

It's Me

By Kelly Roper

*When the sun breaks through the clouds
And a warm beam shine down upon your
face,
It's me reaching out from Heaven to touch
your cheeks
And whisper, "I'm alright."
When a gentle breeze finds you and
Refreshes your mind and body,
It's me caressing you and reminding you,
"You're alright too."*

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In Loving Memory of



Denise Lyn. Blankinship

April 30, 1962 – November 8, 2023

"Life is the sum of experiences we encounter as we go through life."

Although we lost Denise on November 8, 2023, at 61, she has lived a journey of grand experiences and explorations. Denise traveled the world and captured those memories through the lens of her camera. Although Denise loved to travel, she also loved her home life wherever that may have been, from her birthplace of Michigan to the Rolling Hills of Tennessee, the dazzling lights of Manhattan, and the seascapes of Rockaway Beach to her resting place of Prescott Valley home was always with her family. Denise leaves behind her loving and always supporting parents, Clarence Blankinship Jr. and Mavis Blankinship, her siblings, Edward Blankinship and Darlene Andersen, and her most prized Nieces and Nephews, Christie Stewart, Kelli Andersen, Daniel Andersen, Eric Blankinship, Clayton Blankinship, Jamie Blankinship, and their families, and we could not forget her fur baby Stella who adored her.

Denise also cherished her work after graduating from Michigan Technological University in 1984, earning her Bachelor of Science in Business Information Systems Management and minoring in Operations and Production Management.

Denise's career and life-long ambitions are commendable; throughout her professional career, she has served on numerous vendor Customer Advisory Boards. 2011 Denise received the Women in Insurance Leadership 2011 Notable Achiever award. In 2016, Denise became a member of the MTU Presidential Council of Alumnae (PCA).

She was serving as an Account Manager focusing on implementing Life, Health, and Annuity policy administration applications. Previously, she was a Senior Consultant within the Finance and insurance practice for Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC). In July 2004, Denise joined the Church Pension Group as Vice President of Data Information. During her tenure at CPG, Denise established an enterprise Business Analyst program. She implemented numerous process improvement projects spanning web self-service, policy administration, document automation, and content management, focusing on efficient workflow automation.

In May 2016, she became Vice President of Strategic Projects. In this position, she was accountable for setting the strategy, creating and overseeing the budget, maintaining relationships with senior business partners and vendors, and ongoing leadership of all the disciplines within ITS Project Oversight, ITS Service Delivery, and ITS Procurement.

Denise retired in May of 2017 and began planning her life legacy. Denise was a known hobbyist. She loved photography, cooking, and gardening, but Denise's heart and passion were her unique jewelry-making from wire and rare stones and gems. Denise often made one-of-a-kind pieces for friends and loved ones.

Those of us who have had the fortunate opportunity to share and be a part of Denise's life can attest to how big Denise's heart is and how much she will be missed.

We Love. You, Rest in Peace