



## Denise Parker

February 22, 1954 - October 18, 2013

Denise Maurine Parker, 59, of Topeka, passed away Friday, October 18, 2013. Denise was born in Topeka KS on February 22, 1954, the daughter of Thomas and Doris (DeVold) Hart. She grew up in Westmoreland KS and graduated from high school there. She attended one year at Washburn University and then entered Stormont Vail School of Nursing, graduating in 1975. She later attained her bachelor's degree at St. Mary of the Plains College and went on to get her masters degree at the University of Kansas becoming a Nurse Practitioner specializing in women's health issues. She spent twenty years working at Stormont –Vail and Cotton O'Neil Clinic and she worked from 1999 until her retirement in 2011 at Lincoln Center. She and Michael Parker were united in marriage in Westmoreland on July 2, 1977. He survives of the home. Denise belonged to Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority while at Washburn, was an honors graduate at K.U. and was a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Denise was always a loving mother and a devoted wife, enjoying baking, traveling with her family, camping, boating and water skiing. She was an avid reader, a sports fan and even for a time, she and Mike opened their home to become a hockey billet for the local junior hockey team, the Topeka Roadrunners. Denise's good sense of humor kept her family and her patients at ease as it was certainly a key trait in her personality. Denise is survived by her sons, John, of Topeka KS and Daniel, of Lawrence KS; one sister, Carol Hanson and a brother, James Hart, both of Manhattan KS; and her father, Thomas Hart, of Westmoreland KS. She is preceded in

death by her mother, Doris Hart. A memorial service for Denise will be on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at Countryside United Methodist Church, 3221 SW Burlingame Road, Topeka KS with a reception to follow in the church basement. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Easter Seals Capper Foundation or Helping Hands Humane Society of Topeka, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Denise Parker*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I am very sorry for the passing of Denise. I offer my sympathy to Mike, to John, to Dan, to Jim, to Carol, and to Mr. Hart. I worked with John and Denise in early language development in the Infant and Preschool Program at The Capper Foundation. Denise was a wonderful Mom with good humor, good listening and generating ideas for intervention, and good patience. I am fortunate to have enjoyed a continuing friendship with her, with Mike, with Jim and a good association with the family. I am most grateful.*

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**Barry Molineux** - October 29, 2013 at 10:44 AM



“ *How sad and shocked I was to go to church today and read in the bulletin "Prayers for the Denise Parker Family". I used to babysit Denise. We sang in the church choir and later in special choir events when her dad would invite the family to join us. Did not realize she was that sick although saw her at her brother-in-law's funeral in a wheel chair. Know all the family will miss her. My sympathy and prayers.*

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**Anne Godlove Reves** - October 27, 2013 at 12:43 PM



“ *Mike, we are so sorry for your loss. Kevin O'Brien told of Denise's passing and then we saw it in the paper. Though we haven't kept in touch over the years, we still have fond memories of you in our heart. God bless you.*

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**Bob & Cindy Garhan** - October 26, 2013 at 03:02 PM

FV

“ Dear Mike & Family... I was in Texas when I received word of your loss of Denise. I am so sorry and want to extend my sympathy. It was a pleasure to work with Denise at Lincoln Center, and I know that she touched the lives of many patients and everyone who knew her. I recall the many conversations with her about hockey while visiting the Urish office. God Bless!!!

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**Fred Vance** - October 25, 2013 at 06:00 PM

KS

“ Dan, John and Mike - We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our hearts and thoughts.

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**Korrie and Austin Snell** - October 25, 2013 at 04:10 PM

PW

“ I adored Denise. She was by far one of the most loving and gifted women I have ever known. My greatest memory was having lunch at Annie's with her recently. She was an inspiration to all that had the privilege to know her.  
My thoughts and prayers to her family that she loved and cherished.  
I will never forget the moments and laughter we shared.  
Love, Peg

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**Peg Wittmer** - October 24, 2013 at 02:32 PM

PE

“ Denise and I shared two connections, Zeta Tau Alpha and Bud and Anabelle Hart. Her smile and kind spirit warmed those around her.  
My condolences to Mike, John, and Dan.

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**Pam Sayler Ensley** - October 23, 2013 at 01:38 PM

SB

“ My heart and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time. Your love and memories of Denise will always be a part of you and remain in your hearts.

May God strengthen you and grant you peace for your profound loss.

Numbers 6:24-26

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**Sandy Brink** - October 22, 2013 at 05:47 PM

SB

“ Mike, John, & Dan - We are so sorry for your loss. We certainly enjoyed being neighbors over on 35th Street for 20+ years. Enjoyed visiting over the fence about our yards, children, school, your travels, and many other things. Had fun watching the boys grow up there. May God bless you and comfort you.

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**Sam & Beth Brown** - October 22, 2013 at 02:49 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. Denise and I were young Mother's of student at Cappers. John and Deana were in the same class. we use to talk often when picking up our kids. Denise was slways so pleasant and caring. We have lost a super nurse!

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**Jeana white** - October 22, 2013 at 01:31 PM

MC

“ I have many good memories of working with Denise. She introduced me to one of my favorite Victorian detective book series. I'll never forget her laugh echoing through the clinic or her ever present smile! She touched so many people! She will be missed!

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**Mariah Carlgren** - October 22, 2013 at 11:36 AM

PR

“ *Recalling happy memories of Denise as a Zeta. Her laughter, good common sense and open and loving nature made her a joy to be near.*

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**Patty Robinson** - October 22, 2013 at 11:05 AM