



## Denise Rabadan

November 9, 2025

Denise Rabadan, 74, passed away peacefully in her home on November 9, 2025 after a heroic 13 year battle with cancer. Denise was born on July 15, 1951 in Teaneck, NJ to Gertrude and Sylvester Rabadan and was the beloved youngest sister of David (Mary), Kathryn (Pete), John (Karen), William and James (Kathy), and was predeceased by John, Pete and Kathy. She was also the loving aunt to her many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews that all adored and admired her.

Denise spent her career working for IBM for over 25 years, but her true passion was riding and caring for horses alongside her lifelong friends. Denise traveled out west several times for cattle drives and was a skilled jumper, competing in various shows. Even after her days of competing were over, Denise continued to pursue her love of riding by volunteering and training, taking great pride in tending for the animals under her care. She was an advocate for all animals, and provided a warm and loving home to her three adopted pups, Bailey, Big Al, and Poppy. She was a deeply selfless woman with a sharp wit and enduring sense of humor, who poured her devotion into her loving human and animal families, and will be profoundly missed by all.

Visitation this Thursday, November 13 from 12-4pm at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Rock, Teaneck NJ. A funeral service will be held at the home from 3 to 3:30.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Denise's name to Akindale Thoroughbred Aftercare ([akindale.org](http://akindale.org)) or NYC Second Chance Rescue ([nycsecondchancerecscue.org](http://nycsecondchancerecscue.org)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 13. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home  
789 Teaneck Road  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
info@volkleber.com  
<http://www.volkleber.com>

## Chapel Service

NOV 13. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Denise Rabadan



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**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - November 13, 2025 at 10:12 AM

HS

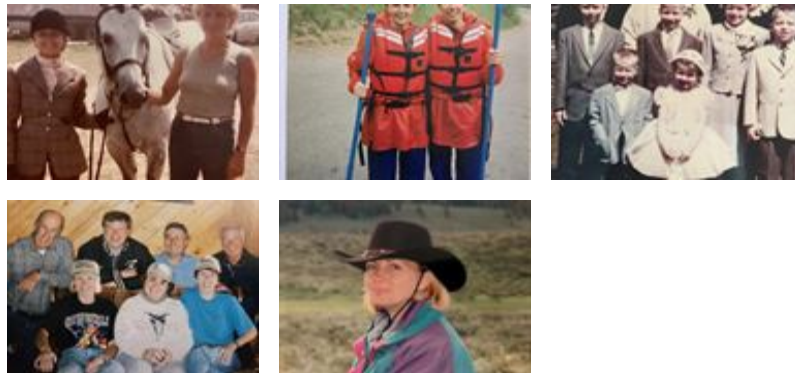
*Denise was one of the most positive, hopeful, loving people I ever had the privilege of knowing and calling friend. She never complained, always wanted to know what was happening in your life rather than talking about herself. She was a loving and devoted daughter, sister and friend to all who were fortunate enough to know her. Denise will be dearly missed but I'm thankful to have beautiful memories of time shared with her.*

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**Holly Siegel** - November 14, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ 54 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - November 13, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ *Lighting an eternal candle in memory of our Denise. We love you.  
Linda and Robert Barry*



Linda Compa Barry - November 12, 2025 at 05:28 PM



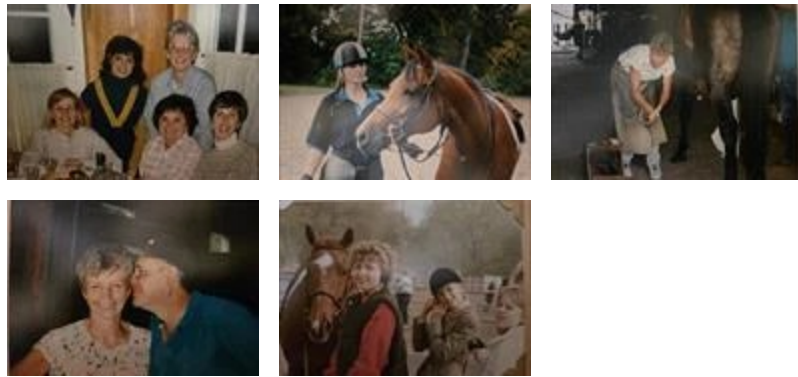
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Linda Compa Barry - November 12, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



Rita - November 12, 2025 at 10:18 AM

RI

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Rita - November 12, 2025 at 09:51 AM

BR

So proud of Denise and her skills on horseback. So talented in so many ways yet so humble.

Bill Rabadan - November 16, 2025 at 10:36 AM

RI

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Rita - November 12, 2025 at 09:34 AM

RI

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Rita - November 12, 2025 at 09:22 AM

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Rita - November 12, 2025 at 07:06 AM

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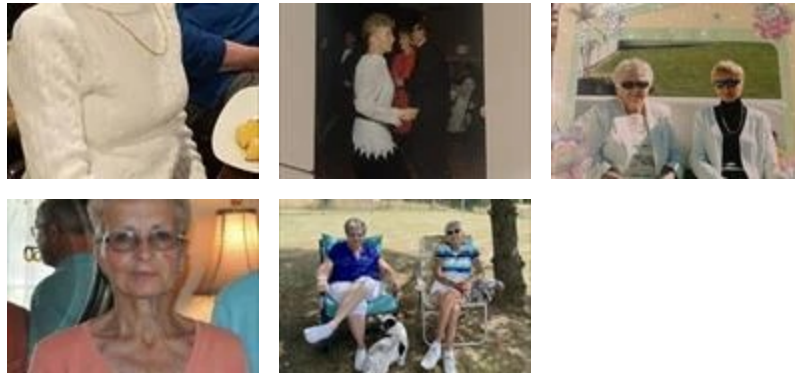
“ Adrienne Compa lit a candle in memory of Denise Rabadan



Adrienne Compa - November 11, 2025 at 08:51 PM



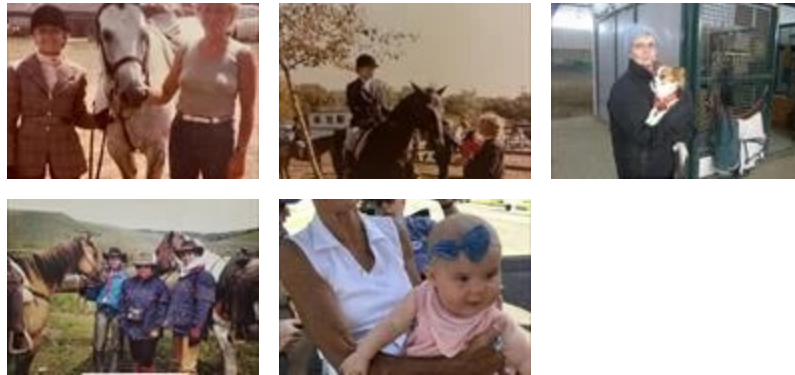
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Linda Compa Barry - November 11, 2025 at 07:43 PM

CM

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Chrissy Madigan - November 11, 2025 at 07:26 PM

RI

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Rita - November 11, 2025 at 07:17 PM

CM

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Chrissy Madigan - November 11, 2025 at 07:15 PM

JH

“ My husband Vergil was all around handyman and I was cook at Box R ranch in Wyoming. Denise and her 2 friends Rita and Suzanne were quite the trio. We called them "The Dixie Chicks". We enjoyed her visits very much. Our sympathies to all of her family and friends. Vergil and Jackie Heyer, Cushing, Iowa

Jackie Heyer - November 11, 2025 at 06:52 PM

AG

“ I will miss her great sense of humor n contagious laugh. She is an inspiration to all as she continued to live life in spite of numerous treatments. Miss your bright light. Arlene

Arlene Gratzel - November 11, 2025 at 04:19 PM

LR

“ Lisa Marie Raimondi lit a candle in memory of Denise Rabadan



Lisa Marie Raimondi - November 11, 2025 at 08:54 AM

RI

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Rita - November 10, 2025 at 05:55 PM