

## Garolyn Denise Mercer Doebbeling

SEPTEMBER 5, 1942 - FEBRUARY 21, 2022



IN THE CARE OF

Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park and Mortuary

# Carolyn Denise Mercer Doebbeling (Denny) 1942 ~ 2022

ur sweet and feisty mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, Denise Doebbeling, passed away on February 21, 2022 in Salt Lake City, UT. A descendant of a founder of Seattle and the University of Washington, Asa Shinn Mercer, Denise was born September 5, 1942 to Osman Webb Mercer and Laura Frances Mercer (Maxwell).

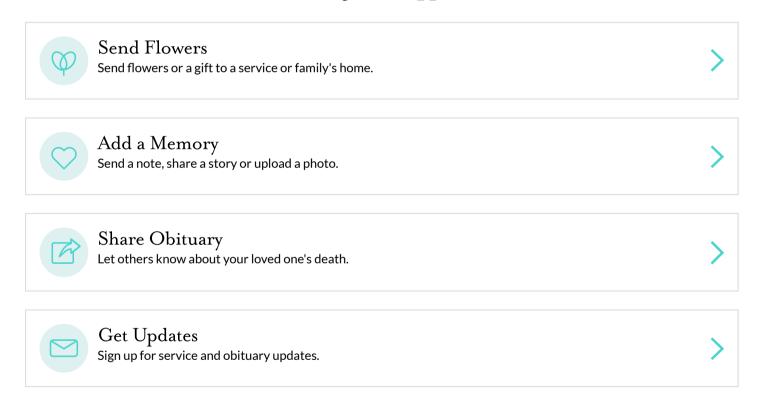
Denise was above all else a gifted and prodigious lifetime teacher. Beginning with pre-schoolers in the early days of Head Start, Denise went on to earn her Masters Degree in Special Education at the University of Utah to teach the visually handicapped, including mastering braille and blind mobility training the way she taught in plane ntary grade class application of the way she taught in plane ntary grade class application.

imparted her love of nature to young visitors to Red Butte Gardens as a volunteer. Also a lifelong learner, Denise studied for and celebrated a Bat Mitzvah in her 60's. She became a student herself in retirement, regularly attending Osher courses through the University of Utah.

When not in the classroom, Denise shared her vocal talent as a member of the Kol Ami Choir and developed her artistry in drawing. A great fan of the arts, she was a regular subscriber to the Utah Symphony, Ballet West, Pioneer Theater, and Utah Shakespeare Festival. Her commitment to fitness

#### **SEE MORE**

### Show your support



### **FAMILY**

Osman Webb Mercer and Laura Frances Mercer *Parents (deceased)* 

Stuart Turkanis

HUSENDATE OBITUARY RECEIVE UPDATES

Susan Garell Daughter

Jonathan Turkanis Step-son

Rebecca Turkanis Step-daughter

Angela Jenkins

Daughter (deceased)

With her big smile and easy laugh, Denise will be dearly missed by her family, many friends, neighbors, and community colleagues. Denise leaves behind her daughter, Susan Garell; grandchildren, Jacqueline Garell, and Nicholas Jenkins (Tiffany); great-grandsons, Quinton Jenkins and Griffin Jenkins; brother, Richard Mercer (Anne); step-son, Jonathan Turkanis; step-daughter, Rebecca Turkanis, and step-grandson, Leo Liggins, nieces and nephews, and longtime assistant, caregiver, and friend, Shelley Purser.

Denise pre-deceased by husband, Stuart Turkanis; daughter, Angela Jenkins; and sister, Jeanie Stoker.

### **DONATIONS**

Defenders of Wildlife

Adopt a Native Elder

**PBS Utah** 

### Past Services

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022

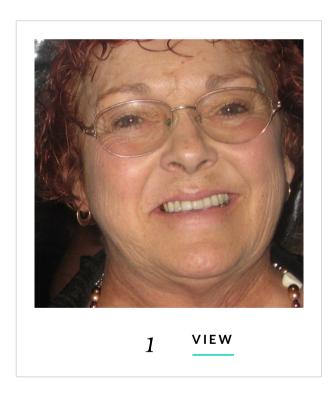
Funeral Service

## In Memory Of

### Carolyn Denise Mercer Doebbeling

2 1

Help tell the story of your loved one's unique life. Leave a memory or share a photo or video below to show your support.



Click to light a candle 3 CANDLES HAVE BEEN LIT

#### **ALL MEMORIES** FROM THE FAMILY

### Leslie Dorius-Jones (Maxwell) Family

02/27/2022

1

Denise and I were cousins through the Maxwell line, fellow Jews at Congregation Kol Ami, Fellow Chomembers for High Holy Days services and I will miss her greatly. I am sad that I couldn't attend her fun as I am wheelchair and house bound at this time. Denise, I hope you have as much fun on the other side you had here on earth. May peace come to her family.

From the Family

ADD A COMMENT 0

**ADD A COMMENT** 



### Express your sympathy with flowers

Flowers express sympathy and respect. They can be delivered to the funeral home, the family's home, a place of worship or elsewhere.

### **SEND FLOWERS**

## Support Resources



Helping yourself at your time of loss

**LEARN MORE** 



Helping Others Endure Their Loss

**LEARN MORE** 

**VIEW ALL ARTICLES** 



ABOUT US CONTACT US CAREERS PRIVACY POLICY TERMS OF SERVICE

ACCESSIBILITY DO NOT CALL

© 2022 SCI SHARED RESOURCES, LLC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

This site is provided as a service of SCI Shared Resources, LLC. The Dignity Memorial brand name is used to identify a network of licensed funeral, cremation and cemetery providers that include affiliates of Service Corporation International, 1929 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas. With over 1,900 locations, Dignity Memorial providers proudly serve over 375,000 families a year.