



Mrs. Denise L. Brazie Chandler

June 16, 1955 - February 4, 2024

Denise Lillian Brazie Chandler, 68, of Lenox, MA passed into the hands of our Lord on February 4, 2024, surrounded by her loving family at her home.

Denise, born June 16, 1955, in Great Barrington, MA, was the daughter of Richard and Gloria Beacco Brazie. Raised in Lenox, she proudly remained a lifelong resident. A graduate of Lenox Memorial High School, Class of 1973, she served as Class Secretary.

With her late ex-husband, Tom O'Brien then of Lenox, Denise purchased Martino Glass in Pittsfield, MA, and later opened Mirrored Interiors. In the early 90s, as a single mom, and with the love and support of her mother, she earned her Bachelor's degree with honors from UMASS Amherst. In 1995 Denise married her late husband, Richard G. Chandler of Lenox. They shared twenty eight years of love, happiness, and partnership, enjoying skiing, gardening, dogs, and travel. She was a devoted mother, actively involved in her son's life, spearheading fundraising efforts, chaperoning class trips, and creating a warm home. It was more common than uncommon to find her in the kitchen cooking and baking. Known as "The Queen" by her family, she ran a tight ship with unmatched warmth and generosity. Her Italian heritage reflected in her cooking and travels to Italy. Her Christmas celebrations legendary with a tree in every room and decorations that rivaled a New York City department store. Always fashionable with a larger-than-life style, she was known for her collection of expressive eyewear, dramatic scarves, bold necklaces, and ever-changing purses.

Early in life Denise developed a deep love for animals, a passion nurtured by her father, and a defining characteristic that spanned her life. In childhood it was horses, grateful to spend any time she could at Aspinwall Stables in Lenox. In her early adulthood she began showing and owned her own horses. She cherished these years and continued to find serenity around horses throughout her life. Later in life it was her beloved dogs, first Irish Setters, then English Springer Spaniels, and most recently three Standard Poodles. Throughout the years she would dive into dog training, most recently as a member of the Albany Kennel Club.

Denise evolved into an accomplished artist over the course of her life. Her intricate quilts and Ukrainian easter eggs decorate her home and the homes of her family. She explored anything creative that sparked her interest. Later in life it was photography, her camera became an extension of her arm. As a fine art photographer, she learned to capture the beauty of a moment with expertise. She completed a summer long intensive at the Maine Media Workshops in Rockport, ME, was represented by Sohn Fine Art in Lenox, and had her photography shown in the Berkshires and beyond.

Denise was a loyal friend to many. She was a communicant of St. Ann Parish in Lenox. She is predeceased by her husband Richard, her mother Gloria, and her father Richard. Denise is survived by her son; Thomas J. O'Brien II of Lenox, siblings; Paul R. Brazie (Ewa) of Pittsfield, Cheryl B. Brennan (Jim) of Frederick, MD, and John D. Brazie of Woodlands, TX, friend and companion, Abe Streeter of Lee, many nieces, a nephew, and her beloved poodles.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 11am at St. Ann Parish in Lenox. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. There will be no calling hours. Memorial donations in Denise's memory may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

Housatonic Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Previous Events

Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Ann's Church
134 Main Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Burial

FEB 12. 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Mountain View Cemetery
Housatonic Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall

CD

“ Denise graduated from Lenox High School in 1973! She had a wonderful laugh, She also bartended at 5chairs! Seems she was the most popular bartender there! Then she met Tomás O’Brien, fell in love and had one son, Tomás O’Brien Jr! Tommy was the pried of her life. Denise was an amazing horse rider! She and Tom divorced, happily she met and married Richard Chandler! Denise and Richard had a beautiful back yard wedding, So many friends were there! So also planned and executed our 25th class reunion at Eastover! I actually lived in Florida, flew North stayed with my parents in Rolling Hills, drove myself to Eastover(stopped at Price Chopper) bought 10 bottles of Boons Farm Strawberry Wine) put one one each table! We all had a great laugh about that! That’s to Denise’s planning, fun was had by all! She was an excellent photographer also! She will be missed by everyone that knew and loved her! God speed my friend!

Cindy Dufour - June 14, 2024 at 11:05 AM

BK

“ Dear Tom and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. This is such a beautiful picture of her, so young. Hopefully wonderful memories will remain in your hearts forever and bring you smiles. Sending prayers for peace and comfort.

Sincerely,
BeckyKnox



Becky Knox - February 12, 2024 at 10:29 AM

KG

“ Paul, Cheryl and John, I'm so sorry to hear of Denise's passing. She fought a courageous battle. I was happy to see her at the Heritage during the Class of '73 reunion. I am thinking of her and all of you at this difficult time. Katie Gilson Gallagher

Katie Gilson Gallagher - February 11, 2024 at 01:49 PM

NS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss of your remarkable mom, Tom. I have vivid memories of her being your biggest fan and her traveling all about with her beloved Spring Spaniels in tow in her car. Nanette Spoehr

Nanette Spoehr - February 11, 2024 at 08:27 AM

WD

“ Tommy, My deepest condolences on the passing of your mother. May your memories of her carry you through your grief.

Wendy Johnston DuBois - February 10, 2024 at 03:51 PM

PF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Remember Italian Classes with Denise at Eastover and also making gorgeous Easter Eggs. 💜 †

Patrice Farrell - February 10, 2024 at 08:41 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Denise L. Brazie Chandler.



February 10, 2024 at 07:45 AM

AO

“ Andrea and Rita O’Brien planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Denise L. Brazie Chandler.

Andrea and Rita O'Brien - February 10, 2024 at 07:45 AM

SC

“ To Denise' s Family, my deepest sympathy. I remember Denise in School, she was always a happy person. She enjoyed every moment of life and everyone and her presence was was proof, it was mutual. To young, her journey was completed. Rest now in the arms of God joined with the Angels and Saints.

Sandy Cummings - February 10, 2024 at 05:44 AM

NZ

“ sending condolences to your family for your loss

nina zale - February 09, 2024 at 10:18 PM

SS

“ Family of Denise, so sad to hear of your Moms passing. I went to school with her and remember her fondly. My condolences to you all and may prayers keep you all safe.

sherry steuerwald-shook - February 09, 2024 at 09:03 PM

CK

“ So sorry for your loss.



Carol Keen - February 09, 2024 at 07:40 PM

RB

“ Our sincerest condolences. Many fond memories of Denise and wonderful conversations. We will forever remember when we see the wonderful photos she took our granddaughter and her horse. Ron and Mary Brazie.

Ron and Mary Brazie - February 09, 2024 at 01:37 PM

MB

“ Mary B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Denise L. Brazie Chandler.

Mary B. - February 09, 2024 at 01:33 PM

LF

“ Love, The Floyd's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Denise L. Brazie Chandler.

Love, The Floyd's - February 09, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Denise L. Brazie Chandler.



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