



Denise Lauren Ladson

July 30, 1953 - January 19, 2016

Suddenly, on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, Denise Lauren Toler-Ladson departed this life at Medstar Georgetown University Hospital.

Denise was born July 30, 1953, in Washington, D.C. to the late Walter and Laura Toler. She graduated from Anacostia High School and attended Virginia State University. Denise was a legal secretary for over thirty years, working at various law firms throughout the D.C. Metropolitan area, most recently, at Williams Mullen LLP. She officially retired in September 2015.

Denise had a larger than life personality and there was never a dull moment when you were with her. She greeted everyone with a hug and 'Hey Sweetie-Pie'. She had a zest for living and lived her life to the fullest with no regrets. Denise was also very spiritual and enjoyed posting daily "God's Morning" messages on Facebook.

Denise was a devoted mother and one of the proudest moments of her life was seeing her son, Christopher, graduate from college, and most recently obtain his Master's Degree.

In 1994, Denise married the love of her life, John P. Ladson, Jr. who she affectionately called Sweetie. Together they traveled cruising the Caribbean every year.

Denise was pre-deceased in death by her brother, Michael Lloyd Toler. She

leaves to cherish her loving memory, her husband, John P. Ladson, Jr., her son, Christopher Michael Hawkins, her step-mother, Grace Mack-Toler, her mother-in-law, Sally Ann Ladson, one uncle, Elvin Ivory, three sisters-in-law, M. Louise McNeil, Barbara Pariss and Mari Ladson Perkins. One niece, Melissa Patrice Williams, one nephew, Cerone Von Pariss, three great nephews, De'Andre Michael Stinson, Daure' Marchea Stinson and Frederick Marcellus Whittaker. One god sister, Diedreann Tilly and two lifelong 'sister' friends Joanne Ward McDougald and Try-phene Coburn, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Liberty Baptist Church
527 Kentucky Ave S.E.
Washington, DC 20003

funeral service

FEB 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MT

“ I just learned of her passing and can't believe it. Denise was one of the liveliest, funniest, warmest, happiest and most genuine people I ever met. Her starlight smile was one of the first things I saw when I started working at our old firm years ago. She welcomed me and offered this advice: "Don't worry, you'll be fine! But, if you don't know what you're doing, at least look busy." She was so full of joy and love for everyone and especially her Sweetie and Christopher. You couldn't know her without knowing that! I know I'm years late in offering condolences, but I hope that if you read this, Sweetie and Christopher, you know that someone was thinking about your wife and mother on this day with fond memories. She was a blessing to many, many people. I'm so grateful to have known her, however briefly. May she rest with God in peace.

MT - May 08, 2018 at 01:36 PM

LS

“ Denise you lived your life to the fullest the way you wanted along with God. You have been a part of our family for years and we enjoyed your presence. Your smile and warm heart has always attracted others as you walked your journey of life here on planet earth.
To John and Christopher, your wife ,your mother, Denise has not left you. She is simply enjoying the next stage of her life with God.
Rejoice on the fact the she is wearing that wonderful smile and that she is happy. Remember that she will always love the both of you and smile back to her because one day you will meet Denise again.
Love you
Estrellita Sullivan (Lito Burton)

Lito Sullivan - February 01, 2016 at 06:34 AM

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“ *My heart is deeply saddened to hear of Denise's passing. Denise and I were close childhood friends and neighbors from elementary school through high school. During those years I was very close to her family, especially her mom. Denise had such a beautiful smile that would win you over every time. She was a very good friend who had such a loving and caring heart. We shared many, happy times together growing up and even though I have not seen her for at least 15 years, the memories of our loving friendship will live in my heart forever.*



My deepest, heartfelt sympathy goes out to her husband, son and entire family. I pray for God to comfort your minds and hearts with his love and his peace during this time.

Rest in peace with the Lord, my dear friend.

In loving memory,

Bernita Tart (Blunt)

Bernita Tart (Blunt) - January 31, 2016 at 09:08 PM

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“ *Bernita Tart (Blunt) lit a candle in memory of Denise Lauren Ladson*



Bernita Tart (Blunt) - January 31, 2016 at 08:31 PM

SM

“Denise was truly a very special person who was known to inspire so much joy in the lives of everyone who was blessed to know her. Her presence was warm and embracing - - and gave you a reason to smile when you encountered her. We have fond memories of her hanging out "back-in-the-day" and having big fun as an "honorary member of our family -- the Burton family" which included, Horace & Mary Burton, Sr.; Sidonie, Horace, Jr.(Junie), Howard, Vanessa, Estrellita (Lito), Carey and Jerome (Roni)..... Boy, did Denise really know how to have great time.. You could tell that she really loved life, and most definitely her husband and son, her friends and family. The precious love that she gave, has been returned to her tenfold to take with her as she rests in the peace of God's care.

Deepest sympathy is extended to John and Christopher and his wife - and the rest of her extended family. Please be encouraged that you're not alone.

*Sincerely,
Sidonie Burton McCoy & Walter McCoy*

SB McCoy - January 31, 2016 at 02:20 PM

MG

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Mary (pessagno) grieco class of 1971

mary grieco - January 31, 2016 at 07:53 AM

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mary grieco - January 31, 2016 at 07:53 AM

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“ Denise you are truly loved and appreciated for being a special part of my life for many years and being apart of the Burton Family! God shall be there to take care of John and Christopher in a very special way! Your Special Sister Friend Vanessa Burton!

Vanessa Wilder Lynch - January 30, 2016 at 05:14 PM



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Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - January 30, 2016 at 05:01 AM



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Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - January 29, 2016 at 04:28 PM