



Denice Marie Destefano

January 24, 1954 - April 17, 2024

Denice DeStefano, a native of Clarksville, TN, was born in 1954 and grew up in Hudson, NH. She called Boscawen and Bristol, NH her home for most of her adult life. Sadly, she passed away on 4/17/2024 following a courageous yearlong fight against pancreatic cancer.

Alan DeStefano from Bristol, NH is grieving the passing of his cherished wife of nearly four decades. Denice's loved ones, which include her parents Richard and Celina Merrill, her sister Laurie Merrill from Lady Lake, FL, her daughter Tami and son-in-law Milton Acosta, her grandsons Anthony and Matthew from Wildwood, FL, and her son Ryan Roberts from Wildwood, FL. Denice is predeceased by her sister Linda Nault

Denice cherished the Lakes and Mountains for NH and tranquility of "The Lake Life" during her summers at Newfound Lake in NH, whether it was cruising on a boat, taking a dip in the water, or simply lounging on the sandy shore. In addition to her love for the lake, Denice found joy in reading, exploring new destinations, and creating memories with her friends and family. Denice devoted her professional life to serving the NH Pharmacist Association during the mid-80s, and subsequently dedicated 27 years to the NH Bar Association until her well-deserved retirement in 2018. Following her retirement, she redirected her boundless energy towards the town of Bristol, NH, where she played a pivotal role enhancing the planning and land use department. Denice served as the Bristol NH Planning Board Chair for numerous years, leaving an indelible mark on the community she loved.

Denice, a resilient and self-reliant woman, was adored and cherished by many people. Her absence will be keenly felt by her friends and loved ones.

Denice truly embraced the beauty of life and all its wonders. Although there are no plans for services at this time, she would want us all to relish every single day and hold dear the ones we love. Let her spirit inspire us to make the most of each precious moment.

Tribute Wall

EA

“ Denice was an amazing woman, full of passion, love, and grace. I am so sad to hear of her passing. She touched my life in the time I knew her. Gone too soon ❤️💙💜

Emily Aprea - November 19, 2024 at 02:51 PM

MS

“ Denise was a lovely lady- competent in her work and a pleasure to all - even those of us who entered her orbit on a sporadic basis. So very sorry for your loss.

Mary Stewart - April 24, 2024 at 03:02 PM

SC

“ And i did it again! I am SO sorry for misspelling her name - Denice. Please accept my apologies.

Susan B Carbon - April 23, 2024 at 05:50 AM

SC

“ Alan and family,
I am so sorry to hear about Denise. I worked with her for many years while she was at the NH Bar Association. Apart from being the consummate professional (bright, always prepared and on point), she was absolutely delightful. Kind, thoughtful, always smiling, always helpful, a real treasure. You have my deepest sympathies.

Susan Carbon

Susan B Carbon - April 23, 2024 at 05:48 AM

DH

“ Alan and family,
While I only worked with Denice for 4 years at the NH Bar Association, I have many many fond memories of our time. I am sure she leaves a big hole in your lives, but she was truly someone that lived life to the fullest. My thoughts are with all of you.
Debbie Hawkins

Debbie Hawkins - April 22, 2024 at 09:15 AM

PN

Al and family. We will sorely miss Denice at bowling in the villages. We always look forward to Thursday mornings with you two! It won't be quite the same without her. Our thoughts are with you all. Pat and Carl

Pat Nabe - April 24, 2024 at 06:39 AM

JB

“ Dear Alan and family.the town of Bristol,NH has lost a wonderful resident who was always kind and gracious as Chair of the Planning Board. Both of you were such a great addition to our neighborhood and we're so sorry for your loss. Bill & Jan Barrett

Jan Barrett - April 21, 2024 at 01:32 PM

JK

“ Dear Alan and Family, so very sorry to hear Denice passed away, we met her when she did a walk of the property with us, she was very kind and easy to talk to! Hope your special memories of her carry you through this difficult time! XOXO Brian and Jean Kilduff

jean kilduff - April 21, 2024 at 12:34 PM

CM

*Dear Family of Denise,
For many years Denise was so very kind to me concerning Bar
Association matters.
May she rest forever in the arms of the Angels.
Constance A. Morrison*

Constance A. Morrison - April 24, 2024 at 03:00 PM