



Denise Rae Stenstrom

September 19, 1964 - December 11, 2025

Denise Rae Stenstrom, age 61, of Ramsey, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2025, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital after a courageous and hard-fought battle with lung cancer. Denise met her journey with strength, grace, and an enduring love for her family that never wavered.

Denise was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Her greatest joy in life was her family, and her love for them was constant, fierce, and unconditional. She had a way of making those around her feel cared for and welcomed, whether through quiet conversations, shared laughter, or simply being present when it mattered most.

She is survived by her loving children: Neil (Katherine), Erik (Brooke), Zachary, and Brianna; and her cherished grandchildren: Aubree Rae, Owen, Meredith, Jedd, and Reid, who brought immeasurable light and joy into her life. Denise is also survived by her brother David Krieling Jr., half-brother Doug Blum, half-sister Donna Marsh, along with many other dear relatives and friends who will miss her deeply.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Allen George Stenstrom, and her parents, Carol and David Krieling Sr., whom she now joins in eternal peace.

A celebration of Denise's life will be held on Friday, January 16, at 11:00 a.m., with visitation beginning one hour prior, at Christ Lutheran Church, 641 89th Ave NE, Blaine, MN 55434. Interment will follow at Morningside Cemetery.

Following the service and interment, family and friends are invited to gather for a Celebration of Life at Bunker Hills Event Center beginning at 2:00 p.m. This time will be an opportunity to view photos, share memories, and celebrate the life of Denise Rae Stenstrom. Sandwiches will be provided, and a cash bar will be available.

Denise will be remembered for her kindness, her resilience, and the deep love she carried for her family. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of those who loved her and in the lives she touched.

Denise truly loved flowers, and they brought her so much joy. To celebrate her life, we invite you to wear something floral in her memory-big or small, bold or subtle. Your flowers will help make the day as beautiful and vibrant as she was.

Arrangements by Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, ^[L]_[SEP]763-767-1000 '
Washburn-McReavy.com

Cemetery Details

Morningside Memorial Gardens

11800 University Avenue NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ Lutheran Church
641 89th Avenue N.E.
Blaine, MN 55434

Memorial Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ Matt, Maureen, Jeff, Andrea purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Denise Rae Stenstrom.



Matt, Maureen, Jeff, Andrea - January 15 at 03:44 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Denise Rae Stenstrom.



January 15 at 08:20 AM

DG

“ Dynamic Design group purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Denise Rae Stenstrom.



Dynamic Design group - January 13 at 12:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Denise Rae Stenstrom.



January 12 at 01:08 PM

AT

“ All your friends in tNFL planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise Rae Stenstrom.

All your friends in tNFL - January 12 at 01:08 PM



“ Michelle Aldrich lit a candle in memory of Denise Rae Stenstrom



Michelle Aldrich - January 09 at 12:13 AM



Ohhhh Denise! Sooooo many memories. Thank you for such a great friendship. Trips up north, sitting with me while I bartended, overnight trips, bowling, outings house parties both yours and mine. Until we meet again. Fly high and PLEASE give my mom a hug and kiss from me!

Michelle Aldrich - January 09 at 12:21 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Denise Rae Stenstrom.



January 05 at 10:12 PM