

## OBITUARY

*Carolyn Denise Mercer  
Doebbeling*

SEPTEMBER 5, 1942 - FEBRUARY 21, 2022



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Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park and Mortuary*Carolyn Denise Mercer Doebbeling (Denny) 1942 ~  
2022*

**O**ur sweet and feisty mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, Denise Doebbeling, passed away on February 21, 2022 in Salt Lake City, UT. A descendant of a founder of Seattle and the University of Washington, Asa Shinn Mercer, Denise was born September 5, 1942 to Osman Webb Mercer and Laura Frances Mercer (Maxwell).

Denise was above all else a gifted and prodigious lifetime teacher. Beginning with pre-schoolers in the early days of Head Start, Denise went on to earn her Masters Degree in Special Education at the University of Utah to teach the visually handicapped, including mastering braille and blind mobility training. Along the way she taught in elementary grade classrooms, Kol Ami religious school, and

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imparted her love of nature to young visitors to Red Butte Gardens as a volunteer. Also a lifelong learner, Denise studied for and celebrated a Bat Mitzvah in her 60's. She became a student herself in retirement, regularly attending Osher courses through the University of Utah.

When not in the classroom, Denise shared her vocal talent as a member of the Kol Ami Choir and developed her artistry in drawing. A great fan of the arts, she was a regular subscriber to the Utah Symphony, Ballet West, Pioneer Theater, and Utah Shakespeare Festival. Her commitment to fitness

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## **FAMILY**

Osman Webb Mercer and Laura Frances Mercer  
*Parents (deceased)*

Stuart Turkanis  
*Husband (deceased)*

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