 PM

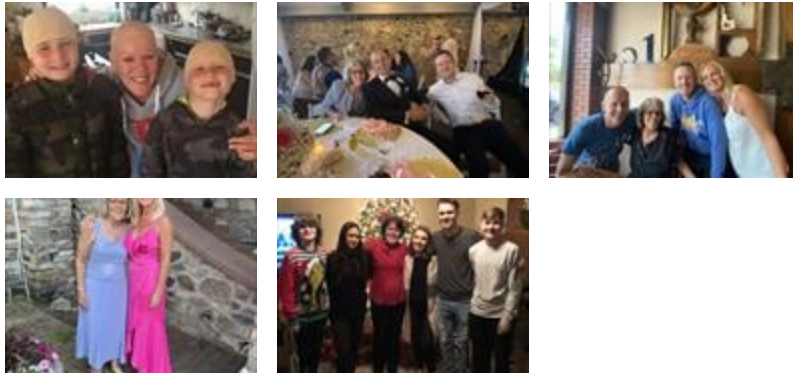
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Love you Denise!!❤️

Colleen Peterson - October 21, 2023 at 06:36 PM

SC

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



steve collins - October 21, 2023 at 04:50 PM

SU

“ Susan lit a candle in memory of Denise Lou Desmarais



Susan - October 21, 2023 at 04:49 PM

SU

*Dear Denise,  
Now you will always be surrounded by angels*

Susan - October 21, 2023 at 04:54 PM

SJ

“ *My Hero!*  
*#LGRW*



Sunshine Joy - October 21, 2023 at 04:37 PM

SJ

“ *Love you mommy.*



Sunshine Joy - October 21, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Denise Lou Desmarais.*



October 21, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise Lou Desmarais.*



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October 21, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Denise Lou Desmarais.*



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October 21, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ *Kim Waite lit a candle in memory of Denise Lou Desmarais*



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**Kim Waite** - October 21, 2023 at 01:31 PM

BF

“ *Brad & Rose Fulker lit a candle in memory of Denise Lou Desmarais*



Brad & Rose Fulker - October 21, 2023 at 12:50 PM

BR

*You were the best sister ever. I will miss you so much*

Brad - October 21, 2023 at 12:49 PM

HE

“ *Heather lit a candle in memory of Denise Lou Desmarais*



Heather - October 21, 2023 at 12:40 PM

HF

*Heaven just got one beautiful Angel!*

Heather Fernandez - October 21, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Denise Lou Desmarais.*



October 21, 2023 at 12:37 PM

SZ

“ Rick, Steve, Sunshine, her sister Rose and all the family I am so sorry to hear of Denise' passing. Denise was a beautiful person and friend. She will be missed by all. She will now be with her sweet mother Lois (who was my best friend for many years) My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. May God be with you and your family at this time and always. Shar Bear



Sharon Zollner - October 21, 2023 at 11:58 AM

TS

“ What a sweet friend! We have been BON gf's for many years. Always happy. We had fun together. We always did, at our Events. We will miss you Lady, fly with your new wings Angel!



Tamara M. Smith - October 21, 2023 at 11:50 AM

DS

I met Denise riding motorcycles with her. She became a dear friend. I will long treasure her laughing with her, incredible kindness, advice, and her sense of adventure. My heart goes out to her family and friends. May God whom she is with guide you to peace in the midst of your sadness. I have no doubt she is free and incredibly happy. You will see her again. Sending all those whom she touched with her life, much love.

Debra Vander Schaaf - October 21, 2023 at 02:16 PM

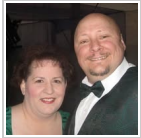


“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Denise Lou Desmarais.*



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October 21, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Denise was a ray of sunshine that always lit up our corner of the park. We had so many great coversations and she loved our pups. She will always remain in our thoughts and in our hearts.*

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**Al Lockwood** - October 21, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *Thank you for contacting my husband Dave Swiler to let us know. Denise has been such a special friend to both he and I. She had so much fun at our wedding, and her smile just lit up a room. We will be at one of the services. Xo*



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**Karen & Dave Swiler** - October 20, 2023 at 06:27 PM



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**Sunshine Joy** - October 21, 2023 at 04:39 PM