

FAMILY OF DENISE SIEMENS

- Danielle (Robert) Freeze

Scott (Kelsey) Freeze

Jace

Cruz

Claire

Ford

Bryan (Jessica) Freeze

Kamdyn

Layla
- Kaley (Benj) Munday

Cole

Quinn

Reese

Indy

Kristine Wheelhouse

Eliza
- Shannon Arnott

Ethan Arnott

Scarlett
- Sara (Mehdi) Arnott

Amira

Abraham
- Heidi Gedlaman

Willow

Kai
- Craig (Suzanne) Siemens

Aiden

Garret
- Elaine (Duncan) Cox

Stephanie (Andrew) Dornan

Gabby

Jacqueline (Cade) Murphy

Mack

Gregory (Sky) Cox

Willow

Cedar

Going home, going home, I'm just going home
Quiet light, some still day, I'm just going home.

It's not far, just close by, through an open door
Work all done, care laid by, going to fear no more.

Mother's there expecting me, Father's waiting too,
Lots of folks gathered there, all the friends I knew.

Home, home, I'm going home.

Nothing's lost, all's gain, no more fret nor pain,
No more stumbling on the way, no more longing for the day,
Going to roam no more.

Morning star lights the way, restless dream all done
Shadows gone, break of day, real life just begun.

There's no break, there's no end, just a living on
Wide awake with a smile, going on and on.

Going home, going home, I'm just going home.
It's not far, just close by, through an open door.
I'm just going home. Going home.

William Arms Fisher

*Thank you for being with us on this important day.
She would have loved that you were here.*

In Loving Memory



DENISE
ARLENE
SIEMENS



July 8, 1935 - August 13, 2026

DENISE
ARLENE
SIEMENS

BORN
July 8, 1935
Lethbridge, AB

PASSED AWAY
August 13, 2026
Okotoks, AB

A Celebration of a Life Well Lived
August 29, 2026 11 am



Conducting Dalin Laqua
1st Counselor, Cimarron Ward Bishopric

Prelude and Postlude Sharon Locking
Chorister Sandra Walton
Family Prayer Bryan Freeze *Grandson*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn Love One Another #308
Invocation Jessica Freeze *Granddaughter-in-law*
Life Sketch Robert Freeze *Son-in-law*
Choir Number *Be Still My Soul*
Directed by Deborah Kennett
Accompanied by Hayley McKibbon
Family Members' Remarks
Choir Number *Because*
Speaker Orin Harker
Closing Song *Going Home*
Music: Antonin Dvořák, Symphony No. 9 Words: William Arms Fisher
Soloist Heather Seear
Accompanied by Sharon Locking
Benediction Benj Munday *Grandson-in-law*

Interment - Okotoks Cemetary
Dedication of Grave - Scott Freeze *Grandson*

CASKET BEARERS

Scott Freeze Gregory Cox
Bryan Freeze Aiden Siemens
Ethan Arnott Garret Siemens
Kai Gedlaman

Denise was born on July 8, 1935 to Herbert Birkness and Lucille McIlveen. She was blessed with a sister, Daryl, and a brother, Bryan, both of whom she adored.

Denise was an accomplished and remarkably capable woman, but her greatest accomplishments were never found on a résumé. Denise's family was the great joy of her life. During her first marriage to Scotty Arnott, she had three daughters, Danielle, Shannon and Heidi, who she loved fiercely and unconditionally. She was blessed with eight grandchildren through her daughters and, through her second marriage to Vern Siemens, gained two additional children and five grandchildren whom she loved as her own. She was also blessed with 18 great-grandchildren. She treasured every one of them and they adored their Gigi.

Denise also had a remarkable appetite for life. She was adventurous, energetic, and curious about the world around her. She loved downhill skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, and traveling. For years she belonged to a hiking group and remained active well into her later years. At age 65, Denise completed a five-week trek across Nepal. At 75, she climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. These adventures were more than impressive physical accomplishments—they reflected something fundamental about Denise. She never stopped being curious. She never stopped learning. And she never stopped saying yes to life.

Denise's life was characterized by several qualities that seemed to define her: faith, service, optimism, courage, vitality, and an extraordinary interest in other people. She wanted to learn, to explore, to serve, and to make a difference. She remembered people. She listened to them. She encouraged them. And she had a remarkable ability to make people feel that they mattered.

Denise lived 91 years, but she did not simply accumulate years, she filled them; with faith and family, music and service, mountains and travel, learning and laughter, friendships and memories. Denise lived with an open heart and an open mind, and she left the world better because she had been part of it.

We will miss her more than words can express. We will miss her stories, her laughter, her curiosity, her strength, her music, her example, and most of all, the love she gave so freely.