



Denise E Botto

May 28, 1945 - January 14, 2026

Denise Botto passed peacefully on January 14, 2026, at the age of 80. Denise was brilliant, joyful, and full of the most interesting tidbits. Conversations with her were never boring. A devoted Librarian for many years at SCSU, Denise turned her lifelong love of reading into a rich career filled with adventure. She had a beautiful way of making friends wherever she went and brought warmth and happiness into every space. We fondly remember her dedication to the Mothers of Twins Association where her beloved friends will never forget her. Her kindness, curiosity, and genuine love for people will always be remembered. Denise loved reading, sharing her knowledge, learning new things, making jewelry, knitting, spending time with her rescue animals and traveling. Her life was deeply guided by her faith in God, which gave her strength, peace, and grace throughout her years. She is survived by her daughters, Carmella Nichols Botto and Katherine Nichols Botto, and her sister-in-law Rosemary Nichols. She was predeceased by beloved husband Mark Nichols and parents Dennis Botto and Josephine Motta. She will be forever missed. It was truly our greatest joy to care for her in her final years. We love you always, Mom. We take comfort in knowing she is now at peace, embraced by God's eternal love, and reunited with those who went before her. A memorial service will be held to honor her life at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home at 3105 Whitney Avenue in Hamden, CT on Saturday January 24, 2026. Beginning at 10:00am with a prayer service, it will continue until 2:00pm followed by a family lunch. The family is asking for donations to Villalobos

Rescue Center/Life 4 Paws, Inc. in lieu of flowers.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **24**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
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siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Tribute Wall



“ Denise was 1 of the first Mom's to welcome me into MOTA in 2014. We bonded instantly as we both were named Denise we loved all things twins, travel, rescue animals and books! I will forever miss her Facebook messages with interesting articles she shared or twin mom advice that never failed me. Her heart was pure gold and I know she is in heaven now with her husband and savior 💕

Denise Lynn - January 26 at 10:19 AM



“ One of the best things for me about this neighborhood was living next to Denise. She was thoughtful and funny. During Covid we used to sit out in her backyard in carefully separated lawn chairs and laugh our you-know-whats off. I will miss her. --Cathy Parsons

Catharine Parsons - January 23 at 08:15 AM



“ from Cathy Parsons purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Denise E Botto.



from Cathy Parsons - January 23 at 08:02 AM

TF

“ *The Zito family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Denise E Botto.*



The Zito family - January 22 at 09:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Denise E Botto.*



January 22 at 04:02 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Denise E Botto.*



January 22 at 01:57 PM



“ 96 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - January 21 at 03:42 PM

GT

“ Gail Turner

Denise and I planned to fly out of JFK to see our babies. It was the first time I was going to see my son Jeffrey Patrick who was 4 months old and Denise was going to see the Twins . We took the limo out of New Haven. When we got to JFK, Denise realized that she didn't have her passport and had to return home and I flew to Costa Rica alone. We both cried for different reasons. I was very nervous about flying to Costa Rica, getting to the airport and then meeting my son. Denise was my rock, my friend, my security. We never ran out of things to talk about. She was the most intelligent woman I have ever known. I knew Science and she knew about anything that could be found in a book. I found the Don Carlos Hotel in San Jose, found the Cathedral, went to Mass praying for my son, Katherine and Carmella, Denise and Myself. On the way back to the Hotel, I met my lawyer's representative and we went to pick up my son at Marguerita's home. My life changed forever on that day. Denise joined us a few days later and we visited the Twins immediately. Oh! How Denise loved those little girls and they were so very little especially Carmella. It meant so much to have Denise share the most important time in my life.

Gail Turner - January 21 at 01:19 PM

TT

“ *The Motta family (Michael and Tim) purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Denise E Botto.*



The Motta family (Michael and Tim) - January 19 at 06:40 PM

CH

“ *Love to the ‘girls’ left behind though I know you are no longer “girls”. Denise and I were friends in library school at SUNY many many years ago. She took me under her wing, took me to “The CITY” and to her home for her mom’s Italian dinners. I have many fond memories.*
Carol



Carol Harma - January 17 at 06:52 PM

AM

“ *Anne Marie Menta planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise E Botto.*

Anne Marie Menta - January 17 at 06:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise E Botto.*



January 17 at 06:09 PM

JF

“ *Denise and I worked together so long ago that SCSU was still SCSC. She was always very kind to me and we had fun together. Condolences to her family and friends.*

jan franco - January 17 at 09:37 AM

JF

“ *Jan Franco lit a candle in memory of Denise Botto*



Jan Franco - January 17 at 09:27 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Denise E Botto.*



January 16 at 07:37 PM

DC

“ *I really enjoyed working with Denise at the American Library Association conferences, particularly at SRRT (Social Responsibilities Round Table) meetings. She had good ideas and contributed to our collaborative efforts. Both of us stopped going to ALA conferences a long time ago so haven't caught up in anyway but on Facebook in recent years but I was very happy to have that continued connection. She will be missed.*

Diedre Conkling - January 16 at 04:23 PM



“ *Diedre C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise E Botto.*

Diedre C. - January 16 at 04:17 PM