

OBITUARY

*Carolyn Denise Mercer
Doebbeling*

SEPTEMBER 5, 1942 - FEBRUARY 21, 2022



IN THE CARE OF

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

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

Stuart Turkanis
Husband (deceased)

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Susan Garell
Daughter

Jonathan Turkanis
Step-son

Rebecca Turkanis
Step-daughter

Angela Jenkins
Daughter (deceased)

With her big smile and easy laugh, Denise will be dearly missed by her family, many friends, neighbors, and community colleagues. Denise leaves behind her daughter, Susan Garell; grandchildren, Jacqueline Garell, and Nicholas Jenkins (Tiffany); great-grandsons, Quinton Jenkins and Griffin Jenkins; brother, Richard Mercer (Anne); step-son, Jonathan Turkanis; step-daughter, Rebecca Turkanis, and step-grandson, Leo Liggins, nieces and nephews, and longtime assistant, caregiver, and friend, Shelley Purser.

Denise pre-deceased by husband, Stuart Turkanis; daughter, Angela Jenkins; and sister, Jeanie Stoker.

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Leslie Dorius-Jones (Maxwell)

Family

02/27/2022

Denise and I were cousins through the Maxwell line, fellow Jews at Congregation Kol Ami, Fellow Ch... members for High Holy Days services and I will miss her greatly. I am sad that I couldn't attend her fun... as I am wheelchair and house bound at this time. Denise, I hope you have as much fun on the other side... you had here on earth. May peace come to her family.

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From the Family



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