



Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson

December 24, 1957 - December 23, 2025

Denise Lynn (Martin) Ferguson was born on December 24, 1957, in Leominster, Massachusetts to Albert Gonsalves Martin and Ethel May (Adams) Martin. Both her parents and her sisters Donna (Treadwell) Greene and Ronda Treadwell preceded her in death.

She is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, Lorenzo Ferguson, her children Sharonda Lindsay (Edmond), Christopher Bethea (Dianna), William, Chanda, Thomas, and Joseph, her grandchildren; Chris Jr., Dyshawn, Zovon, William Jr., Weslie, Nyla, Charlee, Cashe, Ciana, and great-grandson Ace, her siblings; Kathy (Treadwell) Butler, Everett Treadwell Jr. (Evelyn, MA), Deborah Smith, and Kenneth Treadwell (Tracy).

Denise also leaves behind a host of other dearly beloved family members and friends who will continue in the legacy of her love.

Although Denise was a middle child, she held the mantle as her family's matriarch due to her wisdom, generosity, deep love, and caring for the overall wellbeing and protection of her family's integrity. Through every challenge, hardship, conflict, and every celebration, she was available as a problem-solver, a confidant, a mediator, an advocate, and a nurturing supporter.

Denise's greatest joy in life was rooted in spending meaningful time with her

family—traveling together, celebrating the successes of others, and graciously opening her home to friends and loved ones for gatherings filled with good food, fellowship, and music. Christmas was her favorite holiday, and she took great delight in filling her home with festive decorations that reflected the joy of the season. Denise was intentional in ensuring that every guest felt welcomed, safe, and appreciated, often sending them home with a gift as an expression of her generous spirit. She cherished moments spent reminiscing, laughing, and fully embracing each moment of life. Denise was exceedingly generous with her time, talents, and resources, guided by a deep desire to help others recognize their value to God and overcome life's challenges in pursuit of a better quality of life.

Denise was a servant leader who dedicated her life to the advocacy of those who are disenfranchised and vulnerable. For many years in Massachusetts, she was the Regional Director of state-funded residential programs and services for adults with developmental disabilities. After relocating to Fayetteville North Carolina in 1994, she worked as Regional Director of Services for the Autism Society of North Carolina. In 2013 she co-founded Lifespan ABA Inc., with her daughter Sharonda. An organization which supports the holistic functioning of children with autism spectrum disorders in Cumberland County. Denise served on the Board of Directors for The Autism Society of Cumberland County for many years and actively participated in many grassroots community events to raise funding and awareness of the need to enhance service support for children and adults on the autism spectrum.

Denise will be deeply missed by many, yet her legacy of faith in God through Jesus Christ and her active love for others will continue in the lives of those who were blessed to be touched by her life, and into eternity...

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kingdom Impact Global Ministries
2503 Murchison Rd.
Fay, NC 28301

Burial

JAN **14**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery
8220 Bragg Blvd
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - January 02 at 12:31 PM

DD

“ Deanna Downey purchased the Light Your Way for the family of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.



Deanna Downey - January 03 at 10:42 AM

TF

“ The Miller Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.



The Miller Family - December 31, 2025 at 09:15 AM

TF

“ The Miller Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.

The Miller Family - December 31, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Photos & Videos



Natalie Boykin - December 30, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.



December 29, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ Autism Society of North Carolina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.

Autism Society of North Carolina - December 29, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ Steven King and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.



Steven King and Family - December 29, 2025 at 12:18 PM

SF

“ Steven King and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.

Steven King and Family - December 29, 2025 at 12:18 PM

YF

“ Your Bowery Mission Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.



Your Bowery Mission Family - December 29, 2025 at 12:01 PM

AE

“ American Wood Fibers -Chris Bethea's Emp purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.



American Wood Fibers -Chris Bethea's Emp - December 29, 2025 at 09:39 AM

KH

“ Katie Halsing purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.



Katie Halsing - December 28, 2025 at 08:32 PM

SF

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. Denise was a wonderful person and leader. I enjoyed my time working with her on the ASCC Board. Will truly miss her. Shirley and Vincent Francis

Shirley Francis - December 28, 2025 at 01:56 PM

LC

“ Liberty Temple Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.



Liberty Temple Church - December 28, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.



December 28, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.



December 28, 2025 at 09:21 AM

SF

“ *Shawna Feemster & King Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.*

Shawna Feemster & King Family - December 28, 2025 at 09:21 AM

MM

“ *Mj & Moe purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.*



Mj & Moe - December 27, 2025 at 03:15 PM

MM

“ *Mj & Moe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.*

Mj & Moe - December 27, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.*



December 27, 2025 at 02:01 PM

LS

“ Laura and Steve Savage planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Denise Lynn Ferguson.

Laura and Steve Savage - December 27, 2025 at 02:01 PM

LS

“ Denise was a dear friend of over 30 years. We started our careers together and worked parallel in them as well for many years. She was my first friend when I moved to this area and was so supportive. She cared for my children if both my husband and I had to be out of town for work. Both of my children worked for her at one time. She was a selfless soul who worked tirelessly for individuals with autism and their families. She has been a moving force in my life and has touched so many other lives. Her family and children were dear to her. Denise was a mother and sister figure to many. She always brought a smile to my face and had an infectious sense of humor. My life is better for knowing her. She will be missed by so many, but never forgotten. See you on the other side my friend

Laura L Savage - December 27, 2025 at 01:51 PM

SK

Denise was my first Supervisor at the Autism Society of NC, but Denise was more than a supervisor, she was a mentor, a guide, and a truly beautiful soul. As my supervisor at the Autism Society, she believed in me when I was still finding my way. I started while I was in school, paused my journey to raise a family, and Denise never stopped encouraging me to finish what I started. Her words, her kindness, and her steady belief in others had a lasting impact on my life. She always knew exactly what to say, no matter the situation, and she said it with care and grace. I am forever grateful for her influence, her support, and her heart. She will be deeply missed, but her legacy lives on through everyone she touched. In Memory!

Steven King - December 29, 2025 at 12:28 PM