



Denise Ruth Justice

March 13, 1952 - January 27, 2026

In Loving Memory of Denise Ruth Justice

Denise Ruth Justice (Markey), 73, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, passed away on January 27, 2026, surrounded by close friends and loved ones. Denise lived a life rooted in love, generosity, and service, always pouring into the people who meant the most to her.

Born on March 13, 1952, in Fargo, North Dakota, Denise was raised by her parents, Marvel and Albert Markey, alongside her siblings, Renee Jamros (Markey) and Steven Markey. The stories she shared from her childhood reflected the strength, resilience, and warmth that would define her life.

Denise devoted herself to caring for others. As a nurse and foster parent, she opened both her heart and her home to children in need. She was a devoted mother and steadfast provider to her son, Derek Galloway, and took immense pride in her family. Denise had a gift for gathering people—hosting holidays, welcoming everyone with open arms, and making sure no one ever felt alone. She found joy in simple pleasures: long walks around the lake, traveling the world, and making it a priority to visit her child, grandchildren, and loved ones each year. No matter the circumstance, Denise believed in living fully and encouraging others to do the same.

She is survived by her husband of 17 years, Robert Justice; her son, Derek Galloway; her brother, Steven Markey; her grandchildren, Bailey Johnson, Derek Galloway II, Jacob Galloway, Zane Galloway, and Giana Galloway; five

beloved great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marvel and Albert Markey, and her sister, Renee Jamros (Markey).

Denise was a fierce advocate for what truly matters—loving deeply, gathering often, and choosing joy whenever possible. Her legacy lives on in the family she nurtured and the countless lives she touched.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Estes Funeral Chapel in North Minneapolis on Friday, March 27, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., with visitation one hour prior and a reception to follow.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Estes Funeral Chapel
2201 Plymouth Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411
(612) 521-6744
<https://estesfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Estes Funeral Chapel
2201 Plymouth Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411
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Tribute Wall

SM

“ Steven Markey purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Denise Ruth Justice.



Steven Markey - March 23 at 04:43 PM

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“ Steven Markey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise Ruth Justice.

Steven Markey - March 23 at 04:43 PM

CM

“ I went to Ascension Grade school with Denise! She was one of my closer friends, and just lived a couple of blocks from us! I will remember the “good old days”, and the special memories!

Colleen Montague - March 22 at 08:27 PM

PF

“ Peggy, Jim Markey and Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Denise Ruth Justice.



Peggy, Jim Markey and Families - March 19 at 04:44 PM

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DG

“ My Ma was my best friend! We grew up together. I could tell her anything and she wouldn't have any judgement. She would set me straight if I needed it, but no judgement! She taught me how to be a good worker. She installed good work ethic and values in me. She taught me to be humble. She would always tell that because I'm a mixed kid that people may treat me differently and maybe even discriminate against me. But I shouldn't let that get in the way of anything I wanted to do! I can do anything that I set my mind on doing! In my younger early adult days, If I would party and stay up all night and have to work the next day, hungover! LOL. She would say, “when you play you pay son, when you play you pay”! LOL. When we went through her things after she passed, we found a few journals. And in one of them she wrote to me, “I love you more than you'll ever know son!” We'll Ma, I LOVE YOU MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW!!!

Derek G - March 17 at 06:52 PM



James Markey

Well said my friend. Your mom was a special lady! Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Jim and AJ Markey

James Markey - March 27 at 11:26 AM

DG

“ *Derek G. purchased the Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray for the family of Denise Ruth Justice.*



Derek G. - March 17 at 06:40 PM