



Denise (Sikora/Henderson) Ross

October 15, 2021

Denise M. (Sikora/Henderson) Ross, age 68, of Monroeville, passed away on Friday, October 15, 2021. Denise was born in Munhall, PA. on November 21, 1952, to the late Kenneth and Marcella Sikora. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Amanda. She graduated from Munhall High School in 1971. She graduated from Indiana University of PA in 1974 with her undergraduate degree and returned to IUP to obtain her Masters degree. She spent 33 years as a Family and Consumer Science teacher with the Gateway School District and retired in 2008. She also was a track and cheerleading coach. She married the love of her life, Jerry in 2002. Denise enjoyed traveling to beaches spending time in the garden with her flowers, and spending time with her family, friends, and dog. Denise was loved by everyone who knew her and touched the lives of countless individuals. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Ross; her daughter Ashley Henderson, and stepchildren, Samuel Padgett, Etienne Bookshar (Barry) and Amanda Cale (Donald); grandchildren, Brayden, Austin and Hunter; and her sister Darlene Sikora Kimmel. Friends will be received Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish at St. Bernadette Church, 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville. Interment following in Cross Roads Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be made to the American Cancer Society or the

American Heart Association. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.corlfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Crossroads Cemetery

Monroeville Blvd.
Monroeville, PA 15146

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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4335 Northern Pike
Monroeville, PA 15146
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Visitation

OCT **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Bernadette Catholic Church
245 Azalea Drive
Monroeville, PA

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Our friendship started in 7th Grade in home room and continued through all the trials and tribulations of high school. I remember her as smiling and vivacious...a cheerleader 24/7, not just at basketball or football game.

After graduation, we only saw each other sporadically over the years at get togethers or reunions. But her death hits so very close to home and reminds me what a close-knit community we grew up in, and how lucky we were to have friends like Dee and friendships that lasted a lifetime.

Today would have been her 69th birthday, a celebration of a life well-lived, with lots of good memories. I can remember one very happy birthday event when a group on ladies from our class got together to celebrate our 50th birthday year. There were so many candles, the icing started to melt!

My husband and I send our condolences to the family.

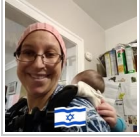
*Andrea ("Tuni") Sloan ---MHS Class of 71
and
George Hovanec ---MHS Class of 71*

Andrea J. Sloan - November 21, 2021 at 05:10 PM

SM

“ My sympathies on the loss of a dear girl. Smiles all around from her. Susie Stahl Mitrik MHS class of 71.

Susie Mitrik - October 20, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *Mrs. Ross was a kind and patient teacher and very talented seamstress. I am so sorry to hear.*

Elyse Heyman Baylis - October 20, 2021 at 01:26 AM

BP

“ *She was a beautiful person with a kind heart that helped raise an incredibly talented daughter, who was also her best friend!!! The loss is immeasurable, but so is the love she left behind. Covering you in prayers, Aunt Beth & Uncle Mark*

Beth & Mark Pate - October 18, 2021 at 07:47 PM

PK

I met Denise when she taught my daughters. She was also my oldest daughter's cheerleading coach. She was such a happy and kind person. I'm glad that our paths crossed. Sympathy & prayers to her family

Patti Kemerer - October 19, 2021 at 12:48 PM

SJ

*Dearest Ashley,
I extend my heartfelt condolences to you in the loss of your loving mom. I know you two are close and I know you are hurting. But I know that you were always loved and have great memories that will remind you over and over again how blessed you were to have your mom. God gave you to her as a gift...He gave you her as a gift as you're mom... now he has her safe in His Loving arms.*

*Prayers and love,
Dr Shirley Johnson* 🍷 🙏

Shirley Johnson - October 20, 2021 at 05:41 PM