



## Denise M Brown (Karlsen)

May 16, 2019

Denise M Brown (Karlsen), 50, of Galloway peacefully passed to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on May 16, 2019. She was born on April 15, 1969, in Camden, NJ, to Joe and Barbara (Campanelli) Karlsen. Denise was a 1988 Oakcrest High School graduate. She married Joe Brown December 1, 2013 in Galloway, NJ.

Denise was the sunshine that warmed our hearts. She loved God more than anything and it showed in her strength when fighting every challenge thrown at her since birth. The abundance of love she had for her family and friends shined brighter than any star. Denise filled the world with joy and love, even on the darkest of days. She was an amazing example of the love of Jesus Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Joe; two stepsons, Joey and Sean Brown; a sister, Barbara (David) Bush; a brother, Joe (Leila) Karlsen; a nephew, Rodney and three nieces, Crystal, Makayla and Lilianna; and the best cousins, aunts and uncles in the world. She is at peace now with Jesus and her mother, Barbara.

If you would like to join us for a memorial in honor of our beloved Denise, you are invited to the Hammonton First Assembly of God, 272 US 206, Hammonton, NJ from 4-6pm on Friday May 24, 2019. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you please make a donation to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia or to the St Jude's foundation. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wimberg Funeral Home, 211 E. Great Creek Rd, Galloway 609-641-0001. For condolences, please visit [wimbergfuneralhome.com](http://wimbergfuneralhome.com).

# Events

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**MAY**   **Visitation**   04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Hammonton First Assembly of God

272 US 206,, Hammonton, NJ, US, 08037

# Comments

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Sean** - November 08 at 03:03 PM

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“ Love you always sissy, you'll be forever in my heart.



**Barbara Karlsen Bush** - August 09, 2019 at 05:18 AM

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“ My beloved sister, I know these two special people are Happy to see you. But I everyday miss you. See you soon God willing.



**Barbara Karlsen Bush** - August 09, 2019 at 05:13 AM

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“ Taken last year. Lol



**Amanda Sockriter** - May 29, 2019 at 09:29 PM

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“ It has taken me a long time to try and put words together to explain how much you meant to me. But honestly there are not enough words to express how special you were to me. Even though these past months I've been struggling with life myself you always made sure to check on me. You always brightened my day. You understood me better than myself. I still believe you were sent to me 5 years ago to build me into the woman I am today. I will be forever grateful for your caring nature and always loving me even at my hardest times! You never turned your back on me and i promise to keep your  
Memory alive. Love you and miss you so much! I feel so selfish wanting you here. I have to keep reminding myself your no longer suffering! Rest easy! See you when it is my time.

**Amanda Sockriter** - May 29, 2019 at 09:19 PM

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“ Marc and I want to extend our heartfelt condolences to all who loved Denise. She always called us Aunt Holly & Uncle Marc due to our long-standing relationship with her late, but much beloved mom and our "big-sis" Barb. I was honored and delighted to attend her and Joe's wedding. On that day, I could tell that she was finally in the happy place that she so deserved, surrounded by friends and family who celebrated their combined joy with her and Joe. Even though she faced many health problems throughout her life, her positive outlook and unwavering faith in her Lord kept her powering through, despite numerous setbacks and frustrations. Now, she rests in the loving arms of her mom who preceded her ascent to Heaven. Rest in everlasting peace, sweet niece. - Holly & Marc Orgiefsky

**Holly Orgiefskhy** - May 26, 2019 at 03:40 PM

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“ My heart, prayers, thoughts and deepest condolences go out to her husband Joe, sister Barbara, brother Joe and all her aunts/uncles and cousins. If there was an example of what loving and caring for family and friends was about...it was Denise. She always tried to look on the bright side of things even if others didn't want to. Through all of the trials you had since childhood you always said... God never gave you any test that He thought you couldn't handle- and it was for a reason... so that you could be a witness and a testament of God's love through you. Denise truly and genuinely lived, loved and cared for her family and friends no matter what the situation and more than any problems or tribulations she faced. I know that we were in each others lives for many, many years and had our issues and a falling out... but I am glad we had talked and mended things. I am so deeply saddened to hear of her passing, but I know she is now with her mom and grandpop and was welcomed with open arms - and no more pain. Describing herself as "Big Hearted Italian" just can't and doesn't cover it. Denise was a true friend, an authentically pure, honest and caring spirit at heart, and will be sincerely and deeply missed!!

Todd Toivonen - May 24, 2019 at 09:27 PM

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“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Denise M Brown (Karlsen).



May 24, 2019 at 03:04 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Denise M Brown (Karlsen).



May 23, 2019 at 01:27 PM

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“ Our Condolences to Hubby Joe n the Boys. As well as Denise’s.Sisters, Brother, Aunts n their families. Will miss her n her bubbly energy.. always smiling , always thinking positive. I know she is in good hands now n her trials are over. Sleep well,

**Cousins Jim n Peggy Bruno** - May 22, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ You will be missed my sister and friend. Even though I wasn't at your celebration of life yesterday as my client was passing. You will always be in my heart!!!

**jennifer Mulvaney** - May 25, 2019 at 09:29 AM

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“ My heart breaks to hear the passing of such a beautiful, always smiling woman who didn't let anything stand in her way! Our deep condolences to your entire family!! Denise was a friend of the family. The last time we saw Denise was last October at my wedding. She was so happy and free spirited and didn't even let having a portable oxygen tank bring her down even on the dance floor! Rest Easy friend... OX



**Sandy Zara** - May 21, 2019 at 09:15 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Denise M Brown (Karlsen).



May 21, 2019 at 09:07 AM

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“ Joseph Karlsen lit a candle in memory of Denise M Brown (Karlsen)



Joseph Karlsen - May 20, 2019 at 03:24 PM

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“ My sister....you have touched so many and my heart is in conflict. Sad that You are gone but happy you're in heaven and have no pain. You've always been there for me and have been a best friend through our journey together. I will see you again but will miss you so much until then... I love you Sis - your BIG bro.

Joseph S Karlsen - May 19, 2019 at 10:02 AM

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“ Holli Longstreet lit a candle in memory of Denise M Brown (Karlsen)



Holli longstreet - May 19, 2019 at 09:24 AM

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“ First and foremost my thoughts and prayers go out to her husband Joe, sister Barb and brother Joe and family, I am at a loss in disbelief , she has been a part of my life since I was a kid..we were inseparable in our younger years she was like a sister.. She had a heart bigger than the world.  
I have never met a stronger person, she beat the odds every time, I am a wreck my only saving peace is she is with the Lord and her mother and finally out of pain..  
She loved and lived for her family and friends and is watching over all of us ..she is our guardian angel...RIP my best friend and sis  
Holli

Holli longstreet - May 19, 2019 at 09:07 AM



“ Barbara Tharp lit a candle in memory of Denise M Brown (Karlsen)



Barbara Tharp - May 18, 2019 at 09:02 PM

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“ Our dear Denise we will miss you but you will always be in our hearts. I am eternally grateful for the love you gave my son. He was never as happy as the years he had with you. Spread your wings our butterfly and fly in heaven with the angels as you are one of them. Love Mom and Bob

Barbara Tharp - May 18, 2019 at 07:39 PM

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“ This is for you Denise



Necie Mindy - May 18, 2019 at 07:15 PM

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“ Denise I know we weren't friends long & had our ups & downs. But last yr. we made peace with each other. I am happy to be friends with you. I am saddened of your passing but, know in my heart that you are at peace. I just said out loud yesterday when I heard of your passing, Denise is with our Father in heaven & dancing that you are happy now no pain, no tears & with your Mom. Until we meet again my friend.  
Necie

Necie Mindy - May 18, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ You will never find anyone more pure of heart than my cousin Denise. She was the embodiment of everything our family is all about. Denise loved her family and friends more than anything in the world. The only thing she ever talked about was "getting together with the cousins." In a powerful way, our bond is stronger today in honor of our Denise. She is one of the strongest women that I know and her joy in life never wavered through it all.

Denise was truly selfless. I vividly remember rides in that Jeep. She loved that thing! I admit to saying a few prayers driving with Denise as we took a few turns a little too fast, but I will always cherish those memories driving with my Cuz! One time, we were driving around and we were listening to spiritual singer Carmen. I mentioned that I like the song and Denise told me take that CD and keep it. Then she proceeds to give me two other CDs and the stereo/CD player we were using to listen to them. That was Denise.

My cousin Denise loved my daughter Brielle. More than anyone could, she felt the pain deeply and she always remembered her. I know Denise loved children. I like to think that Denise and Brielle are up there now and they are dancing in a field of flowers, holding hands together and smiling. I miss you Denise. You were too good to us.

**Frank Santo** - May 18, 2019 at 04:17 PM

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“ Joe, Joey and Sean . We r so sorry for your loss. May Denise RIP now with her mom and the angels. Take one day at a time each of you and if you need anything please just ask. Love Debbie, nanny and poppy

**debbiethomas** - May 18, 2019 at 01:55 PM

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“ So many memories because I was with you from birth and visited often. I know my niece loved our family gatherings and that is why i strive to maintain them and I will continue in her honor. We are a united family who care deeply for one another. As AuntE, I will do my best to unite us and and be there for you. I know your uncle Frank feels exactly the same. I miss you my niece Denise but I am thrilled you are with Jesus and your mom, grand moms, grandfather, my granddaughter and many more. As a matter of fact, As we were worshipping Friday evening, I saw Denise in heaven jumping up and down yelling, "I'm here, I'm here!" AND, she was exuberant. I will share more about that vision. I love you Denise.

**Elaine Santo** - May 18, 2019 at 11:43 AM