



## Denise Kovacs

December 6, 2022

Denise Rae Kovacs, age 65 passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on December 6, 2022. Denise was born on July 4, 1957, to her mother and best friend Helen (McConnell) Staels and her father Raymond Staels (deceased). While she lived in the Detroit area for most of her life, graduating from Chippewa Valley High School in 1975, she spent a good part of her childhood in Las Vegas, Nevada. Her happy place though, was their little piece of heaven on the river in Wallaceburg, Ontario Canada with her soulmate John and baby Ella (their family dog).

By her side as she began her journey home to Heaven was her loving and devoted husband for over 18 years, John Kovacs. Her children Stacey (Chris) Ary, Chris (Jamie) Zaccanti, and Stephanie (Chad) Gornowich. Her brother David Staels and their mom Helen (Bunny). Her stepchildren Brian Kovacs, Nikki (Scott) Ritchie, and Chris Kovacs (Crystal Lachance).

Denise's greatest joy came from her family, especially her 15 grandchildren Paula, Darren, Jada, Kaiden, Alex, Jozlynn, Brooklyn, Dylan, Bella, Jaxon, Ryder, Gavin, Emma, Asher, and Hailey. She was always making things for them, cooking for them, and teaching them to do arts and crafts. Christmas was her favorite time of the year, and she was the one to bring the spirit of Christmas to life. She was magic.

Her loyalty and love were unconditional. She was selfless and gave everything she had to everyone she knew. Even the many people who worked with her at Hudson's (Macys) and Sears talk about her huge heart and how she cared for her staff. She was a light in the darkness. Strong, brave, caring, creative, talented, loving, and kind.

Denise is also survived by her mothers-in-law Maria McFadden of Wallaceburg and Agnes Zaccanti of Clinton Township, her nephew Nicholas (Michelle) Staels and their children, her brother Richard Staels, sister-in-law Helen (Lloyd) Ross, brother-in-law Michael Kovacs, as well as many aunts, uncles, in-laws, cousins, and friends.

Family and Friends of Canada are invited for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home (409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg, 519-627-3231) on Saturday January 21, 2023, from 12 noon until the time of her service at 2pm in the Funeral Home Chapel.

Michigan Family and Friends are invited, by invitation only, to attend a Celebration of Life Service at the Mirage Banquet Hall (16980 18 mile in Clinton Township) on Saturday February 4, 2023, beginning at 12:00pm.

Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

# Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Denise Kovacs



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - January 10, 2023 at 11:14 AM

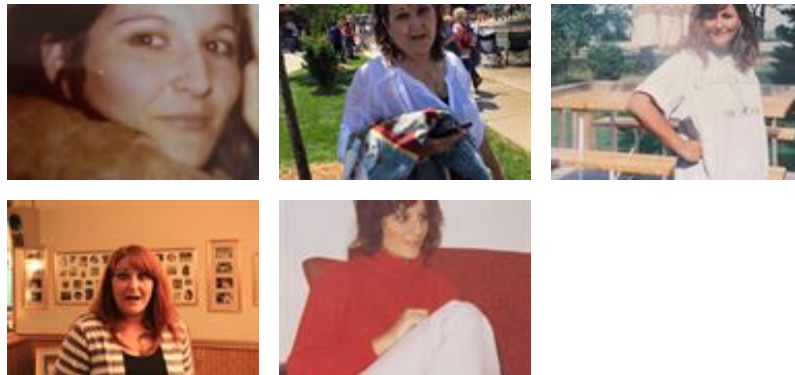


“ Denise Kovacs

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ 135 files added to the album LifeTributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - January 05, 2023 at 03:34 PM

SA

“ If you only knew the impact you have had and how much love you have shared in this world. You were literally our angel here on earth and it is devastating to know that you will never know just how much you meant to so many. You leave for me the desire to be a better mother, wife, friend, and human. I love you mom and I will be seeing you ❤️



Stacey Ary - December 30, 2022 at 07:13 AM

CW

“ Dear, sweet, kind & generous Denise. Your love of family, the magic shared by you & John, your love of life. My beautiful friend - I will miss you so. Forever to be remembered & loved - oh how we wish you could be here with us. Heaven has gained a remarkable soul. Love you!  
- Cindy Winder, friend & former Sears co-worker ❤️

Cindy Winder - December 27, 2022 at 08:11 PM

DB

“ Our condolences to you and your family Brian . We never got to know her but the immense kindness and love she extended to her family n friends leaves no doubt the world is a much darker place without her here. Praying for you all .



Debbie & Gilles Berube - December 21, 2022 at 06:00 AM

DB

“ *Diane Buckingham lit a candle in memory of Denise Kovacs*



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**Diane Diane Buckingham** - December 14, 2022 at 08:28 PM

DL

“ *Dear John and Family, We know that you have such great memories that will help you through this difficult time. Denise was a special person who was always a pleasure to talk to. It was obvious she loved her family and her home. Our sincere condolence to the family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Del and Bev.*

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**Del and Bev Lunn** - December 12, 2022 at 09:48 PM

MS

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Kovacs family, Denis was an extremely happy and lovely person. She would always be ready to say Hello to me as I delivered for Purolator and was at there home many times. To John and Brian, hugs and prayer to you both. Denise memory will live onward in you both.*

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**Mike & Kelly Serruys** - December 10, 2022 at 09:03 AM

EV

“ *We are so very sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very difficult time.*



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**Eddie and Tracy (O'Brien) VanDamme** - December 09, 2022 at 08:58 PM

MA

“ *Melodie Aviña lit a candle in memory of Denise Kovacs*



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**Melodie Aviña** - December 09, 2022 at 07:57 PM

NA

“ *Norma Authier lit a candle in memory of Denise Kovacs*



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**Norma Authier** - December 09, 2022 at 07:43 PM

TP

“ *Tammy Bryan Poissant lit a candle in memory of Denise Kovacs*



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**Tammy and Bryan Poissant** - December 09, 2022 at 07:28 PM

VL

“ *My heartfelt sympathy*



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**Viola Landon** - December 09, 2022 at 04:55 PM

GP

“ Words cannot express the depth of sorrow I feel for you John and for all of those in your combined family, and also to Denise’s many many friends.

*Denise was a wonderful warm hearted woman who helped many people, and if you had the honour of spending any time with her, you would know how deeply she can touch your heart in such kind ways. She will truly be missed by everyone who knew her.*

*John, I am so happy that you had the opportunity to spend those years with such an amazing woman. Let that love help to lessen the hurt, and let the memories fill your feeling of loss.*

*We are all so in shock at your passing Denise. Our thoughts and prayers and Love were with you while you were in the hospital, and now our prayers are for your peaceful resting. You will be in all of our hearts forever.*

*Gary Park*

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**Gary Park** - December 09, 2022 at 03:47 PM

DA

“ John & family, We are so sorry for you loss.



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**Dale & Colleen Aitken** - December 09, 2022 at 02:44 PM

VH

“ John and family,  
So very sorry for your loss.  
*Dave and Vicky Hess*

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**Vicky and Dave Hess** - December 09, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Sending heartfelt sympathy to John & family.  
May all the wonderful memories help you  
through these sad times.*



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**Betty Tack** - December 09, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ *Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Denise  
Kovacs*



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**Gerry Flynn** - December 09, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ *I won't say goodbye. Your memory will go on forever my friend. You became a very special person in my life. You always knew what to say to comfort and console and help make decisions, good or bad, And you could always bring humour to any situation. Not only to me, but also to whomever may have needed it. I will always cherish our friendship Denise. And please don't worry about John and Ella, (Cinderella). You know there is and will always be a small army of family and friends at the ready for them . And I promise to make sure John eats a salad now and then, but I will likely need your help with that . Thank you for being you . Your friend, forever and a day.*

*Cindy Deschenes*

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**Cindy Deschenes** - December 09, 2022 at 11:02 AM

DL

“ *debbie lowe lit a candle in memory of Denise Kovacs*



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**debbie lowe** - December 09, 2022 at 10:56 AM

TE

“ *So sorry to hear this. Sincere condolences to John and family and to all of Denise's friends.*

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**Tim and Lisa English** - December 09, 2022 at 10:21 AM

MB

“ *Mike Bolton lit a candle in memory of Denise Kovacs*



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**Mike Kevin Bolton** - December 09, 2022 at 09:07 AM

DL

“ We met at the Sirata Beach hotel in st. Petersburg, Florida all the way back in may 1989. We hit it off straight away and enjoyed a wonderful week getting to know her and her family. We were invited to visit and stay at their home in Michigan in 1991 we had an amazing week visiting her place of work, meeting relations, visiting the house up north and going to Cedar Point. We met up again at the Sirata Beach in 1992 and again had a wonderful time. We corresponded through letters and phone calls and later through messenger and Facebook. It took 24 years to finally meet up again in 2016 but it was a wonderful reunion and we got to meet John who we could see was the love of her life. We are so grateful that Stacey, Chris and Stephanie helped to make this reunion happen. My memories of Denise will always be happy ones filled with love. I am honoured and proud to have had her as a friend in my life. It may seem strange to read that I feel a little empty knowing she is no longer there as we didn't see each other or chat that often but that is the kind of person Denise was she made a lasting impression on all who met her. Sending my love to all the family.

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**debbie lowe** - December 09, 2022 at 07:47 AM

JN

“ Julie Nemeth lit a candle in memory of Denise Kovacs



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**Julie Nemeth** - December 09, 2022 at 07:29 AM

KC

“ *My condolences go out to John and her family and friends!*



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**Kathy Charron** - December 09, 2022 at 06:46 AM

TB

“ *Tim Bechard lit a candle in memory of Denise Kovacs*



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**Tim Bechard** - December 08, 2022 at 11:52 PM

EJ

“ *Eric Sandra Johnston lit a candle in memory of Denise Kovacs*



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**Eric and Sandra Johnston** - December 08, 2022 at 09:25 PM

SC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time.*



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**Sherry & Dave Crowe** - December 08, 2022 at 09:19 PM

TB

“ *Tom Linda Blair sent a virtual gift in memory of Denise Kovacs*



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**Tom & Linda Blair** - December 08, 2022 at 06:53 PM

PB

“ *Sorry for your loss,my condolences and prayers for family and friends. Big brotherly hug to you John,stay strong my friend.*



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**Paul Bechard** - December 08, 2022 at 05:38 PM