



## Denise Anne "Grandma DeeDee" Hess

February 20, 1959 - September 20, 2016

Denise Anne "Grandma DeeDee" Hess (nee Walker), age 57, of Wakeman, passed away at her home, on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, with the love-of-her-life by her side. She courageously battled cancer for 18 months.

She was born on February 20, 1959, in Lorain, and grew up Brownhelm Township. When she married her beloved husband on July 21, 1978, they moved to Wakeman, where they made their home. Denise was a 1977 graduate of Firelands High School. After high school, she focused on raising her children, and then later pursued her Master's Degree in Education at Ashland University. She proudly taught social studies at Windsor Elementary School in Elyria for 20 years. With her years spent at Windsor Elementary, she established a recycling program there as well as a Veteran's Day ceremony, which still continues to this day.

Denise is a member of Brownhelm United Church of Christ, in Vermilion. She is also happily a member of the "Bodacious Women Book Club." In her free time, Denise enjoyed being with her family, especially when she got to play with her grandson. She always looked forward to family gatherings and getting together with her friends. She was an avid golfer and quite the Scrabble player with her sisters. And, she also managed to find time to garden and read.

Denise will be sadly missed by her loving husband of 38 years, Frank A., Jr., her son, Anthony, daughter, Cristy (Antonio Barbra) Hess, her grandson, Pierce Barbra, mother, Dorothy Walker Bechtel and stepfather Ray Bechtel, her 2 brothers; Dan (Michele) Walker and David (Helen) Walker, 5 sisters; Debbie (Lee) Dohanos, Diane Messoros, Donna (Mike) Sebo, Darlene (Mark) Morrison, and Dawn (Kirk) Mitchell-Walker, her parent-in-laws; Frank A., Sr. and Anita Hess and Chuck and Sue Dean, brothers-in-law; Dave (Sheila) Hess and Jim (Jenny) Hess, as well as her many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Douglas H. Walker.

The family is holding private funeral services. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date for all family and friends. The Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Contributions in her memory are suggested to be sent to either the Brownhelm United

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# Comments

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“ Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul...' was purchased for the family of Denise Anne "Grandma DeeDee" Hess.



September 25, 2016 at 12:03 PM

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“ Prayers and peace to all of you! Thinking of you with this sad news. Hugs to all of the Walker and Hess families.

Laurie Lee and family

Laurie Lee - September 23, 2016 at 09:33 PM

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“ Frank, So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's peace and comfort to surround you and your family through this difficult time.



Cheryl Dunlap-Messer - September 23, 2016 at 11:52 AM

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“ Matt Hintz lit a candle in memory of Denise Anne "Grandma DeeDee" Hess



**Matt Hintz** - September 23, 2016 at 11:17 AM

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“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Denise Anne "Grandma DeeDee" Hess.



September 23, 2016 at 11:00 AM

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“ Frank,  
I am so sorry to hear of your wife Denise passing away. My good friend Carol McIntyre worked with her at Windsor School and shared with me that she was a wonderful person. My sympathies to you and your family. In case my name doesn't ring a bell, I was a friend/classmate of yours at Southview.  
Christine Donat Morse

**Christine Donat Morse** - September 23, 2016 at 10:31 AM

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“ Our niece was a wonderful person, a joy to be around, and an outstanding teacher. Her family, friends, and students will miss her greatly, but we are all better persons for knowing her. Our love goes out to Frank, Anthony, Cristy and all her extended family. Be comforted knowing that she no longer is in pain. We love you all.  
Uncle Ray and Aunt Sally



**Ray Kneisel** - September 23, 2016 at 09:47 AM

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“ Mike, Melissa & Graham Kacsandi purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Denise Anne "Grandma DeeDee" Hess.



**Mike, Melissa & Graham Kacsandi** - September 23, 2016 at 08:42 AM

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“ Dear Dorothy and family, I am so sorry to read about the passing of Denise. I didn't know her that well but from reading the comments below, she certainly was a beautiful and loving person. Turn to your faith for strength; God will comfort all of you during this time of sorrow. We will keep all of you in our prayers.

**Gary and Judi Davidson** - September 23, 2016 at 07:00 AM

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**Hess** - September 22, 2016 at 10:53 PM

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“ Cristy, Mr. Hess, Tony, Dorothy, Debbie, and family: I was so surprised to hear of Denise's passing. I will always remember her for her pretty face, ever present smile, and more importantly her kindness all the years I've known her. You are all in our thoughts. Much love, Shanna Finnegan (& Matt, Callie, & Julia)

**Shanna (Davis) Finnegan** - September 22, 2016 at 10:44 PM

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“ Where do I begin to express all that I feel for this beautiful, bodacious woman... My sister, born as the 5th child, 3rd daughter February 20, 1959. I joined her as one of the "Walker Girls" less than a year later. We grew up together, fought each other, stuck up for each other, loved each other!

Denise was always the straight A student with her nose in a book! My friend, Kathy and I could never understand why she would want to stay home and study. (we were a little more on the adventurous side off getting ourselves in trouble.) Always on the Honor Roll, playing the flute in band, very athletic, energetic and having fun getting in a little mischief with her friends at Firelands.

I had the privilege of being in her wedding, becoming her first born, Cristy's Godmother, and watching her become one beautiful, loving, caring mother and wife. Then she went on to college and shined there!

She raised her children in our Home Church, teaching them the love of Our God and Jesus Christ. I worked with her on the Christian Ed Board at Brownhelm UCC. If you got to witness her performances at our Christmas Pageants and Vacation Bible School I know you had a smile on your face and joy in your heart. She taught Jazzercise classes. participated in "Bulge Be Gone Group."

We shared a love of playing scrabble together, which went quite well with Coors Light, Chocolate, and mixed nuts.

We shared reading together with our "Bodacious Women's Group." Oh the beautiful discussions we had there. Denise always had lots of stories of her wonderful experiences teaching at Windsor that she shared with our group. Her love and passion for teaching always shined through.

She nursed me through some major surgeries, getting me out and about to cheer me up, wheeling me around to all my appointments. Always the strong one.

The last 18 months have been a challenge for all of us, watching our sister fight like a champ, one procedure after the other, always fighting to keep on keeping on. Then it was our turn to wheel Denise around to appointments.

Denise is one of the most competitive persons I've ever known, and towards the end I think she found out she was going to beat us all one more time...

She beat us to Heaven... Peace Love and Comfort to you my beautiful sister. Until we meet again.

Donna

Donna Sebo - September 22, 2016 at 09:32 PM

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“ I'm going to miss her a lot. I had her in 4th grade and she made the class exciting. Especially when she would cartwheel across the class room. I loved how she taught. She made class fun. Our assembly lines and songs to memorize things. Rest In Peace Miss Hess. You will forever be missed. You will always have an impact on my life.

Melissa Palmer - September 22, 2016 at 09:19 PM

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“ Dearest friends,  
I am sharing in your sorrow . My love, thoughts and prayers are with you all. To Denise's sibs: I know how the loss of a sister brings a different pain. Dorothy, I am just so very, very sorry. My deepest condolences and heartfelt love to the entire family.  
Joni Knoble (McNary )

Joni Knoble McNary - September 22, 2016 at 07:59 PM



“ Love you Joni! Thank you.  
Donna Sebo - September 22, 2016 at 08:49 PM



“ Paula Staffeld lit a candle in memory of Denise Anne "Grandma DeeDee" Hess



Paula Staffeld - September 22, 2016 at 03:49 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Denise! I will remember her beautiful smile! Sending prayers and hugs  
Paula Staffeld - September 22, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ My prayers for peace and comfort for the family. Diane, Darlene, my prayer for you is to celebrate her life, she is in the air that you breath, the sun that warms your face, the snowflake that melts on your eyelashes. God bless you and give you comfort.  
Pam Gray - September 23, 2016 at 05:46 AM



“ Dear Dorthy and family. I am sending my heartfelt sympathy. I was shocked to hear about Denise. May God comfort all of you through the days ahead.  
Frances Foor and Family  
Fisherville, Kentucky

Frances Foor - September 22, 2016 at 01:51 PM



“ Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your loved one. When we lose someone we love in death, the pain, grief and feelings of helplessness can seem unbearable. But remember that the Almighty God sees your tears, he feels your pain, and he will continue with you to comfort and sustain you through this difficult time. Because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

**Mary A. Crayton** - September 22, 2016 at 12:32 PM

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“ I remember Denise as always smiling, very warm, and attractive inside and out. My deepest sympathies to all the Walker's and the Hess family. My condolences also to all her friends from Brownhelm. I know she will be missed at Windsor school, also. Love to you all.

**Pat Danielson** - September 22, 2016 at 12:18 PM

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“ Mrs. Hess was an incredible influence back in 4th grade at Windsor, now as an almost college graduate I still reference back to those days playing kickball during recess with her.  
Rest in peace and love, Mrs. Hess. You are loved and missed!

**Nail Dube** - September 22, 2016 at 12:00 PM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Denise Anne "Grandma DeeDee" Hess.



September 22, 2016 at 11:12 AM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. I enjoyed working with Denise for many years. She always wanted the best for her students and worked very hard to provide what they needed. She was an inspiration to all of us. Anne Michael

Anne Michael - September 22, 2016 at 10:27 AM

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“ Michelle Stone lit a candle in memory of Denise Anne "Grandma DeeDee" Hess



Michelle Stone - September 22, 2016 at 10:14 AM

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“ Mrs Hess was a wonderful teacher. She taught and helped mold four of our five kids in to who they are today. We are all deeply saddened by your loss. Our hearts go out to your family.

Kristina Gump-Francisco - September 22, 2016 at 08:51 AM

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“ Michele Deocareza lit a candle in memory of Denise Anne "Grandma DeeDee" Hess



Michele Deocareza - September 22, 2016 at 08:24 AM

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**Michele Deocareza** - September 22, 2016 at 08:23 AM

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“ I want to thank Denise for her years of service for Windsor's children. My children attended Windsor and remember her fondly.  
May the Lord comfort and keep you,  
Penny Herdman

**Penny Herdman** - September 22, 2016 at 06:54 AM

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“ Although the flame has been extinguished, her light will shine always in our hearts.....rest in peace, sweet Denise. Denise and Bill Bringman

**Denise Bringman** - September 22, 2016 at 06:46 AM

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“ So very sorry to hear this news. Mrs. Hess was such a wonderful teacher & person. She will be missed. Sending hugs & prayers for her and her family.  
The Peyton family



**Chelly Peyton** - September 22, 2016 at 06:19 AM

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“ It has been an honor and a pleasure to not only be friends with you, but the impact you have made on my children through thier years at Windsor. You don't always remember your teachers as you grow up, but mine remember Windsor teachers very well especially Denise. She was a tough cookie but she was great with the kids. Helped with her school family always without hesitation. You will be forever missed. Rest well my friend. Love and Prayers to your family. The Smalley's

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**Tracy Smalley** - September 22, 2016 at 04:27 AM

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**Tracy Smalley** - September 22, 2016 at 04:07 AM

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“ Shirley Glover lit a candle in memory of Denise Anne "Grandma DeeDee" Hess



**Shirley Glover** - September 22, 2016 at 03:02 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Denise's passing. Just heard that she was sick last week. My prayers are with Frank and their children. I bowled on the same league with Denise and many other Walker family members. If I still lived close by, I would be at the showing.

**Diane Wagner** - September 21, 2016 at 09:13 PM

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“ I love Denise so much. She had such a big smile all the time. You always felt loved and welcomed by her. I have so many wonderful memories. Deb, Darlene and I played pool during Christmas. It was so fun. Deb and I won because the balls mysteriously kept going in the holes when they weren't looking.

I love my family so deeply in my heart. I am sad beyond words. Kay



**kay Jones** - September 21, 2016 at 08:01 PM



“ We love you Dear Kay! Donna

**Donna Sebo** - September 22, 2016 at 08:55 PM

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“ Peace to a beautiful woman. My love and prayers to her family during this time.

**Sue Hinderlinder** - September 21, 2016 at 05:59 PM

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“ I have so many great memories with Denise. The fun we used to have at our cookouts. When I decided to try out fir firefighter Denise helped me train so I could pass the physical part of the process. I did not know she was sick. I am very thankful that she was a part of my life as a great friend. Frank, Cristy, and Anthony I am so sorry for your loss. She was truly a great woman!

**Tara Canada** - September 21, 2016 at 04:29 PM