



Denise McLoughlin

June 26, 1951 - April 7, 2013

At the much too young age of 61, Denise passed away quietly at home, surrounded by her loving husband and family, on Sunday, April 7, 2013. She was a trailblazer: world traveler, not afraid of taking chances, full of life and adventure. Denise traveled to the UAE to work as a nurse, and there met her husband, Ron, beginning a life together with many adventures, including racing catamarans and traveling the world. She loved good food, good wine and the company of many good friends. On returning to Canada, they started camping again, as they once enjoyed in Dubai. After moving to NM, they traveled extensively in their travel trailer. Denise continued to work as a nurse at UNM Hospital up until she had to retire due to ill health. She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Ron McLoughlin; their "child", Bess; her parents, Audrey and Garth Hamilton; sisters, Shelley Sanders and husband, Ron and Dale Hamilton-Dare and husband, Greg; brothers, Colin Hamilton and wife, Joanne and Greg Hamilton and wife, Linda; numerous nieces and nephews; and many, many friends. A Remembrance Service will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013, 2:00 p.m., at French - University location, with viewing one hour prior from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Following the service, a Celebration of Denise's Life will be held at the Santa Ana Prairie Star Ballroom, 288 Prairie Star Rd, Santa Ana Pueblo, Bernalillo, NM. Should friends desire, contributions may be made in Denise's memory to the American Cancer Society, 10501 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Ste 300, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

Tribute Wall

GA

“ Denise was always an old soul With infectious joie de vivre. She has left this world too soon-It's so hard to believe. Dinners, laughter, wine and song, Boating, movies, giggling fun... Carpe Diem was her way! Wild adventures.. moving on... Many years have come and gone- Since I saw that glowing smile. Many hearts will surely break- Missing her- and her bold style. Hold tight to the memories Every time you feel the sun Shining on you ... as she did shine on Denise... shine on!!

gayle anderson - April 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

D(

“ Dave wrote: I just want you to know that I've thought about you and your family so much in the past while....After Garth's accident and Denis's sickness and passing I'm just so glad that we where able to spend time together along with everyone in Saskatchewan, one just never knows what life is going to throw at them. I really miss the great times we had together in the past as a whole family. Please pass on my thoughts to your family.”

Dave Blower (cousin) - April 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Memories of happy days at JASC and always smiling Denise. So sorry to hear the sad news. Deepest condolences from all the Walley family in Dubai.

David & Suzanne Walley - April 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *Very sad news indeed. We have such fond memories of Denise from JASC Dubai. She was always such a jolly person. Our sincere condolences to Ron and all the family.* Brenda & Jim

Brenda & Jim - April 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Denise Hamilton McLoughlin When I think of Denise, the term "Joie de Vivre" pops into my headthe Joy of Living!!!!How better to describe her..A smile that would light up any roomHer infectious laugh that would have everyone in the room laughing right along with herHer great love for food...and love of wine...The 'Wilcox' family has always been a part of the Hamilton clan since I can remember...From our early days growing up...lazy summers spent at Shuswap Lake...The kids tent where she was the reigning monarch--because she was the oldest!!!Skinny dipping from the pontoon boat by campfire light, our fear of snakes (or was that just mine??)...Sam the crow...challenge swims from our campsite to Copper Island...Singing songs around the campfire where she would just sing the loudest so we would have to sing whatever song it was in her key...Christmases spent between Chase and Kamloops for many, many years...birthdays....graduations...weddings...all shared!!The never to be forgotten 'spaghetti ' dinner when everyone had colds and couldn't taste the seasoning so just kept adding more..New Years day home made Chinese food dinners....As we grew older and everyone went their separate ways...we lost touch for a few years but then there would be another infamous Hamilton family reunion and everyone would catch up and it was like we hadn't missed a step...and through it all Denise would be in the middle of things making them happenThat was just Denise..it was what she did!!She married Ron and came back from the UAE, they relocated to the lower mainland and Dean and I were lucky enough to be able to spend time ...getting to know Ron and reconnecting with our childhood....we laughed....we ate fabulous food and we drank even better wine""...The two of them were always teaching us about foods and wines....When they moved to New Mexico we were sad for us but happy for them as they began another new page in their lives...And we knew we would be seeing them at Hamilton family reunions....So yes Denise....we go back a long way...that doesn't stop the tears or the emptiness I feel...A part of me died with you that day!!Rest easy Denise...your time was too short, you will never be forgotten.... Your joy of life will be remembered with tears...with joy and most definitely with good food and even better

wine...We love you and we miss you!!!Shelley...aka 'lil' Shell

Huck & Leona..MArk& Donna...Dean & Shelley - April 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Ron and Hamilton Family,We are truly sorry to hear about the loss of Denise. She is such a wonderful part of the Hamilton family and will be missed by all. She had such an amazing smile and a true love of life. I know that mom (Rena Anderson) will be waiting for her with open arms and ready to party!!With our deepest sympathy,Ken AndersonCherie (Anderson) & Howard Bullett and familyDebbie (Anderson) & Tom PiferCindy (Anderson) & Tim Bunnell and family*

Cherie (Anderson) Bullett - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *RonWayne and I were so sorry to hear of Denise's passing. She was a vital part of our Hamilton family and our life. Her love, laughter and compassion will be missed by us all.Love cousin Marilyn and Wayne, Victoria BC*

Marilyn & Wayne - April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Audrey, Garth and familyI am very fortunate to have had Denise as a cousin and to have known her. Her love of life, vivacious personality, laughter, caring and compassion will be missed by us all. She was such an important part of our "Hamilton" family.Love from Marilyn and Wayne, Victoria*

Marilyn & Wayne` - April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

D(

“ Although I haven't seen Denise in a long time she is one person you could never forget. Her outgoing personality just lit up a room. She was beautiful both inside and out.

Debbie Peatt (cousin) - April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Immediate sadness swept over Glenys and I this morning when we read the news. Our heartfelt condolences to you Ron who we haven't met and the entire Hamilton crew. I like Gary formed part of the Grad Class of 69 with the happy go lucky Denise. Where have all the years gone! One of my favourite memorys was the foursome at Uvic getting together on a Saturday night to eat chicken backs (we were all broke!) and drink a bottle of Prince of Denmark...purchased by Denise because she was able at the time to fool the "age police". Nice to know that her taste in company and wine has improved immensely!!! I have often thought of her as she was working and travelling the world...good on her. She obviously got the most out of her too short life and made many others richer by her presence. Love Scott and Glenys

Scott Koch and Glenys David - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

A(

“ this message is from Calgary, AB, Canada. I know your up there smiling down more than ever before and this makes me so happy... if there's anybody on this earth that has a guaranteed spot in Gods Kingdom... Denise... it's you. My names Aaron Parent and i'd like to share my story with all who knew Denise. A few years ago here in Calgary, AB i got the shock of a lifetime, the day didn't start out to well for me i remember i was rather depressed and flustered about something what it was i can't recall and it probably wasn't that important but what ill never forget..... is walking up those stairs in my parents house and into the kitchen.... this moment is so valuable and special to me because you see.... i hadn't yet met Denise i had no idea who this person was other than she was family and i was finally going to get to meet her, and so I remember walking up those stairs and out into the kitchen and it was right then and there upon the very first eye contact i ever made with Denise that i just started smiling, i just couldn't help myself from smiling and i hadn't even met her yet i didn't know her name or where she lived or what she liked, all i could see was this lady that had a great big smile on her face and was laughing with a drink in her hand and everybody that was around her was laughing and smiling with her and i just couldn't help but start smiling myself, there was just such an overwhelming happiness that i have never quite experienced before and looking back i realize now that all my worries and troubles went away in an instant i was just so uplifted meeting Denise and listening to her story about her trip to Calgary and playing games with her and the bunch of us as we joke about anything and everything until we couldn't breathe because we were laughing so hard and..... Denise i would just like to say thank you for opening my eyes to the brighter and more important side of life... being with family and being happy... i won't miss you because i have enough amazing memories to keep me smiling and laughing until i see you again. From all of us in Calgary we Love you Denise and may God Bless You.

Aaron Parent (Nephew) - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

R(

“ Although Auntie Denise was living in Dubai for a most of my childhood she still helped inspire me. She inspired me with the way she lived and loved life, she inspired me with the way she found joy in all the little moments and she inspired me with the love she had for Uncle Ron. I will miss having the chance to hear more of her stories and I will miss her laugh but I will remember her smile and the love I felt when that smile was turned on me. I am so fortunate to have many great memories of Auntie Denise and I will keep them with me no matter where life leads me.

Rachael Sanders (Niece) - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ Ron & family, our deepest condolences. We feel so fortunate to have had Denise in our lives and will always cherish the times we shared. Her strength, courage, smile, laughter and fun loving ways warm our hearts now and will always. Denise, our special friend, rest in peace, your hard fought battle is over. We love you, will miss you, and will always remember what a terrific friend you were. With love,
Flo & Bob

Flo Tyson & Bob Griffin - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ When I think about Auntie Denise I remember how she could light up a room with her infectious laugh and smile. She was a true Hamilton and could always tell a great story. I loved my aunt, and wish I could have spent more quality time with her. It is nice us Hamilton's have our family reunions. They gave me a handful of wonderful memories of times spent with her that I will hold close for the rest of my life; One being, while preparing for one of the reunions I was painting my nails, and Denise asked if I would do hers. While I was doing them we had a great chat and after I was finished, she told me how terrific they looked. It was very sweet of her to spare my feelings, as I did a terrible job, and she had to fix them later. Auntie Denise was taken from us too early, and I will treasure the memories I have of her.

Taryn Dallamore - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ In case my facebook message doesn't reach you.... We are sending our sincere condolences to Ron and the entire Hamilton family at this very difficult time. We were stunned to read in the Kamloops Daily News about Denise's passing. I recall such rich memories of our families gathering together in Chase and Kamloops when Denise and I were teens. Then our nursing education overlapped after which we travelled our separate ways. We are sending our sincere thoughts and prayers to you at this difficult time and wish we could join you at Denise's Celebration of Life today. May Denise's wonderful smile and love of life be a beacon for you in the future.
Marion and Gerry Healey-Ogden and Irene Messmer

Marion Healey-Ogden (Messmer) - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ My condolences to Ron and Garth & Audrey & family. Denise will be missed for her humour and vivacious laughter at our family gathering. My love to all our you, Pearl.

Pearl Madden - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ I worked with Denise for a few short years. I will always remember her smile and positive attitude. Well wishes to her family.

Erin - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Kirbye Davis and Team - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ We'll miss the long stories which required constant prompting to be finished and wine glass refills to remember them. An infectious laugh, the "Dammit Denise!" and "Oh, Ron!" coming from the kitchen. The elegant tables set with style and the stylish hostess. Ah, but the memories we will savor.

Donna and Gary Hansen - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ We are very sad to learn about the loss of Denise. Her bright smile and friendly laugh will long be remembered.

Ron & Sue Overley - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Wow, Denise was a Great Girl and a really Good Friend! I had the privelege of being in the same graduating class as her in Chase (13 people in total), in what know seems like centuries ago. We lost touch after she graduated from nursing in Vancouver but I remeber her well, all good thoughts. School Band trips, Uvic frosh, Nursing convocations and studing for Grade 12 math finals on her parents lawn, we both aced the test. Sad to have only made contact after her passing but I am very glad to have made the effort. I know that she lived a great life and want to offer my sincerest condolences to all her family. Best of regards, Gary

Gary White - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ The world is a smaller place without her.

Rick Hamilton - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ We first met Ron and only got to meet Denise 1 time, but she made a huge impact and will always be in the "Memory bank". She was a true Lady that loved and enjoyed Life to the fullest! Our hearts go out to her Husband, Ron and Family, and Bess, she will be missed forever, but also in our hearts forever. Love, Hank&Cathy

Hank and Cathy Finrock - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ We cherish Denise sharing with us.

Barbara & Jim Carnes - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Our Sincere Sympathies to Denise's Family and Frineds. May She Rest In Peace.*

Mac & Ginger McFarling - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Thank you everyone who has sent their well wishes. I am happy to be here in Albuquerque to support Ron. Greg and Linda did an amazing job helping Denise in her last days - God bless them.*

Shelley - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *Denise... thank you... I remember while being in your presence all my worries went away... i remember laughing so hard at times i couldnt breathe... my time with you was short but i love you and you'll never be forgotten thank you and may God bless you.*

Aaron Parent - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Sincerest Condolences, Ron and to the Hamilton Family. I was very privilged to have met and shared laughter with such a wonderful woman, she will be sorely missed by all! The Hamilton's in Heaven await you Dennise...Godspeed.*

Linda Hamilton - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *I feel so grateful to have had Denise in my life even for a few short years. Her love of life , infectious laugh, sense of style and energy inspired and encouraged me many times. I will miss you dearly Denise.*

Cecilia - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Life will be less bright without Denise, her laughter and smile. In the words of Denise "...so, anyway..." She will be missed and always loved. Roy & Michelle Hacker

Michelle & Roy Hacker - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dear Denise, Your presence is greatly missed. Thank you so much for the years we had together as coworkers and friends. I am grateful Bess had such a great "Mom"

Angela Sanchez - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ It is with sadness that I will miss the service and Denise's final celebration! I know she wanted her friend and family to eat, drink, and remember the good times! Thank you Denise for your contagious smile, infectious laugh, and incredibly long stories! I miss you already!

Deborah Garcia - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM