

Denise Dawn Greene, daughter of Diane (Maras) and Eldon Klaahsen, was born on September 16th, 1967 in Rock Rapids, Iowa. She lived most of her life in George, Iowa, where she met her husband, Nick Greene. They got married July 28th, 1990 in George, Iowa, until they settled down in Rock Valley, Iowa. They were married for 31 years and had 5 kids together.

Denise obtained her Bachelors of Science degree in 1989 from Augustana in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She went on to receive her Doctor of Medicine degree with honors in 1993 at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, South Dakota. Denise then completed her Family Practice Residency in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1996. She accepted a job in Rock Valley, Iowa at Hegg Health Center in 1996. Denise worked as a family practice physician for 25 years. She was dedicated to serving her patients and community. Some of her greatest joys in her career were delivering babies and continuing to care and be a part of their lives as they grew older. Another meaningful part of Denise's career involved caring for the geriatric population, which was dear to her heart. Denise made it a great priority to attend to each patient she treated and truly listened to their individual needs.

In Denise's "free" time, she enjoyed a cold margarita and a daily Diet Coke with a bag of Cheetos. She also cherished time with her family and friends. This included attending her kids/grandkids sporting events and other school or life events. Even with her busy work schedule, you could always count on her to be sitting in the crowd, cheering you on. Denise also had a love for days spent boating on the lake, and watching American Idol, Law & Order, and football-specifically the Minnesota Vikings. Denise took pleasure in shopping, getting her hair and nails done, and going to Christian concerts as well.

Denise passed away on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center in Sioux Falls at the age of 53.

Denise is survived by her husband, Nick Greene of Rock Valley, Iowa; 2 sons- Ryan (Stacy) Greene of Brandon, South Dakota; and Christopher Greene and Stormy Boyd of Wallisville, Texas; 2 daughters- Katelyn Greene of Rock Valley, Iowa; and Samantha Greene of Temple, Texas; 4 grandchildren, Ashley and Brayden Greene, Brandon, South Dakota; Taya Greene, Rock Valley, Iowa; Ryla Cline, Sioux City, Iowa; parents, Eldon (Diane) Klaahsen of Saint Ansgar, Iowa; 1 brother, Ryan (Beth) Klaahsen of Mason City, Iowa; 2 sisters- DeAnna Klaahsen and Mike Mehrara of Phoenix, Arizona; and Darcey Klaahsen of Rochester, Minnesota; 2 sister in laws, Linda (Doug) Richie of Blackburn, Missouri; and Sheri (Rusty) Plough of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 1 brother in law, Danny (Debbie) Greene of Storm Lake, Iowa; many cousins, nieces, nephews; and her Hegg Family.

Denise was preceded in death by her daughter, Lacey Klaahsen; brothers, Rhett and Randy Klaahsen; sister, Dixie Klaahsen; and parents in law, Jack and Lila Greene.

Remembering the Life of Dr. Denise Dawn Greene

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:00 AM, Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Faith Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Keith Sietstra

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Heaven Got Another Angel"

recorded by Gordon Garner

"Scars in Heaven"

recorded by Casting Crowns

"Even If"

recorded by Mercy Me

"Goodbye"

recorded by Kenny Rogers

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Kate Greene ~ Sam Greene

Ashley Greene ~ Ryla Cline

Deb Leusink ~ Tammy Heibult

PALLBEARERS

Ryan Greene ~ Chris Greene ~ Taya Greene

Brayden Greene ~ Ryan Klaahsen

Greg Van Peurse ~ Keith Michael

PRIVATE FAMILY INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery

Rock Valley, Iowa

Hippocratic Oath:

*I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability
and judgment, this covenant:*

*I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians
in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as
is mine with those who are to follow.*

*I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures [that] are
required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment
and therapeutic nihilism.*

*I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science,
and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh
the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug.*

*I will not be ashamed to say "I know not," nor will I fail to call
in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed
for a patient's recovery.*

*I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are
not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially
must I tread with care in matters of life and death. If it is given
me to save a life, all thanks. But it may also be within my power
to take a life; this awesome responsibility must be faced with
great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty.*

Above all, I must not play at God.

*I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous
growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the
person's family and economic stability. My responsibility
includes these related problems, if I am to care
adequately for the sick.*

*I will prevent disease whenever I can,
for prevention is preferable to cure.*

*I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special
obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of
mind and body as well as the infirm.*

*If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected
while I live and remembered with affection thereafter. May I
always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling
and may I long experience the joy of healing those
who seek my help.*

In Loving Memory

Dr. Denise Dawn Greene

September 16, 1967 - September 2, 2021



"Work hard and be kind"

