



Denise D. Regan

September 24, 1956 - December 30, 2018

Denise D. Regan was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico and as a child, lived all over the country, but mostly in California with her parents, Lt. Col. William E. Diener and Jean Little Diener, two sisters Dianne and Dorinda, and her brother David. After graduating from Los Alamitos High School, Denise attended the University of Michigan, earning a B.S. from the College of Literature, Science and the Arts. After a few years of lab work at U of M, Denise attended the Beaumont Hospital Nuclear Medicine Residency Program, earning her certification in 1984. She returned to Michigan Medicine, joining the Nuclear Medicine team. After several years of clinical work, Denise transitioned to research in Nuclear Medicine therapies. Particularly significant was Denise's contribution to the development of the I-131 MIBG therapy program. In 2018, Denise celebrated her 40th anniversary with Michigan Medicine. She was looking forward to retirement in a few months.

Denise loved her family dearly. She married Drew Regan June 28, 1980, and they had three children together, Patrick, Sean, and Colleen. Denise found special joy in caring for her grandchildren. Patrick and his wife Andrea have three girls, Rebecca, Riley, and Rachael. Sean and his wife Emily have a son, James.

Denise loved travel, entertaining, wine tasting, gardening, theater, concerts, swimming and sailing, watching Michigan Hockey, visiting Northern Michigan, and amusement parks. She often combined several of these activities into one vacation.

Denise is survived by her husband, children, and their families; her sisters and brother and their families; her father and her stepmother.

Denise is preceded in death by her mother Jean, whom she missed every day.

Cemetery

Events

Washtenong Memorial Park
3771 Whitmore Lake Road
Ann Arbor, MI, 48105

JAN 18 Visitation 04:00PM - 09:00PM
Liberty Road Chapel
3767 W. Liberty Road, Ann Arbor, MI, US, 48103

JAN 18 Scripture Service 07:00PM
Liberty Road Chapel
3767 W. Liberty Road, Ann Arbor, MI, US, 48103

JAN 19 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
2250 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI, US, 48104

JAN 19 Funeral Mass 11:00AM
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
2250 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI, US, 48104

Comments



“ Dear Drew,

We are deeply saddened by the loss that you and your family have encountered. Our condolences.

Antonello and the Maserati Safety Team

Antonello Torelli - January 18 at 12:24 PM



“ Dear Drew,

please accept our deepest sympathy, You and your family are in our thoughts

Enrico, Antonello and the whole Italian Safety team.

Becchio Enrico - January 18 at 12:09 PM



“ Dear Drew and family. We send our warmest sympathies to all of you. Denise was always so welcoming when our paths connected. We know how much she is loved and will be missed. Hold tight to that love and wonderful memories. Prayers for comfort. So sorry we could not be there. Keeping you in our thoughts. Jeff and Connie Jacobs

connie Jacobs - January 18 at 09:16 AM



A peaceful white Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Denise D. Regan.

January 18 at 07:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Denise D. Regan.



January 18 at 07:42 AM



“ Owen Daly, Ellen Daly, Maggie Daly and Tim Gleason purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Denise D. Regan.



Owen Daly, Ellen Daly, Maggie Daly and Tim Gleason - January 17 at 08:00 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Denise D. Regan.



January 17 at 04:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Denise D. Regan.



January 17 at 04:21 PM



“ I had the the pleasure of working with Denise for several years when she and I and Dr. Yanik started doing MIBG Therapy in the GCRC at UM Hospital. When we transitioned to the newer facility in the MCRU; the research program was growing and Denise was pivotal to our success. If only we could put into words how many lives she impacted. She was a wonderful person, a talented colleague, and she will be missed personally and professionally for a very long time to come. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone of her family. My condolences to all of those who will never have gotten to know her.

Cyndi Bower



Cyndi Bower - January 17 at 03:22 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise D. Regan.



January 17 at 02:50 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Denise D. Regan.



January 17 at 11:52 AM



“ From Net Shaped Solutions Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Denise D. Regan.



From Net Shaped Solutions Family - January 17 at 08:26 AM



“ From Yuni Dewaraja purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Denise D. Regan.



From Yuni Dewaraja - January 17 at 07:47 AM



“ Denise's office was right outside mine and I miss seeing her everyday. Her happy, friendly and calm personality made her a joy to work with. We relied on her immense experience of 40 years for several aspects of our research, especially in relation to patient recruiting, consenting and preparation of regulatory documents. She always thought of the patients first and was very dedicated to making sure that they were well treated during our research studies. I am glad we were able to celebrate her 40th anniversary at the Radiology reception and later the Medical School dinner together with Drew where her work was recognized by the Hospital and Medical School. What an achievement! I have received calls and emails from many people who worked with Denise over the years inquiring about what happened to her. Her early work with Drs Wahl, Kaminski, and Koral with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma patients who underwent I-131 (Bexxar) radioimmunotherapy and more recently with Dr. Yanik with pediatric neuroblastoma patients undergoing I-131 MIBG, is remembered by all.

Denise often talked about her family and their many trips and celebrations together. She was very proud of her kids. I could tell how close you all were and offer my deepest condolences.

Yuni Dewaraja

Yuni Dewaraja - January 17 at 07:36 AM



“ Love, Tom and Cathy Regan purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Denise D. Regan.



Love, Tom and Cathy Regan - January 16 at 09:10 PM



“ Joe and Lori Soblosky and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Denise D. Regan.



Joe and Lori Soblosky and Family - January 16 at 05:05 PM



“ From Weldon & Julia purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Denise D. Regan.



From Weldon & Julia - January 16 at 12:50 PM



“ Dear Drew,

Salwa and I want to offer our sincere condolences on your recent loss. We were shocked to hear the news of Denise's passing and we can only imagine how difficult it has been for you and your family. We only hope that your beautiful memories with her can bring comfort during this unhappy time.

Please accept our deepest sympathies, Our prayers are with you during this time.

Salwa & Hassan El-Hor

Hassan El-Hor - January 16 at 09:52 AM



“ Our daughter Emily married Denise and Drew's son Sean. The Regan's instantly received us as welcome members of their family. They invited us over several times a year for their special barbequed ribs dinner and a fun evening of conversation, good wine, music and family. Drew and Denise made a marvelous team in the kitchen. They often visited our home as well, along with frequent evenings together at concerts and dinner out.

Denise was always a joy, full of laughter and warm welcomes. Never thinking of herself she ensured everyone was warmly received and comfortable. She always had a ready smile and contagious laugh. We will sorely miss our exceptional friend and family member. There will always be a hole left in our lives by her passing.

We are grateful that all of us as Christians can look forward to resurrection morning when we will be reunited in the glories of heaven. Thanks to Denise for all her joy and cheer that she shared with us over the years. May God bless and uphold the Regan family.

Steve Ray - January 16 at 08:43 AM



“ On behalf of the U-M Radiation Safety Service, I extend my deepest condolences to Denise's family. Many of us worked with Denise over the years, primarily on the MIBG program. She was a very pleasant person to work with, a conscientious and dependable member of the team, and she will be missed. We're very sorry for your loss.

Karl Fischer - January 16 at 08:43 AM



“ Drew, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Kristen Kreibich and family

Kristen Kreibich - January 16 at 07:43 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Denise D. Regan.





“ Denise was always unassuming but cheerful when I passed her at her desk right outside the office of Yuni Dewaraja. If I stopped to chat, she was happy to do so! She NEVER had a bad word for anyone.

In our past work relationship, Denise was exceptional capable. I am more the worried, expect-the-worsts type, but she was unflappably calm no matter the schedule or what I thought was going "wrong." I appreciated these characteristics immensely. As a recognition of her contributions to my Nuclear Medicine research, Denise was included among the authors for three of my publications in the scientific literature.

Kenneth F Koral - January 15 at 08:32 PM



“ Steve & Janet Ray (Emily Regan's parents) purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Denise D. Regan.



Steve & Janet Ray (Emily Regan's parents) - January 15 at 07:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Denise D. Regan.



January 15 at 05:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Denise D. Regan.



January 15 at 03:12 PM



“ Drew - I was so sorry to hear about your wife. Please accept my deepest sympathies. You and your family are in my prayers. Anne Ferrando-Klemet (former Jeep Wrangler EMD Engineer)

Anne Ferrando-Klemet - January 15 at 02:34 PM