



Denise Ellen St. Peters

September 18, 1951 - April 15, 2020

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Denise Ellen St. Peters, 68, beloved sister and aunt, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at Missouri Baptist Medical Center in St. Louis. Denise, fondly called “Nesie” by family, was born in Alton on September 18, 1951, the daughter of Donald and Dorothy (Collins) St. Peters. Denise spent her entire life in the Alton-Godfrey area, attending Marquette High School and later Blackburn College in Carlinville, where she graduated with a degree in business. Denise had a long career in nursing home administration and adult day care and veterans’ care management in the Alton-St. Louis area. After she retired, she continued to be a strong advocate for the elderly, volunteering with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), running seminars for seniors and lobbying on their behalf in Springfield. Community and social activities were a large part of Denise’s life; she loved the Alton area and seemed to know everyone in town. Over the years she was active in the Alton Junior League, served on the board of Madison County Catholic Charities and volunteered at the YWCA, Oasis Women’s Center and St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Denise will always be remembered for her kind heart, her sense of fun and her willingness to help anyone, anytime. She loved doing crafts, refinishing furniture, decorating, antiquing, and going to sales. Family was very important to Denise, who is survived by her five siblings and their spouses Don and Gerry St. Peters of Indianapolis, IN, Darlene Watts of Alton, Dale and Nancy St. Peters of Alton, Doug St. Peters of Godfrey and Danelle

St. Peters of Alton as well as sixteen nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and great-nephews who all remember "Aunt Nesie" with love and affection. In addition to her family she is survived by her three close friends from grade school, Mary Hoekstra, Judy Peipert and Jan Dorsey. She was preceded in death by her parents, Uncle Virgil St. Peters, brother-in-law Rick Watts and sister-in-law Jackie St. Peters. A private memorial service will be held at Gent Funeral Home in Alton with private burial at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Father Steven Janoski will officiate. A public memorial mass will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St Ambrose Community Outreach. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall



“ *Denise Ellen St. Peters*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Denise Ellen St. Peters*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Denise's death. We will miss her as a neighbor who was always cheerful, kind and helpful. Sending our sympathy to you at this difficult time.*

Marjorie and Jim Wheeler - April 27, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ *We pray that God's comfort is with the St. Peters family at this difficult time.*

Doug & Betty Mueller - April 25, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ *I was saddened to hear of Denise's passing. She and I shared a room on the French Riviera trip. We had not known each other before the trip, but we got along great. It was hard keeping up with her as she had so much energy. I was really looking forward to going on other trips with her. Please accept my condolences.*

Nelda McAdon - April 21, 2020 at 03:54 PM

BO

“ *Deepest Sympathy to her family. I am one of her cousins. Denise was a warm, loving person. She was always fun to be with. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her. Al & I will send a contribution to her chosen memorial.*

*Deepest Condolences,
Barb & Al Oleson*

Barbara Oleson - April 21, 2020 at 01:34 PM

MM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Denise was such a lovely , caring person. She will truly be missed. I hope that your loving memories will be a comfort to you all.*

Martha Morse

Martha Morse - April 21, 2020 at 09:11 AM



SM

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. I met and paired with Denise to lobby legislators for AARP over the last several years. She had the rare ability to talk with everyone she encountered. She will be missed not only by me, but many secretaries, legislators, and fellow AARP member and staff.*

Sandra McAvoy - April 20, 2020 at 05:28 PM

DC

“ Donna Cruce purchased the Sympathy Chocolates for the family of Denise Ellen St. Peters.



Donna Cruce - April 20, 2020 at 02:01 PM

DC

“ I only knew Denise for about a year. I worked with her at AARP. She was great!! We talked of other things than just AARP related. I really enjoyed her companionship.

I remember during a lobbying effort she noticed that an assistant was planning on ending the meeting and let me know so I could change course. It really helped. That was the start of our relationship.

I will miss her.

Donna Cruce - April 20, 2020 at 12:46 PM

JS

“ Denise was a wonderful volunteer with Oasis' health programs for the last several years. She was energetic and always up for an adventure. She will be missed. -Juliet, Emir, Sara

Juliet Simone - April 20, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Denise Ellen St. Peters.

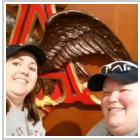


April 20, 2020 at 08:48 AM



“ I will certainly miss facilitating our senior Oasis Institute classes together. at Alton Memorial Hospital and the Edwardsville, IL Joyce Lakes

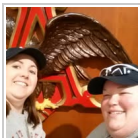
Joyce MARIE Lakes - April 19, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ Christie Norman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Denise Ellen St. Peters.



Christie Norman - April 19, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ I will miss the conversations we shared during our "group" nights out. What a wonderful woman. I will miss her greatly.

Christie Norman - April 19, 2020 at 08:28 PM

Sheryl
McClary

“ So saddened to hear of Denise’s passing. She was a wonderful person with a heart of gold. I enjoyed traveling to the French Riviera with her last Fall.



Sheryl McClary - April 19, 2020 at 07:29 PM

EA

“ 1 file added to the album Denise



Ellen Acevedo - April 19, 2020 at 04:05 PM

JB

I had the honor and privilege to know Denise for just one year. But during that time she and I spent numerous days lobbying at the Capitol on important issues that provide better quality of life to all of us. We laughed so many times and had such a great friendship. I will truly miss her. She was a very special friend....

jean bohnhoff - April 20, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise Ellen St. Peters.



April 19, 2020 at 02:57 PM

AR

“ So deeply sorry to hear of Denise’s passing. We have such fond memories of her from our younger years. Always a sweet smile and so kind. Will be thinking and praying for all of you during this time.

allen and Debbie Radcliff - April 19, 2020 at 07:27 AM

JC

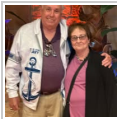
“ Enjoyed getting to know Denise the last few years and working with her in the Woman’s Club. Prayers to all of you! Judy Clark

Judy Clark - April 18, 2020 at 08:19 PM

LJ

Denise was a family friend of ours for many years. We will miss seeing her while visiting with the St. Peter’s family. Denise, you were a great advocate for those in the twilight years of theirs lives. Thank you for your hard work. Rest In Peace in heaven now that your earthly work is done. With much love, Ric and Linda Jun

Linda Jun - April 18, 2020 at 09:02 PM



Denise's commitment to making this world a better place was inspiring to all those who knew her. She work tirelessly as a volunteer advocate for AARP and drew me into the organization with her passion for making this world a better place.

She was one of my best friends and I will miss her terribly. Her death will cause a huge void for all who knew and loved her. My sympathy to her family.

She was a special person whose energy and caring will be missed by many.

Paula Bull

Paula Bull - April 19, 2020 at 01:44 AM

AR

My deepest sympathy on the loss of your sister and my good friend.

Angie Rynders

Angela Rynders - April 19, 2020 at 12:04 PM

DE

In the last several years Denise had become an active member of the St. Ambrose Women's Group. She was so much fun to work with and we all loved her generous spirit. She will truly be missed. Rest In Peace Denise. 💕

Debbie Ellebracht - April 19, 2020 at 12:18 PM

AR

So sorry to hear of Denise's passing. Our condolences to the St. Peters family. I never knew her without a smile on her face. She will be missed.

Alicia and John Reilly - April 19, 2020 at 12:20 PM

EA

AARP IL is saddened to learn of Denise's passing. Denise was one of our most active, dedicated, passionate volunteers. It was great to know and work alongside Denise. Her infectious enthusiasm and love for life was what set Denise apart. We will miss Denise dearly and send our condolences to her family.

*AARP IL
(Ellen Acevedo)*

Ellen Acevedo - April 19, 2020 at 04:06 PM

ER

So very sad to hear of Denise's passing. Such a kind woman, upbeat and positive. We had befriended her a year ago while planning Greenwood Meadow's annual yard sale and had met at her house to discuss the details (over wine and cheese, of course; Denise was a great hostess). My hope is that she is overseeing God's garden and is at peace.

Ed and Rhonda Rull-Burger - April 20, 2020 at 11:16 AM

DB

So sad to learn of Denise's passing. She was a joy to work with and always had a smile and willingness to move forward. Denise chaired our AARP Livability committee with a generous spirit and infectious enthusiasm for her community. Denise will be sadly missed by many and the City of Alton mourns her loss.

Deanna Barnes - April 20, 2020 at 11:18 AM

PA

Dave and I will miss seeing Denise come and go in the neighborhood. She was always working hard in her yard. Sorry for your loss : (

paula - April 21, 2020 at 09:15 AM

DW

I met Denise through AARP in the last year and she was a dedicated volunteer and a great person. Prayers going out for the family.

Dan Wickenhauser - April 21, 2020 at 09:49 AM

JG

You have my deepest sympathy. I met Denise through AARP and she was a great volunteer and always willing to help where help was needed. She will be missed by everyone within our AARP circle.

Janis Guffey - April 22, 2020 at 12:57 PM

JM

I am just hearing of Denise's passing. My heart ❤️ is heavy and our loss is real. We worked together at Unity Hospice and she, Maureen Hoppin and I remained friends after they both left Unity. We shared good times and have cherished memories. Denise was a special woman with a heart so big! My world will miss her presence. I will miss her.

Jaye Mitchum

Jaye Mitchum - July 17, 2020 at 10:00 PM