



Denise Teresa Tontarski

October 6, 1950 - December 18, 2021

Denise T. Tontarski died on December 18, 2021, after a long battle with cancer from complications of COVID-19. She was 71 years old.

She was born in Philadelphia on October 6, 1950, the daughter of Joseph and Rosalie Pritz. She grew up in Rosalyn, PA where she graduated from Abington High School with the class of 1968. She married Thomas Tontarski on February 6, 1971. The couple relocated to Marlton, NJ and had two beautiful children, which she raised before continuing her education, receiving her AA degree in Social Work.

She and her husband maintained a group home for children with behavioral issues for over a decade. Then, in 2000, they moved to Chestertown, where she was a managing partner of a sailing school in Rock Hall, MD.

She was a board member of the Rock Hall Yacht Club Sailing School, a board member of the Burlington County YMCA, an active volunteer in local Girl Scouts, a board member of KART, and the President of JC Women in Evesham, NJ. She was a member of the board of trustees for the Unitarian Universalists of the Chester River.

She was awarded Volunteer of the Year from United Way and received accolades from the Rock Hall Yacht Club Sailing School and KART. She also received a Jaycee Key Woman Award.

She is survived by her loving husband, Tom Tontarski of New Jersey; two children, Monica Trojnar and Jeffrey Tontarski (Colleen) of Delaware; two siblings, John Pritz and Jeanne Ferry of Pennsylvania; and four grandchildren,

Cooper, Grady, Zachary, and Ryan.

Services will be available to view virtually. (Link pending)

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Hope Lodge at 132 West 32nd Street, New York, NY 10001

Phone: 212-492-8400

https://donate3.cancer.org/?campaign=hopelodgenewyorkcity&_ga=2.112099969.444290012.1640029913-566126431.1640029913

The service will be live streamed, click this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JybBRjlUxhU>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Presbyterian Church of Chestertown
905 Gateway Drive
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Denise Teresa Tontarski*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 14, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ *Denise Teresa Tontarski*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Denise Teresa Tontarski*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM

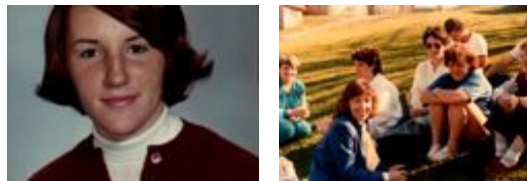


“ *Denise Teresa Tontarski*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 14, 2022 at 12:08 PM

LI

“ *Luisa's Cucina Italiano lit a candle in memory of Denise Teresa Tontarski*



Luisa's Cucina Italiano - January 13, 2022 at 10:45 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Denise Teresa Tontarski.*



January 13, 2022 at 11:13 AM

RW

“ *Tom, Monica and Jeff, Words fail to express our sorrow for your loss. Denise was so full of life and touched so many people's lives. We will miss her at bocce, we'll miss our dinners out, and seeing you both at the club. Please know that we are only a phone call away. Ruth and Fred Wehden*

Ruth Wehden - January 12, 2022 at 12:28 PM

JE

“ *I always enjoying being with Denise at family gatherings. I loved her sense of humor. I will miss her.*

JerryAnne - January 08, 2022 at 10:06 PM



“ *Denise was so much fun when we saw her at family gatherings in Florida. We will miss her. Cindy and David Dickel*

Cindi Dickel - January 05, 2022 at 01:18 PM

GW

“ *Gwen T. Walker lit a candle in memory of Denise Teresa Tontarski*



Gwen T. Walker - January 04, 2022 at 12:28 PM

BM

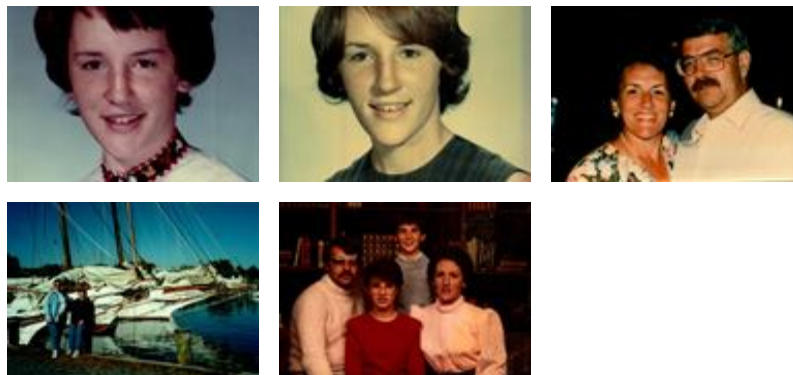
“ *Betsy Moscicki lit a candle in memory of Denise Teresa Tontarski*



Betsy Moscicki - December 30, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ *163 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 28, 2021 at 09:59 AM

HL

“ To all the family receive my sincere condolences in these difficult times !!!
Greetngs from Switzerland

Henri lattmann



Henri Lattmann - December 23, 2021 at 03:14 PM

DU

“ To me, Denise was also the inventor of full moon kayaking, an inspiration in the face of life’s most difficult challenges, a contagious source of positive attitude, a mischievous partner in seeking fun, and a good listener. She lifted me up every time I was in her presence, which I will miss dearly. But I’ll gladly bear the sorrow because it was worth it to have her in my life. My sympathies go out to her whole family.

Dawn Urbani - December 23, 2021 at 12:48 PM

MA

*Denise was the first friend I met in Chestertown. She knew everyone and introduced me to many more dear friends. I think our full moon kayaking was the most fun of all. Yes, she has the greatest spirit of all...I want to be just like her when I grow up 🥺
You will be missed but I know you are with us in spirit💕 Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Tom, Monika and Jeff...Love, Mary and Ted*

Mary Alspach - December 26, 2021 at 10:20 AM

SQ

“ Sara & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Denise Teresa Tontarski



Sara & David Quinn - December 23, 2021 at 12:47 PM

BH

“ I will have all of you on my mind, not only all day today but constantly through the holidays and new year. Denise's compassion and supportive friendship was an anchor for me in this community.

Barb Hicks - December 23, 2021 at 08:49 AM

RE

“ So many fond memories of Denise at parties in Lumberton, NJ. She was so full of life and always smiling. She often graciously welcomed our crazy group of "Lumbertonians" into her home. Prayers out to Tom, Monica and Jeff.

robyn earl - December 23, 2021 at 08:43 AM

TB

“ My heart goes to you Tom, Monica & Jeff. Denise was at the center of your family, the glue.
I always enjoyed her friendship in Lumberton and I had a great visit with all of you a few years ago in Maryland.
She was a real trooper dealing with her MM, and she did it courageously and gracefully.
I will think kindly and lovingly of all of you over the holiday knowing she'd love to be with you.
You were all blessed with her love.
Sincerely, Terry Bork

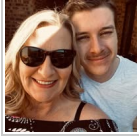
TERRY BORK - December 22, 2021 at 09:07 PM

HJ

“ We had so many fun times, sharing art, kayaking on full moon, birthdays...we'll miss you so very much.

Holly

Holly J - December 22, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ We are grateful Denise & Tom took us into their home as overseas travellers. Nothing was too much for Denise even when we stayed up late partying LOL



Francesca Clarke - December 22, 2021 at 05:53 PM

MR

“ Maryann & Max Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Denise Teresa Tontarski



Maryann & Max Ruehrmund - December 22, 2021 at 02:43 PM

MA

Our hearts are so sad. Denise you were the absolute definition of a friend! Sending love and hugs to Tom and family.

Maryann - December 22, 2021 at 02:45 PM

RB

Denise was quite a spirited hoot! Her sister Jeannie and I are also friends. These two together are a double hoot. I admired her sailing expertise and interest in teaching her passion for it . I aspired to be just like her . I won't make that . To Tom and her family - my heart goes out to you all in the difficult . Denise was a warrior in her battle with cancer and for that I admire her once again . Robyn Burckhardt, with a heavy heart.

robyn burckhardt - December 23, 2021 at 04:27 PM

JP

One fun memory.....cousins bumping into each other boarding a plane home from St Thomas , in the Virgin Islands! Laughter & Hugs... Denise...Beautiful inside & Out! Rest In Peace . Jim & Lyn Pritz

Jacquelyn Pritz - January 12, 2022 at 04:09 PM