



Dena Mari Damian

January 29, 1963 - June 11, 2020

On Thursday, June 11, 2020, my beloved bride, Dena Mari Damian, age 57 of DeMotte, went to be with Jesus. She was born January 29, 1963 in LaPorte, Indiana the daughter of Charles and Joan (Linn) Dadlow.

Dena graduated from Lowell High School, Class of 1981. On September 15, 1984, in Lowell, Indiana, she married John Rocky Damian. Dena was a nail technician at Shear Designs for over 30 years. She was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church. She founded and continually managed PNAS, Pet Neutering & Adoption Services, since 1994. Dena loved to garden and raise flowers. She loved all creatures, great and small. She loved her family and was deeply loved by others. Dena had a great sense of humor and could make anyone laugh. She will be greatly missed by her many friends and family.

Dena is survived by her husband: John Rocky Damian of DeMotte, IN; mother, Joan Corman of Lowell, IN; father, Charles (Mary Jo) Dadlow of LaPorte, IN; children: Cassity Johnson of Valparaiso, IN; Carrie (Michael) Blake of Wheatfield, IN; 6 grandchildren: Ayden, Avrey, Annabel, Adalynn, Sofia, and Carrigan; siblings: Debbie (Mike) Dillon, Doug (Cindy) Dadlow, Danny Dadlow, Kim (Richard) Facciolo; and special niece Jennie (Ryan) Higer.

Dena is preceded in death by her sister, Tamara Dadlow.

Friends and family may gather, while practicing social distancing, at Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 from 3:00 – 8:00 PM. A parting prayer will start at 7:45 PM with Father Dennis Faker officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to PNAS-Pet Neutering & Adoption Services.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
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Prayer Service

JUN 16. 7:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ Still missed. Every time a stray or feral is seen, reminds me of Dena and her quest for PNAS and TNR. Well done good and faithful friend. Please everyone, spay & neuter your pets!

Marian - June 12, 2024 at 05:28 PM

AA

“ Auntie D,
I will NEVER forget all the things you taught me, the awesome times we had together, your HUGE ❤️. You had for everyone and every animal. Your laugh I will never ever forget. You were always the light of the party. A little late always lol but you made it! Not a day will go by that I won't think about you. Hug Mom and Grandpa tight for me! My forever Angels 🥰! Love you Always and Forever until we are ALL together Happy again!
Love your Neice,
Amy & Kids

Amy Alexanderson - June 19, 2020 at 02:02 PM

SJ

“ *The animal world has lost a real crusader but at the gates of Heaven, I'm sure she was greeted by all those small creatures that she has saved through the years!*

We knew Dena from Pet Neutering. She rescued our "Ralph" (aka Elex) and Clifford, the big red dog. She was my "go-to" when I had rescue questions. She was a wonderful lady and I'm so glad that we were privileged to know her.

May her family find peace knowing how much Dena was loved by all.

*Sue & Tim James
Crown Point, IN*

Sue A James - June 17, 2020 at 01:22 PM

SM

“ *Dena and I were best friends in high school and cosmetology school. We also worked together. We were inseparable. Some people in life make you laugh a little louder, smile a little bigger and love a little better. That was Dena . I thank God that he blessed me with that very special friend.*

Dena you will always be in my heart,

Shelley Lambert Meier

Shelley Lambert Meier - June 16, 2020 at 10:02 PM

KS

Shelly, the flowers you sent were incredibly beautiful.

karen silva - June 17, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ Dena was a sweet, sweet person and friend. I have so many good memories over the last 27 years we have been friends and I have been playing them thru my mind over the last few days. I am so thankful to have these memories of her. She was always ready to help and to offer advise. She is the reason for my love of flowers and flower gardens, she started by giving me starts from her beautiful garden and helping me start my own gardens. We had many fun shopping trips together and Jim and I enjoyed just stopping by the house to see what she and Rocky were up to. No matter how busy she was she always had time to gab and drive me around on the golf cart. We also shared our love of animals and rescued many a dog or cat together. (She way more than me) Two of our cats we have now are from Dena. She had a way of " talking" us into adopting them. Dena was hard to say no to and she usually got her way. We are going to miss her tremendously, there will definitely be a void in our lives. Dena was one of a kind and we feel so privileged to have called her friend. She will live in our hearts forever.

We love you Dena.

Jen & Jim Holmes

**pictures are the two kitties we adopted from Dena/PNAS, Deno and Emmie*



Jennie Roberts-Holmes - June 16, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dena Mari Damian.



June 16, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dena Mari Damian.



June 15, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 15, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dena Mari Damian.*



June 15, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dena Mari Damian.*



June 14, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dena Mari Damian.*



June 14, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ *Love, Anne and Steve Schmidt purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Dena Mari Damian.*



Love, Anne and Steve Schmidt - June 14, 2020 at 06:23 PM

RU

“ *Ruth U. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dena Mari Damian.*



Ruth U. - June 14, 2020 at 01:40 PM

LC

“ *Love, Janet, Chuck, Dan and Kelly Cullison purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Dena Mari Damian.*



Love, Janet, Chuck, Dan and Kelly Cullison - June 14, 2020 at 11:15 AM

RK

“ *Robert B. Linn, Jr. & Kids purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dena Mari Damian.*



Robert B. Linn, Jr. & Kids - June 13, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dena Mari Damian.*



June 13, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Dena Mari Damian.*



June 13, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ *Charles & Mary Jo Dadlow purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Dena Mari Damian.*



Charles & Mary Jo Dadlow - June 13, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dena Mari Damian.*



June 13, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ *Dena lived across the street from parents . She was a neighborhood icon, who loved giving garden tours on her golf cart . She was just the type of person you loved being around because of her outgoing and fun personality. She has done so much for my family and we will all miss her tremendously. Sending love and prayers to Rocky and family .*

Michelle Edinger - June 13, 2020 at 07:37 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dena Mari Damian.*



June 13, 2020 at 06:46 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Dena and my cousin Joan. My heart goes out to all of you in the loss of your wife, mother, sister, daughter.*

Toni Linn - June 13, 2020 at 02:44 AM



“ *Sending condolences to Dena's husband and family. I hope you will find some comfort knowing others are lifting you up in prayer and sharing fond memories of your beloved. I met Dena through St. Cecilia Church and PNAS. She had such a big heart for animals, knew how important they were in our lives and in our communities, saw a need, and started Pet Neutering and Adoption Services (PNAS). She was one of the most generous people I know with her time helping people in need, educating and creating awareness in our communities and helping the feral cat population too. She has been like a coach to me at times, cheering me through some difficult dilemmas I've had with animals. I will miss her tremendously. Rest in peace and the love of God, Dena.*



Marian - June 12, 2020 at 11:04 PM

Megan VanVleet

“ *Megan VanVleet lit a candle in memory of Dena Mari Damian*



Megan VanVleet - June 12, 2020 at 08:51 PM

MA

“ *Dena you were a bundle of joy in our family. Always laughing and having fun! We sure will miss your ray of sunshine my sweet cousin. Rest in love! We all loved you.*

Melanie Adams - June 12, 2020 at 08:36 PM

AR

“ *You are truly, the most kind, beautiful human I am sure I have, or will ever meet. Rest in Peace Dena. I love you. A.*



ALYCIA G RAINES - June 12, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dena Mari Damian.*



June 12, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ *Jill Wilson lit a candle in memory of Dena
Mari Damian* ”



Jill Wilson - June 12, 2020 at 06:44 PM