



Mrs. Denise Daniels

May 9, 2026

Denise Daniels Hodges was born in Brooklyn, New York, on October 20, 1953, to the late X.E. Hodges and the late Edna Mae Brown. From an early age, Denise carried a quiet strength, warmth, and grace that would become the foundation of a life devoted to family, education, and service to others.

Denise spent her early childhood in Brooklyn before her family relocated to Long Island, where she graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1971. She continued her educational journey at Baruch College in Manhattan, reflecting the love of learning and determination that remained with her throughout her life. In her youth, Denise loved playing handball and riding her bike around the neighborhood, simple joys that reflected her energetic spirit and love of life.

While living in New York, Denise worked in the legal division of the New York City Police Department. In 1973, she met the love of her life, Thomas, a New York City Police Officer. Their love story led to marriage on December 2, 1978, and together they built a beautiful life grounded in devotion, partnership, and family. After moving to Atlanta, Georgia in 1980, they welcomed two children, Creighton and Katrina, who became the center of Denise's world.

After becoming a mother, Denise eventually returned to her professional career, where she continued to uplift and inspire others. She worked at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) in the Office of Information

Technology before serving as Academic Enhancement Coordinator at Georgia Gwinnett College. In every role, Denise was admired for her wisdom, patience, and genuine care for students and colleagues alike. She believed deeply in the power of education and continued pursuing her own goals, earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix and later a Master of Business Administration.

More than any title or accomplishment, Denise treasured her family. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, proud grandmother, caring sister, and loyal friend. Her home was a place of comfort, laughter, encouragement, and unconditional love. She had a gift for listening without judgment and offering thoughtful advice that brought peace and clarity to those around her. Whether someone needed guidance, comfort, or simply a kind word, Denise was always there.

Denise found joy in life's special moments and simple pleasures. She loved traveling, especially cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska, and she held fond memories of her trip to China. She looked forward each year to family vacations in Myrtle Beach and cherished visits to Disney World with loved ones. Although she was always open to trying new cuisines, anyone who truly knew Denise knew she would happily choose a Whopper or a hot dog before just about anything else. Music filled her heart, especially "Reasons" by Earth, Wind & Fire and the timeless songs of Luther Vandross. She also enjoyed classic television shows, Western movies, and reading both fiction and nonfiction. Her beautiful sense of humor and gentle spirit brought light to everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Denise leaves to cherish her memory her beloved husband of 48 years, Thomas; her son, Creighton; her daughter, Katrina; her stepsons, Randall and Eric; her stepdaughter, Annette; her grandson, Jayson; her granddaughter, Zoë; her brothers, Jimmy and John; and her sisters, Edwina and Joann. She

is also lovingly remembered by her daughter-in-law, Janice; her daughter-in-law, Audrey; her sons-in-law, Jeremy and Timothy; along with a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, step-grandchildren, dear friends, and colleagues whose lives she touched in countless ways.

Denise's life was a beautiful example of love, resilience, compassion, and quiet strength. Though she will be deeply missed, her legacy will continue to live on in the hearts, memories, and lives of all who were blessed to know and love her.

Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Gwinnett Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045. 770-338-5558

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 21. 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Gwinnett Chapel

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Tribute Wall

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“Denise and I met in 1973 at Manhattan Community College in New York. As a matter of fact there were four of us who met in our Business Administration class, Denise, Joan, Pat, and myself and we have been friends ever since. Denise was always decisive, focused, with goals to succeed. And she did! My dear friend, although over the years we didn't talk as often as we did in NY, but when we did talk, it was as if time stood still and it was just yesterday. We shared memories and life's concerns with our families. I will miss you but you are now in God's loving hands and there are no more worries. I love you dear friend! Rest in Peace!
Sylvia

Sylvia Cummings - May 20 at 08:34 AM

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“Eddie And Mary Dillard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Denise Daniels



Eddie and Mary Dillard - May 18 at 03:32 PM

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“The Lonesome Doom Gang lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Denise Daniels



The Lonesome Doom Gang - May 18 at 02:00 PM