



M. Nikki Dore

January 4, 1943 - December 30, 2014

Our loving Nikki passed away peacefully at home on December 30, 2014. She was born January 4, 1943 in Galveston, Texas to Merrill and Wanda Doré. She served in the United States Navy from 1960 to 1964. She had a great sense of humor, and had a big heart. She loved camping, coffee, a smoke, and her many, many dogs.

Nikki lived in Durango, Colorado, a place she held dear, and in San Diego, California after being honorably discharged from the Navy. In 1971, she moved to Salt Lake where she was an avid participant in showing Borzois, and made many friends in the dog show world. In 1991, while working for the N.A.C., she met Sjanie Best, her partner and best friend of 23 years. She became an instant parent to Sjanie's three children. The kids referred to her as their "second mom". In the bargain, she also got Sjanie's mother, Audrey.

An open house was held for Nikki on December 14 for her family and friends, in which she decided that it was better to have a wake while you were alive instead of gone. There will be no funeral service at this time, but there will be a gathering for family and friends at a later date.

Nikki is survived by her loving partner and soul mate, Sjanie Best, and her three children Geoff (Anastasia), Sjanie Maye (Shane), and Mike, and seven grandchildren. Also survived by her dogs Juno and Beau.

Tribute Wall



“ *M. Nikki Dore*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *To Sjanie and all those who knew Nikki for NAC-*

I'm Norm Allred, husband of the late Joanne Mooney. I remember with great fondness the great times Jo and I had with the Accounting crew on the 5th floor. You were all such a supportive team, and you knew how to have fun with each other. Every holiday, and every day that could molded into a holiday, was a reason to celebrate and put the stress of accounting for the two papers into perspective. Of all the many decorations, I remember the Screaming Mat the best.

May God grant her peace, and to all those she loved, comfort.

Norm Allred

Norm Allred - February 15, 2015 at 02:31 PM

JB

“ Dear Sjanie,
I'm so sorry to hear of Nikki's death on December 30, 2014. I've appreciate the opportunity to be your friend and insurance agent for many years. I have been out of town returning yesterday and just read of Nikki's death. Nikki was always so fun to talk with and I'm glad I had the opportunity to visit with both of you before she died. I always knew when she called it would be a lively conversation and one that I looked forward to.
I'll call you to see if I can be of assistance in any way.
Always a friend.
Judy Bigler

Judy Bigler - January 15, 2015 at 11:17 AM

AA

“ I'm sorry for your families loss Sjhania , every time I talked to her one on one I enjoyed the conversations we had ,I always enjoyed Her stories , best wishes and sorry for your loss , she was always a hoot to talk to

Anthony armenta - January 13, 2015 at 07:09 PM

ML

“ Sjanie. We are so sorry to hear of Niki's passing. We are mad at ourselves for not coming to visit.
She was truly a remarkable lady who we loved so much. Please let us know when you are having a remembrance for her. If there is anything you need please give us a call. She will always be in our thoughts as will you. Love ya.
Mike and Kathie Lawrence

mike lawrence - January 11, 2015 at 05:05 PM

KC

“ I met Nikki through the dogs, dog clubs, and also worked her at the paper. What a great lady. She was so "genuine". Nikki pulled no pouches. She was a true friend, a great advisor, and just plain "a lot of fun". God her laugh, I can still hear it in my ears. I will miss her love, generosity and her friendship. Sjanie, let me know if there is anything that I can help you with. You also, are a very special lady. Keep in touch, 801-699-8727, Karen Child.

karen child - January 11, 2015 at 10:48 AM

KR

“ I worked with Nikki for years at the Newspaper Agency Corp. Loved every minute I had with her. She was a wonderful and sweet person and will be missed. Sjanie keep those great memories alive. God Bless you Sjanie. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*A Forever Friend
Karen Ruff*

Karen Ruff - January 10, 2015 at 09:09 AM



“ Fields of Lavender Condolences Basket was purchased for the family of M. Nikki Dore.



January 09, 2015 at 09:35 AM

SM

“ As a family member, I have known Merrilyn, her birth name, much longer than I have known her as Nikki. My grandmother was the eldest of her siblings and Merrill (known to family as "Mutt") was second to youngest - very close in age to my mother. Because of this generational gap - Nikki & I were also very close in age. She being 1 year & four days older.

Growing up in Louisiana, I spent many summers in Texas City, Texas where my great Aunt & two of my great Uncles, including "Mutt" lived, Nikki & I were constant companions throughout those summers. A few years ago we met again in Louisiana (after her father died there) & I was able to spend a couple of delightful weeks with both Nikki & Sjanie. I had hoped to visit with them mid-December, but her health prevented the visit. I loved her alot & will miss her.

SUZANNE MCCANN - January 09, 2015 at 09:29 AM



Suzanne , I am a dor"e and have some questions that I would love to chat at you about if I could , I know that the DOR'Es are spreed about but you knew her so well and I would like to talk to you if I could , I am the son of Charles Dor'e of bure OH and am looking for family .

Jason Hansen - January 11, 2015 at 06:15 PM

SM

Jason, You can contact me at shmccann@comcast.net.
Suzanne

Suzanne McCann - January 13, 2015 at 07:17 PM

AN

“ I met Nikki about 14 years ago, when I visited my USA family and stayed at Adrie's home. We became friends right away and my mother and I adopted Nikki as our true cousin. During all our vacations in Salt Lake Nikki was there for us and did whatever she could to make our stay as nice and joyfull as possible. She was the most friendly and loving lady and we had lots of fun. I will cherish all these memories!!! Take good care of yourself now Sjanie...lots of strenght and love...Annelies

annelies - January 09, 2015 at 06:59 AM



“ Nikki always said she "inherited" me when her aunt (Nikki's mom's sister), Dorothy Dudley passed away. Dorothy had been one of my closest friends for years and I'd met Nikki a number of years earlier when her grandmother passed away. But, not until after Dorothy died did I really get to know Nikki. In the few days she and I spent together in Texas before Dorothy's memorial service, a bond developed and I felt as if I'd met up with a long-lost family member.

Dorothy had made me administrator of her estate and Nikki offered that she and Sjanie would meet me to help clean out the apartment. My partner, Robert, and I spent several days with Nikki and Sjanie then and I've considered them as "family" ever since. Just as her aunt had been, Nikki became one of the dearest friends I've ever had.

When Robert grew ill, Nikki and Sjanie came to Kansas City to help me care for him after he had surgery. When he died, they were the first ones there. When the house in KC sold, they were back to help me pack. Their love for me (and for Robert) helped me through the most difficult days of my life.

Over the years, Nikki has been far more than just a friend. She's been my advisor, my advocate, comforter, motivator, benefactor, helper, counselor, and on and on.

Sjanie, thank you. Your strength carried Nikki through these last months. Your generous spirit, tenderness and love for her as you cared for her as her body failed allowed her to enjoy happiness in even her last days. You are a remarkable woman and I love you.

Nikki, I will miss you more than I can say. Thank you for having been such a special part of my life. Until we meet again, dear friend.

Rand Souden - January 09, 2015 at 02:21 AM

BC

“ *I met Nikki about 1979, we have been friends all these years. I have great pictures of her and her great big dogs, my they were beautiful. Nikki was a delight and a very down to earth kind of lady and she will be missed very much.*

A Friend forever,

Bonnie Coombs-Stokes, Scottsdale, AZ

Bonnie Coombs-Stokes - January 08, 2015 at 01:58 PM