



Denise Ann Kitchen

July 7, 1963 - September 3, 2025

Denise Ann (DuSold) Kitchen, age 62, from Crown Point, Indiana passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on September 3, 2025. She was born on July 7, 1963, to Ralph and Jean (Henning) DuSold.

Denise joyously married her husband, Michael Kitchen, on August 16, 1997. She was a loving and devoted mother, while also dedicating her life to caring for others. Denise graduated from Illinois State University with a B.A. in Music Therapy. She was a skilled pianist. Throughout her life, she played in jazz bands, wedding bands, and worship bands and loved to “rock out” with those who shared her love of music. Denise devoted her career and personal life to supporting individuals with disabilities, striving to ensure they had opportunities to live fully and joyfully. When her children were young, she was a Boy Scout leader, Girl Scout leader, and piano accompanist for her son’s school choir. She prioritized attending every field trip, class party, and fundraiser possible. Her radiant spirit and quick sense of humor brightened the lives of all those around her. For over 25 years, Denise was the pianist on the worship team at Town and Country Christian Church and Impact Christian Church and was a current worshiper at Lifewell Christian Church. At TCCC she was also an infant nursery worker, Sunday school teacher, and a member of the choir and theater. She not only shared her Christian faith but lived it in her daily life with a servant’s heart. “I have fought the good fight. I finished the course. I have kept the faith.” - 2 Timothy 4:7.

She is survived by her husband Michael; two sons, Andrew (Megan) Taylor

and Michael Kitchen II; one daughter, Colleen (Caleb) Rennaker; two step-sons, Caleb Kitchen and Casey (Sarah) Kitchen; one step-daughter, Carissa (Derrick) Garletts; 7 grandchildren, Blake, Damien, Rowan, Scarlett, Wesley, Avery, and Eliana; her sister, Laura (DuSold) Gallegos; sister-in-law, Patti DuSold; two cousins, Victor Gazarek and Christine (Charles) Polly. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Brad and Craig DuSold. A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 1 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 3 p.m. at Lifewell Christian Church, 7037 E. 117th Ave, Crown Point, In. Rev. Danny Cox officiating. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

MM

“Denise and I really enjoyed going out shopping and doing lunches together. We were also blessed to be able to go on vacations several times. She was a wonderful person and friend. We will be together again. Loved by all who knew her❤️

Margo Maples - October 07, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“Engraved Tree Tag was purchased for the family of Denise Ann Kitchen.



October 05, 2025 at 10:12 PM

SF

“My first memory of Denise was at Town and Country Church playing the piano for the worship. She was always so kind. My dad was the pastor who married Mike and Denise and she always had sweet words to share about my dad. Then I remember her being in a band called Spoken For with my friend Angela. Denise was such an encourager! She came to see a few of my shows. Always smiling! Then my husband and I got to spend an evening together with Mike and Denise at a concert along with James and Jamie Siple. Denise shared photos of her grandkids said she loved them sooo much! I was so excited to see her and thought there would be more times like that! Well there certainly will be when we get to Heaven where she is now. Goodbye is not forever! We will all see you someday! Loveya

Sherry Farkas - September 12, 2025 at 06:46 PM

MM

“ My dear Denise,, I was blessed to have such a loving, caring friend. We had some great vacations together. The times we laughed together and enjoyed shopping will be etched in my mind. You will be dearly missed. Your warmth, compassion and friendship were gifts to all those you knew. You will be deeply missed. RIP

Margo Maples - September 11, 2025 at 09:50 PM

KC

“ Denise was an amazing person. She had such a kind spirit. The few times we went shopping together was great and I will cherish the memories I was able to share with her!

Kara Cook - September 11, 2025 at 02:41 PM

ML

“ Denise and I worked together for several years. Her passion for the individuals she served never wavered. To Michael and family, I am so sorry for your loss.

Mary Jane Lewis - September 09, 2025 at 01:00 PM

DR

“ Sincere heartfelt condolences. So sorry to hear this!!! 

Dorothy Robinson - September 09, 2025 at 09:32 AM

BA

“ So sorry to hear about Denise. I worked with her many years.

barb - September 08, 2025 at 05:27 PM

LT

“ I have known Denise since I was young. She was a wonderful girl scout leader. She made it so much fun. Even now that I'm an adult with my own kids, Denise would still message me to check in and gush about her kids and grandkids. She had such a sweet heart ❤️

Lauren (Eversole) Tomlinson - September 06, 2025 at 07:39 PM