



Susan Denise Brown Mansfield

March 4, 1958 - February 10, 2020

Susan Denise Brown Mansfield, 61 passed away peacefully on February 10 2020, at Norton Healthcare Pavilion with family by her side. Denise was born on March 4, 1958 to Joe and Barbara Brown. Denise was a graduate of Atherton High School and the University of Louisville School of Dentistry with a B.S. degree in Dental Hygiene in 1979. She worked for years as a dental hygienist and then continued on to earn her B.A. in Psychology from the University of Louisville in 2004. Denise went on to earn her Masters in Social Work in 2007. She recently retired from the University Hospital as a social worker. Denise had a lifelong passion for providing resources and support to those who needed it most, particularly those in recovery for substance abuse. She was a dedicated Mother, Grandmother, Sister and friend who inspired every person she encountered. Denise was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004. For 15 years, she battled cancer with incredible strength and grace. She continued the social work that she loved while receiving chemotherapy treatments and undergoing surgeries. Despite living with incredible pain for years, she always maintained her optimistic outlook and selfless nature. She will be remembered for her endless positivity and kindness.

She is survived by her father Joe Brown; her three children, Jennifer Mansfield, Chad Keeling (Lauren), Rudolph Wakefield "Field" Keeling III; Step Daughter, Elizabeth Matly (Steven); her sisters, Lori Brown and Debbie Shea; 2 Grandchildren, Willet and Winslow Keeling and her beloved dog Zeus and treasured nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

A memorial service will be held at Pearson's, 149 Breckenridge Lane on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 2 p.m. Visitation will be from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday.

Memorial gifts may be made to Hosparus Health Inpatient or Greater Louisville Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 01:00PM - 04:00PM

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Pearson Funeral Home

149 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville, KY, US, 40207

FEB **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Susan Denise Brown Mansfield.



February 14, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Denise Brown Mansfield.



February 14, 2020 at 11:22 AM



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February 13, 2020 at 08:12 AM



“ Susan???? I only knew her as sweet Denise. She was my favorite niece, and she knew it. Ever since she was a little girl, she was always a really sweet, down-to-earth person, who made me feel good to be around her. A few years ago, at a Ballard reunion, she came up to me and, with a hug, said, "Hi uncle Joe! How are you?" I responded, "Well, okay I guess. I'm just getting old!!!!!! She looked at me and immediately replied, "But that's a good thing!!!" I knew exactly what she meant, given her health problems. It's good to grow old. Denise, pax vobiscum et requiesce in pace. Uncle Joe D.

Joe - February 11, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ We laughed all the time. She always drank TAB and I would tease her about it . We talked about our precious children, our health and strengths. I will miss her. She touched my life more than i will ever know. Thank you

Kathy - February 11, 2020 at 08:22 AM



“ I too shared my youth with Denise. We lived two houses away from each other and met in the 4th grade at St. Francis of Assisi. We were both blond with blue eyes and wire blue cat eye glasses and our teacher constantly confused the two of us. Denise was my first girlfriend with sleepovers, listening to music, catching the bus to downtown to shop and see a movie. I had so much fun with her. We were together at Highland Jr High and then Atherton High School. College took us to different places but we reconnected a couple of years ago and chatted in December. She was so proud of her children and grandchildren and happy to have them near this past Christmas. We made plans to see each other the next time I traveled home to Louisville. I will miss you Denise and I thank you for our special friendship so young. I will never forget you as our memories will live on. Rest In Peace my dear friend.

Linda Mucci Dunbar - February 11, 2020 at 08:12 AM



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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Susan Denise Brown Mansfield.



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“ I am very fortunate to have shared my youth with Denise and will miss her dearly. Our friendship goes back many years to St. Francis of Assisi Grade School (we were cheerleaders in 6th grade!), Highland Junior High School, Atherton High School and one year at the University of Kentucky. I have many, many wonderful memories including late night sleep overs, fun in the sun at Lakeside, cruising for hours on weekends (for just \$2.00 in gas), being a bridesmaid in her first wedding and ... I could go on and on.

I am also very fortunate to have spoken to Denise just 16 days ago. She shared with me that she was extremely tired and her body was finally telling her that a 15 year battle with this disease was enough. I tried to console her but began to cry so, as is typical of Denise, she ended up consoling me! I will never forget, she said "no, no, it's O.K.." It just does not get more brave than that. I will forever admire the courage, strength, and positive attitude Denise had through it all, as well as her unending love and devotion for her children, grandchildren, family and friends. May we all find the strength to get through this most difficult time by keeping our memories of Denise close in our hearts.

Katherine Ryan Reed - February 10, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Denise Brown Mansfield.



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“ Her smile and kindness can light up the room. She never met a stranger. From the 1st time I met her I knew she was a special lady! She fought long and hard and kept a smile on her face any many others around her. Denise you will be missed but your memory we will hold on too forever! Rest in heaven my friend

Nakesha Mansfield - February 10, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ I worked for several years with Denise at University of Louisville Hospital. I am a Social Worker also. Her cubicle was not far from mine. We shared lots of crazy stories and stress related to our patients. But I rarely recall a time when she was not smiling. A few times, she was tearful , admitting she was in pain. And I always wondered how she managed to do as much as she did and kept smiling. I worked with Denise during a time in my life in which I was in a very negative relationship. In recent years, being in a happy,stable relationship... Whenever I would post a picture on Facebook of me and my boyfriend, she had sweet comments about how happy she was for me & how happy I look. She was always genuine and caring. And also had a sense of humor . She will always be in my heart & I am one fortunate person to have known her

Katie - February 10, 2020 at 06:14 PM



“ Denise has to be the strongest woman I know. I have worked with her at U of L Hospital for almost 18yrs. I grew close to Denise. I will always remember our talks, hugs, and your contagious smile. Through her pain she continued to help and provide for others. She didn't have a selfish bone in her body. Denise I hope you knew the love and respect everyone had for you. You were an amazing woman. To her family, I pray God will hold you and comfort you now and in your upcoming days. Everyone who knew and worked with Denise were very blessed to have had her in their lives.

Tara Beam - February 10, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ I will always remember Denise's warm smile and how she always made you feel so special. I admired her joy and her strength. She truly loved people and showed compassion for everyone she helped. We were so blessed to have her. To her family, I am so sorry.

Vicki Beam LeCompte - February 10, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ Denise was one of the best social workers I worked with. She was a fighter, and is surely in a much better place now. She touched innumerable lives, and she will be missed dearly. Rest in peace.

Jignesh Shah - February 10, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ Denise was so sweet, so thoughtful. She left me notes of appreciation on my desk every weekend after she worked. Monday morning I would come in to work and find a sweet message from her . Two years ago she gave me a chocolate Easter Bunny for Easter... I'll never forget that!

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