

## Blount & Curry Funeral Home - Carrollwood



3207 W Bearss Ave, Tampa, FL

### OBITUARY

# Denise Eva Deneen Collette



### PLAY TRIBUTE MOVIE

**D**enise Deneen Collette took her final curtain call as the year came to an end on December 31st, 2018. A dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, philanthropist and life-long fan of the theatre, Denise will be remembered for her accomplishments both on and off-stage.

Though born in rural Michigan, Denise found her home in Florida as a child. Life eventually brought her to New Mexico, where she met her soulmate, Craig. After spending several years together in Seattle, their yearning for warm weather, sandy beaches, and proximity to her family brought them back to her beloved home state.

Denise was known to many for her tireless work in the theatre community as an award-winning actress, producer, set decorator, building manager, board member and property master. She was involved in over 150 productions throughout her career. Her passion for taking on quirky and challenging comedic roles gave her the opportunity to breathe life into a wide array of scene-stealing characters.

When she wasn't at the theatre, Denise could be found working to ensure the success of Wish Upon A Tree, a charitable foundation she created benefitting Special Connections Ministry through St. James United Methodist Church.

In addition to Craig, her husband of 27 years, Denise's legacy will survive through her eldest son Kevin (wife Alexis and children Aubrey and Adalynn), daughter Ivey (fiancé Trenton), youngest son Kyle and brother Irvin Jr. (wife Kim).

Denise will be laid to rest with her parents and grandparents in the family plot in Sebring, Florida.



# Services

*Visitation Saturday, January 5, 2019*

*Funeral Service Saturday, January 5, 2019*

*Reception Saturday, January 5, 2019*

# Memories

*Denise Eva Deneen Collette*

**ALL MEMORIES FROM THE FAMILY**

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**RICK KASTEL**

August 24, 2019

*OMG, I had no idea Denise had passed until I saw on FB today was her birthday. Denise, you were an awesome friend, may your memory be a blessing, always, to those who knew and loved you. It will be to me. R.I.P.*

**Marty Hanby**

January 26, 2019

*My dearest friend Denise,*

*My coworker & great friend since 1987 wish you were here to help me power into words. How much you are missed cause you*

*always knew what to say. I loved your spunk, your smile, your edge, your softness & for always being a call away for your advice I needed. I loved & cherished the time we spent together as families. You are truly missed by myself & our family.*

*Love you,*

*Owen, Marty, Jake, Alex & Brett Hanby*

**Toni Germinario**

January 23, 2019

*I just learned today of Denise's passing & I was stunned. While I had not seen Denise for years, I worked with her on many Carrollwood Players productions in the early days. She was one of the most creative & tireless people I knew. I always referred to her and her dear friend, Shirley Overton, as the dynamic duo. They could do anything. My heart & prayers go out to Craig, children, grandchildren, extended family & friends. The world is more bleak without Denise in it.*

**Pat and Jim Alden**

January 16, 2019

*The Alden family, has so many wonderful memories with Denise, Craig, Ivey, Kevin and Kyle, all of which we will treasure forever. While the Collettes lived in Washington we were fortunate to spent Christmas Eves together, Halloween parties, family gatherings, theater performances, and so many more events. They are family to us. However, the most memorable was Craig and Denise's wedding. Denise's father was unable to be at the wedding, so Denise asked Jim to walk her down the isle in her fathers place. To this day, Jim remembers how honored he was and holds her in his heart like a daughter. We will miss our annual visits. We will also miss Denise's amazing smile and ability to find joy in every day. As our son Michael said, "Denise was so genuine and had such a love for life". RIP our dear Denise. Our deepest sympathy and love to the Collette family.*

**Irvin Deneen**

January 13, 2019

*Sister*

*My world has already changed with you not being here. No phone calls, messages or weekly family updates. As I sat in the front of the hall looking at you so still and silent it dawned on me how out of character it was. The emergency, the birthday, the holiday and everything in between you were always there. You were the thread that connected the family together.*

*Your Brother*

*Irvin*

**Janine Collette Weber**

January 9, 2019

*Denise will always hold a special place in my heart and those she touched. My sister-in-law was my friend. She lit up the room with her smile, energy and enthusiasm. God Bless to all her family and friends and wishing you a path of peace.*

*See you on the other side, Denise! ❤️*

**Vicki Heimark**

January 6, 2019

*Denise, you reached the final curtain call. Heaven will be eternally blessed with your talent and laughter. Blessings to the family as they continue their journey until all are joined together again for eternity.*

**Carlene Barbeau**

January 5, 2019

*Denise brought a joy and a light with her everywhere she went. Her creativity was such a gift and she constantly used it to bless others. I will miss her, her hugs, her passion for any project she was involved in, and the joy she brought with her everywhere. Prayers for the family as they deal with this tremendous loss*

**R.L. Griffin**

January 5, 2019

*Denise,*

*You were a wonderfully kind person, we will miss you. My sincerest condolences to the family during this difficult time.*

**S.E. Charles**

January 5, 2019

*I remember seeing Denise in many productions with Masque as well as working with Her ushering and concession She was a delightful person. Heaven has gained an angel.*

*She will be greatly missed, I was glad to have called her my friend.. love ya.*

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