



Denise Joy Soto

January 31, 1959 - January 15, 2011

Soto

Denise J. (Gallaher)

Denise J. Soto of Perrysburg, OH passed away on January 15, 2011 in her home with her loving husband and family at her side. Denise was born in Toledo on January 31, 1959 to Deloris R and Dennis J. Gallaher.

Denise graduated in 1977 from Rossford High School and earned her Degree from the University of Toledo as well as many cosmetology industry certifications.

An Entrepreneur, Denise opened successful businesses in Las Vegas, NV and areas around Toledo finally settling in Perrysburg, OH and opening Soto's Salon and Spa. Always an innovator, Denise developed new methods of salon management and has worked as a consultant in the industry to help other businesses across the country. Denise has developed new methods for teaching and has received a patent for a new teaching technology. She also authored a book to streamline Salon Management.

Denise was an intensely spiritual person and allowed her faith to provide her direction. Her desire to help others led her to assist families that had children with Fetal Alcohol syndrome, provide support and care for Cancer Survivors and the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter.

Denise is survived by her Mother Deloris Riley, her Husband of 29 years

Charles, their five Children; Gina, Lisa (John), Mark, Evan and Grace. Her Brother Rick, Mark, Christopher (Laura), David (Robin), Jim (Donna) and Steve as well as numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other family.

Please join us for a Celebration of Denise's life at 11:00 a.m. on Friday January 21, 2011 at Blessed John XXIII Parish, 24250 Dixie Highway, Perrysburg, OH 43551, where she was a member.

The family suggests that memorial donations be made to the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter or the Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss, our prayers are with you at this time.
Sincerely, Bob and Barbara Killian##imported-begin##Bob and
Barbara Killian##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Denise was a very special
woman and a good friend. I will miss her guidance and
support.##imported-begin##Gail Zimmerman##imported-end##

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“ Denise was an amazing person and a great educator.
Was so wonderful to see her at the Zotos Creative Designers
Reunion - Las Vegas in July of 2010.##imported-begin##Dwight
Miller##imported-end##

January 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Charlie and family,

Carol and I were so shocked to read of Denise's passing. Though we haven't crossed paths in several years, you're all close to our hearts. I'll always remember your kindness and contributions to the life of the parish when you returned to Toledo from Las Vegas.

Denise was so full of life, vibrancy and concern for others. One of my favorite memories is the haircut fundraiser she organized in the parish hall--what a fun and creative event!

I'm sorry I can't be with you for the funeral to celebrate Denise's life. Our hearts go out to you. May the embrace of family and friends sustain you in your grief, and may you find comfort in Scripture's assurance that not even death can separate us from one another thanks to the bond of Christ.##imported-begin##Matt Scheiber##imported-end##

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“ You have been such an inspiration. Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Mary Nusbaum##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear about your loss.I know she was loved and will be missed.Let the good Lord help you through the pain you all will have.Remember all the good times they will be with you forever.Love you all and know Im thinking of you.##imported-begin##Cindy Rohdy Pope and Family bigred19689@hotmail.com##imported-end##

January 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Grace and Family,
We are thinking of you and wish you peace during this sad
time.##imported-begin##Shoshi##imported-end##

January 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the honor of getting to know and working with Denise through
her school. The first thing that impressed me was her dedication
and passion to her students; the second thing was her outspoken
curiosity about everything. She was a delight to know, and she will
be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Judy Roberts##imported-
end##

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“ Mrs. Riley and family,
I am utterly shocked and so saddened to hear about Denise. I didn't
realize she had been sick. I can't imagine how hard this must be for
all of you. As I looked over our senior yearbook, it brought back so
many wonderful memories of her and how blessed I was to have
her then as a best friend. Her quick wit, sweet smile, her squeaky
giggle, her adventurous spirit, her determination, her passion to help
others...all qualities and more that she obviously embraced
throughout her life. She was definately "the best of the best" and my
heart aches for all of you. Praying that God will surround you with
His comfort, His love, and His care to get you through each day.
ALL MY LOVE, Nadine##imported-begin##Nadine Brand
Felton##imported-end##

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“ Charlie & children,
I was stunned to hear about Denise, I didn't realize she was sick.
We are keeping all of you in our prayers and on prayer lists, the void
must be tremendous. I loved her squeaky, infectious laugh and her
concern for others, especially the under-dog. She was that way in
high school and I had no doubt she would live her life that
way.##imported-begin##Nadine Brand Felton##imported-end##

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“ we are very sorry to hear of denise's passing. she was a very loved
wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and friend. she will be very
missed!##imported-begin##tana hayes and the sherman
family##imported-end##

January 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Charlie and Family,
I was stunned to hear the news of Denise's passing, I will remember
her infectious smile, when you and her and little Grace would stop
by Circle K. It was always a joy to see the 3 of you the years I was
there. You and your family are in my thoughts and
prayers.##imported-begin##Sally Materni
Sallymm61@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ Charlie,
It is with deep regret that we can not attend the memorial service for Denise. But know that you and your family are in our prayers. It was a shock to see the passing of your lovely Denise, but we believe GOD has a need for her special heart to do work for HIM from above. May GOD bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Joe & Pat Rodriguez rodjoe 45@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ jim & donna--please accept my condolences at this sad time--a real tragedy##imported-begin##mary jane nelson
mjnelson@bex.net##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of this amazing woman. She will be greatly missed in the beauty industry.##imported-begin##Lori mir
acless@me.com##imported-end##

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“ I was a client of Denise for 15 years. She was not only a wonderful hair stylist , but a good friend. I admired her passion, and hard work ethic as a successful business woman that she was. I am deeply saddened by your loss. She will be missed. God Bless##imported-begin##Tracy McIntyre##imported-end##

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“ Dear Charlie: I am so very sorry to hear about Denise's passing. Denise was an inspirational woman who loved her family and friends, worked hard and gave from her heart. She was very in tune with this life and beyond. I know how much she meant to you, Gina, Lisa, Mark, Evan and Grace. I was blessed to know her. You're in my thoughts, Charlie!

Paul Bukta##imported-begin##Paul Bukta
pbukta@hotmail.com##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Denise's passing. Haven't talked to Charlie in a few year's but I will be thinking and praying for him and his family.##imported-begin##Cathy Stoner
cathy@foxtledo.com##imported-end##

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“ Charlie:

From working with you for many years covering news in Toledo, it was always evident how important family was to you. From my family to yours, our deepest condolences. Wishing you peace, my friend.

Tom Bosco##imported-begin##Tom Bosco##imported-end##

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“ Charlie and Evan, Our condolences are with you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayer.##imported-begin##Joel##imported-end##

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“ Soto family,
I have always been humbled by Denise's goodness. Her passions and vibrant personality will keep her alive in my heart. Denise touched my life in many ways. I will always remember her genuine hugs and kindness, her care and concern for others, and how she helped me to become a more spiritual person. Condolences to the family she loved so very much.##imported-begin##Brenda##imported-end##

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“ I am so numbed by your lost! May God give you peace and comfort. You are in my prayers##imported-begin##Julie##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family and especially to Mark, a former student of mine. Denise was a true professional and a very caring person. She will be missed by many. May the peace only God provides be with all of you.##imported-begin##Ann Sisinyak##imported-end##

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“ Dear Charlie and Family, My deepest Sympathy to you and your Family. I met Denise when my daughter was registering for school and she was a tremendous help and gave me comfort knowing my daughter would be surrounded by her contagious love for her work. She showed her compassion for people and excitement to others her love for her work and Family. It has been a privilege to have met her. Once again, You have my deepest sympathy on her passing. God Bless Julie Hoellrich and Family###imported-begin##Julie R Hoellrich julie_hoellrich@yahoo.com###imported-end##

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“ Remembering Denise fondly. Her inner spirit was reflected in her kindness and concern for others. My sympathy to all her family at this sad time. May your faith and treasured memories be a source of comfort.###imported-begin##Theresa Romp###imported-end##

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“ Dear Charlie, Gracie, Deloris, & family,
Now Heaven is especially blessed with the perpetual light, grace, and love of Denise's beautiful spirit. I am so sorry for your loss and pray for your strength and healing. I hope loving memories bring comfort for your entire family. I will always cherish the memory of Denise's compassion and concern for others.

May God's peace and love bless you,
Lynn Priest###imported-begin##Lynn Priest###imported-end##

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“ Dear Deloris, Charlie, Grace, Evan & Family,
Know of my love and prayers at this sad time. Our faith tells us that Denise is at peace. God always keeps his promises and although Denise is no longer here with us, she remains in our hearts and in every memory we share. Denise enriched so many lives and will continue to be an inspiration to all those who knew her!##imported-begin##Gloria Denos##imported-end##

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