



Dena Davis

February 6, 1941 - January 27, 2019

It's time to sell stock in hand sanitizers and magazines. Fun and lovable, Dena Davis raced to the finish line after being diagnosed with stage four cancer. Masterful at championing others, Dena was kind, generous and delightful to be around. Her sweet soul and mischievous spirit will be sorely missed.

Born February 6, 1941, in Kilgore, TX to Abe and Rae Roth, Carol Diane began her journey as the youngest and most adored sibling of Shirley and Gary who were also her best friends. As a young adult, Dena married Shel Mitelman and had two beautiful children; Risa and Robert. This was when things really got fun. Especially when the grandkids were born and she became Mimi. Being a grandmother was her favorite thing ever, and she loved her grandchildren. Jason, Kevin, Laurel, Lainey and Allie are her special legacy that she cherished and adored. For Dena, family and friends were the most important part of her life. She loved and treasured Cami, her cousins, nieces, nephews and some very special neighbors and friends.

Frequently joking that the primary cause of divorce is marriage; Dena was determined to defy the odds and married Hal Davis. A doting and supportive wife; she tirelessly worked in his businesses and supported his ventures. After being widowed, Dena moved to Austin and used her advanced care taking skills to start Mimi's care giving. Providing child care, senior care and pet care was Mimi's way of helping others.

Dena will be lovingly remembered for her disarming anecdotes and special way of making people smile. If you ever had the unique pleasure of being her phone solicitor, waitstaff, banker, mechanic, delivery driver or other service provider, you know that she was one of a kind. Thoughtful, kind and generous to a fault, Dena spread joy everywhere she went. Her presence will always be with us. May her memory be a blessing.

Comments



“ Mimi was a dear friend, nanny, surrogate mother, grandmother, and animal caretaker. We were blessed to have her in our lives for the last decade. She had the patience of Job, and when we first met, she had a way of helping me, as a new parent, keep all things in perspective. She was a sage counselor, but most importantly, she was loved by children, and never too busy to play hide and seek or give piggy back rides. She amazed me with her infinite energy and joy. I often said she got more done in one day than I did all week.

She was a ray of sunshine and a once in a lifetime kind of person that I'm so grateful my kids were graced to have in their lives. Our days were a lot brighter, my perspective more positive, and she will be missed greatly. There's a big hollow in our hearts, but thank you Mimi for a decade of love and all you did for us. Love, Jenny David Annabelle Marc Sasha and all the dogs



jennifer nimerick - February 26, 2019 at 03:40 AM



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Ron Marcus - February 07, 2019 at 04:01 AM



“ I love all these women!!! Thank you for posting!

Mitzi Chafetz - February 07, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ The Roggen First Cousins! Dena was the "baby"!!

Jackie - February 07, 2019 at 08:21 PM



“ Our condolences to you, Nelson and Dena's children. She was always a delight and always had a smile on her face. May she Rest In Peace.

So sorry for your loss.

Harry - February 06, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ Mitzi, so sorry to hear about Dena!!! I just asked Nikki a couple of weeks ago how she was doing. Prayers for peace and comfort during the coming days!!!

Kallaugha Conn - February 07, 2019 at 12:22 AM



“ So very sorry to hear of your aunt's passing, wishing you all peace and comfort

Catherine Armstrong - February 07, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ Dena had a way of making everyone feel that they were her favorite, and her reply to "How are you?" was always "Won--der--ful! We'll all miss you, Dena!

Jackie - February 07, 2019 at 08:29 PM



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Robert Mitelman - February 06, 2019 at 05:47 PM



“ We will miss our Mom and Mimi very much. She has been such a blessing in our lives. She has been a great mother to me for 52 years, always supporting, caring for and loving me. She took many opportunities to always tell me how proud of me she was. She was always there for me, including being in the delivery room for the birth of her three granddaughters, Laurel, Lainey & Allie, and has shown so much love and support to our family over the years, never missing thinking about us on an anniversary, birthday or holiday. She taught me many lessons in life, including how to be a gentleman, always putting others first, showing respect toward others, complementing, recognizing and appreciating others for doing their jobs well, giving to others and never shying away from working hard for what she had. She had a strong love for family and being together. May you rest in peace, Mom and Mimi. You will be missed by all who knew you. You will also be remembered and we will all continue celebrating your life for the remainder of ours. We love you,
Robert, Cami, Laurel, Lainey and Allie

Robert Mitelman - February 06, 2019 at 05:44 PM