

Jenny Lyn Dean

June 23, 1976 ~ January 31, 2025

It is with profound sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved daughter, sister, and aunt, Jenny Lyn Dean, who unexpectedly left us on January 31, 2025. Born on June 23, 1976, a bicentennial baby, Jenny was a true embodiment of compassion, creativity, and warmth. She was always finding ways to bring comfort and joy to those around her.

Jenny discovered a passion for the arts early in life. She began performing as a child in the "Small World Entertainers" and was especially proud of her role as Annie. Her beautiful voice and remarkable talent graced many stages, captivating audiences and leaving lasting impressions. Beyond the spotlight, her infectious laugh could brighten even the darkest days. She was also known for her passion and dedication as the stage manager for Viva La Diva for seven unforgettable years. Her love for musical theater was contagious, inspiring countless others to embrace their talents and shine on stage.

Jenny became friends with many coworkers over the years. She enjoyed working at the Egyptian Theatre in Park City, and we will always remember how excited she was to take us to see "Seussical the Musical" there. She also worked as a clerk at Albertsons and Wells Fargo and a medical coder at the University of Utah and Lineagen. Most recently she worked a variety of security jobs, including Sunstates, Securitas, and the Delta Center. She loved to describe all the things that happened at the Delta Center "behind the scenes" that most of us will never see.

Jenny adored animals and left behind her beloved dog, Mayzie, and her cherished cat, Piper, whose companionship brought her joy and solace. She was a constant friend to all creatures great and small, showcasing her generous spirit and nurturing heart.

During her life, Jenny faced challenges that tried to dim her radiant light, but she demonstrated tremendous resilience in her efforts to find peace. As one of her friends expressed, “Jenny, you were a constant hug, an unrelenting smile, a joy to work with! Your spirit lit up every room, and we will miss you greatly.”

A great sadness envelops us today. We take comfort in the knowledge that Jenny has been reunited with her mom, and that they are in a place free from pain and sorrow. She can finally rest in true peace and happiness.

Jenny left behind her dad, Robert Lynn Dean, siblings, Lara (Sam) Dean, Carie (Ron) Higgins, Amy (Dan) Haway, Eric (Emily) Jensen, and Emily (Olivier) Diansongi, who will forever carry her memory in their hearts. She is also survived by her cherished nieces and nephews; Olivia, Adam, Nina, Maya, Tony, Liam, Jack and Malika who were sources of joy and pride in her life. We would also like to include and thank her faithful friend, Jenn Barnes.

A celebration of Jenny’s life will be held on Saturday, June 21st, from 4-9 p.m. in honor of her 49th birthday. It will be “open house style”. If you would like the details please email LaraDean801@icloud.com or leave a message or

favorite memory on Larkin Mortuary’s website and we will get the address to you when plans are solidified.

For now, we will hold on to her memory, cherishing the laughter, love, and joy she so abundantly shared with us. Rest in peace, Jenny; you will forever be in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, perform a random act of kindness, donate to Ruff Haven in her name, or offer support to the LGBTQIA community.