



## Denise Hollowell Horton

July 16, 1950 - February 8, 2024

### In Loving Memory

Denise Hollowell Horton, 73, of Sarasota, FL, passed away from natural causes in her home on February 8, 2024. She was born in Cincinnati, OH on July 16, 1950, to Wilson and Miriam Hollowell. Denise and her younger brother, Michael Hollowell, moved to Sarasota, FL with their parents in 1954. Denise graduated from Riverview High School in 1968 before entering the workforce for a career in hospital billing and administration. She was a dedicated employee and a wonderful friend to her co-workers.

Denise married her husband, William F. Horton, Jr. (Bill), on April 20, 1974. Denise was an avid fan of the Florida Gators, as the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL is where Bill and Denise spent their early years of marriage as Bill completed his degree. While in Gainesville, Denise worked for Shands Teaching Hospital. After Bill graduated, he and Denise moved to West Palm Beach, FL for work until settling back in Sarasota. Together, they raised three children and were blessed with seven grandchildren.

Denise retired from her position with the Sarasota Memorial Health Care System in 2006 and devoted her time to being a loving wife to Bill, mother to her sons and daughters-in-law, and Nana to her grandchildren, supporting them in whatever they needed. When called, whether late at night or early in

the morning, Denise always responded with, “How can I help?” or “What do you need?” She never missed the opportunity to watch her grandchildren participate in sports and perform at concerts. She proudly watched as they received awards at ceremonies, and she cheerfully donated to every school fundraiser. She loved blessing her children and grandchildren with beautifully wrapped presents and bought a lot of gift wrap over the years! She also loved to cook and search for new recipes, and she enjoyed preparing delicious meals for her loved ones. Denise cherished every moment spent with her family, and her love, generosity, support, and eagerness to help were deeply appreciated and admired by her family and all who knew her.

Denise was preceded in death by her parents, Miriam and Wilson Hollowell, her in-laws, Joyce and William Horton, and her sister-in-law, Marcia Hollowell. She is survived by her husband William F. Horton, Jr.; her three sons, Jeffrey and his wife Lenore, Douglas and his wife Danielle and Steven and his partner Megan; her seven grandchildren, Dylan, Delaney, Devin, Matthew, Isabella, Simon, and Savannah; her brother, Michael Hollowell; her aunt, Karen Goldy; and numerous cousins.

Denise, Mom, Nana – We love you to the moon and back.

A celebration of life is being held on February 24, 2024, at 2:00 PM at Toale Brothers Funeral Home (40 North Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider donations to the Cleveland Clinic Kidney Transplant Department (2950 Cleveland Clinic Boulevard, Weston, FL 33331).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel

40 N. Orange Avenue

Sarasota, FL 34236

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# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Denise, Bill and her sons many years ago as our sons played baseball together. I would sit with Denise her mom and dad and mother in law and father in law on the bench and enjoy many ball games together. I also had the pleasure of working for many years directly with her at Sarasota Memorial hospital. We enjoyed many lunch time discussions. When Jim and I moved to South Carolina Denise and Bill came all the way to SC to have lunch with me. She always let me know she had 7 grandkids an I only had 6. Also that she had 3 sons and I only had 2. However I would remind her I was a little younger than her. I sure enjoyed our times. Love you and will send my prayers your way till we meet again.

Cherie Johns - February 23, 2024 at 07:57 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise Hollowell Horton.



February 22, 2024 at 05:47 PM

PE

“ Perinos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise Hollowell Horton.

Perinos - February 22, 2024 at 05:47 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Denise Hollowell Horton.



February 22, 2024 at 02:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Denise Hollowell Horton.



February 22, 2024 at 10:45 AM



“ *Engineering Matrix, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise Hollowell Horton.*

**Engineering Matrix, Inc.** - February 22, 2024 at 10:45 AM



“ *WSI SToF Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Denise Hollowell Horton.



**WSI SToF Team** - February 22, 2024 at 10:12 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Denise. My deepest condolences to Bill, Jeffrey, Douglas and Steven. She was such a sweet and loving person that always worried about the well-being of others. I hope that her love surrounds her family and brings you all peace to ease your sadness, strength to lift you up and faith that will pull you through this difficult time. Rest in peace my friend!  
Love, Lisa Montanye

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Montanye, Lisa M - February 18, 2024 at 05:32 PM

TS

“ The Skinners purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Denise Hollowell Horton.



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The Skinners - February 16, 2024 at 06:50 PM

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“ The Skinners planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise Hollowell Horton.

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The Skinners - February 16, 2024 at 06:50 PM

TB

“ Denise , I will miss you so much. We have had so many laughs. I will always remember your support and love for Devin and I.

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Tracey Beede - February 11, 2024 at 06:56 PM

CH

“ Denise- you were a rare person who was loving and sweet and fierce and strong for your kids, grandkids and Bill. I am so happy that we had each other “on the other side” of the state! You will be missed by so many- and remembered for your smile and joy that you shared so freely! You are strong and peaceful now.

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**carol huffman** - February 11, 2024 at 04:22 PM

JS

“ I’ve known Denise for over 60 years. I spent so much time at the Hollowell house growing up that Denise was like a 2nd sister to me. You will be greatly missed but will always be loved! To Bill, Mike and your boys, I am so sorry for your loss.  
Love you always  
Jerry

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**Jerry Stevens** - February 11, 2024 at 03:39 PM

LS

“ Denise, what an honor to have met you, serve you and share life together. You weren’t just a client to me. You became like family. Quickly seeing how we could chatter on and on I intentionally tried to come a little early when possible just so we could talk longer. I will miss our heart to heart conversations. Your love for your family and adoration of your grandchildren was evident.

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**Lisa Sommers** - February 10, 2024 at 09:42 PM

PP

“ I’ve known Denise for fifty years. I’ve loved her every one of them. I am heartbroken to lose my friend.

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**Polly Perino** - February 10, 2024 at 08:24 PM

BH

“ *Hey Babe, I love you so much and forever. You were a remarkable person, mother, NANA, and lifelong partner and soulmate. I did everything I could do to save you. See you again.*

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**Bill Horton** - February 10, 2024 at 06:23 PM