



## Denise Patricia Roberge

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In Loving Memory of Denise Roberge

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It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of our beloved Denise Roberge, who left us on May 5, 2025.

Renowned jewelry designer, art gallery owner and restaurateur, Denise Roberge was an inspiring businesswoman, creative force and beloved local icon. Her handcrafted, one-of-a-kind jewelry designs blended old-world artistry with contemporary sophistication. Her work has been featured at Christie's and is collected around the globe. Since 1985, Denise operated a gallery and jewelry atelier on El Paseo in Palm Desert, California, a space that showcased her extraordinary designs alongside fine art and fashion and served as a hub for creativity and community events. Known for her bold window displays and unapologetic opinions, Denise leaves behind a lasting legacy-one that will continue to shine as brightly as the pieces she created.

Denise was born in Vermilion, Canada to Agnes and Leon Roberge. She was truly one of a kind-charismatic, unique, loving, kind, generous and quick-witted. She touched so many lives with her warmth, her generosity of spirit and her unwavering belief in the transformative power of love and caring for others. Denise cared deeply and poured her heart into countless lives. She

was happiest when supporting others in pursuing their dreams and believing in their own potential.

Her magnetic character and inspiring belief in people encouraged many to elevate their ambitions and dream bigger. She gave happily, freely and without hesitation-of her time, her talent, her ideas and her heart.

While Denise was known around the world for her bespoke jewelry, she was also deeply generous and grounded in her community. Her "magnificent" creations were a reflection of her beautiful soul, her passion for connection and her desire to bring joy and meaning to others through beauty and craftsmanship.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to the doctors, nurses and the entire medical team at Eisenhower Health for their compassionate care.

We also want to thank each of you who sent messages, shared memories, held Denise in your hearts and prayed for her. Your kindness and care have meant more than words can express.

This November, we will host a memorial gathering to honor and celebrate the incredible life she lived-surrounded by those who loved her most. Details will be shared in the coming weeks.

We will always treasure the memory of our precious, beautiful friend.

In lieu of flowers, donations made in Denise's name to Loving All Animals 760-834-7000 and Barbara Sinatra Children's Center is greatly appreciated.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Denise was a dear friend who was not only a wonderful cook but a fantastic and fun artistic designer hostess, loving to entertain with dinner parties at her home.*

*Playing cards for at least the last 10 years with Denise at her store on El Paseo was always a fun and happy occasion to look forward to attending on Thursdays. Her sense of humor is what kept us all laughing and looking forward to the following week.*

*Last summer I had heart surgery in Dallas and Denise would check on me every few days and sent boxes of food that she would order for our family. She would text me and say that Stella, one of her dogs, had learned to pray and was praying for my recovery every evening before bed. Then she would text the next day and say that Stella wanted to know how I was doing. She would tease and say that Bella (her other precious dog) wouldn't learn to pray and she had to assume that Bella was atheist!*

*She loved all animals and recently helped organize a Protest march down El Paseo against the high euthanasia amount at the county shelters.*

*Denise will truly be missed on many levels but most especially as a great friend.*

*Judy Dunn*

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**Connie Varelli** - May 25, 2025 at 05:46 PM

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*I first met Denise when Ed and I came to Palm Springs in 2002. I visited her jewelry store and was in total awe of her beautiful jewelry. A few years later, Ed (who had never met Denise) called and asked her to send a black leather necklace and a charm for my Christmas gift. Instead she sent several necklaces and multiple charms. A note was enclosed.... ""Keep what you like and send the rest back" Thus.....our friendship began!*

*Many years later she made a necklace with Ed's and my initials and other letters that I really didn't give much attention. We were going to Denver to a dinner party at our daughter's home....and I wanted to "show off" my beautiful new necklace. Shortly into the party my daughter was admiring the necklace when all of a sudden she exclaimed, "Mom, how could you wear this in public?" True to Denise's humor, she had added, .uck you....in several places. Of course I thought it said "love you". Upon my return to the jewelry store, guess who laughed heartily?....of course our friend Denise. What a fun sense of humor. To this day, I love the necklace with "Love you" scattered throughout the necklace.*

Gay Kirby

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**Gay Kirby** - May 25, 2025 at 06:17 PM

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*I met Denise in 2000 and have always continued to have immense respect and admiration for her.*

*Her incredible talent manifested through her unique and beautiful jewelry designs, along with her home and Plaza that she built.*

*Her creativity was unmatched.*

*She admired Ayn Rand and we would often discuss her books.*

*Denise had the fascinating quality of always thinking outside the box.*

*She had a fierce love and devotion to animals and children in need.*

*She sponsored numerous charity events in her beautiful Augusta restaurant and her gallery.*

*Generously donating to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, Loving All Animals, Animal Samaritans, Barbara Sinatra Children's Center and many others.*

*She was always willing to help.*

*I miss Denise immensely and her magical presence.*

*Being with Bella and Stella, her precious dogs, I feel her near.*

*God Speed My Friend.*

Connie Varelli

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**Connie Varelli** - May 26, 2025 at 03:00 AM