



Jodi Stenz-Howard

February 16, 1958 - December 5, 2015

Jodi Howard (nee Stenz), age 57, of New Hope, PA passed away on December 5, 2015 surrounded by her family. Jodi was raised in Philadelphia and was a graduate of John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School, Class of 1976, and attended Penn State University. Jodi lived a wonderful life----After attending Penn State, Jodi worked in Philadelphia for an Interior Design Firm before moving to New York where she pursued modeling and worked in movies and commercials. While in New York she met her husband, Don, a relationship that lasted 29 years. From New York, Jodi and Don then lived in Alexandria, Virginia. While in Virginia, Jodi taught acting classes and was a caterer. The last 15 years of her life were spent in New Hope, PA where she worked at various restaurants and catering events. An avid Dodgers Fan, Jodi spent time in Vero Beach, FL and Arizona during spring training. Jodi loved rescuing and caring for cats, the ocean, beach and enjoyed spending time during the summer in Atlantic City and Sea Isle, New Jersey. Jodi is predeceased by her mother Katherine McCrea Stenz, and brother John McCrea.

Jodi is survived by her loving husband and Dodger Fan, Don Howard, brother Joseph Stenz, of Chalfont, PA, sisters; Patricia (Louis) Barr, of Philadelphia, Kathleen (Daniel) Falkenstein, of Media, PA., aunts; Ann McColgan and Joan Delaney. Jodi will be greatly missed by her many loving cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and her "Hallahan Sisters." Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 12 at the Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul (Main

Church), 1723 Race St., Phila., PA 19103. Family and friends may visit at the Church from 7:45 am to 9 a.m., with Mass beginning at 9 a.m. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Ally Cat Allies, 7920 Norfolk Avenue, Suite 600, Bethesda, MD 20814. Online condolences may be placed on www.dinanfh.com

Previous Events

Service- Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul (Main Church)

DEC 12. 7:00 AM (ET)

Shelly-Dinan Funeral Home inc.
1923 Spring Garden St.
Philadelphia, PA 19130
(215) 563-3655
<https://www.dinanfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Jodi Stenz-Howard*

February 03, 2023 at 04:11 AM



“ *Don, so sorry for your loss.*

David Gordon - December 14, 2015 at 07:46 AM



“ *Jodi Stenz-Howard will be sadly missed she was a dedicated friend, mother, sister to her family and class of 76 Hallahan classmate family. We will never forget her smiling face or her golden heart. Love you Jodi.*



Linda Black - December 13, 2015 at 07:10 PM



“ *Jodi - you've earned your wings before we had a chance to re-unite dear Hallahan sister. So blessed to have connected in recently years. You left your mark on my sad heart will heal with every rainbow, sunrise and kind words.*

...until we meet again.

Karen D Williams

Karen D Williams - December 12, 2015 at 09:53 PM



To my Hallahan sister, You have your wings ... Rest in peace my friend.... Until we meet again

Lovie Gray - December 13, 2015 at 02:38 AM

GT

“ *Broadway and Jodster, the names are synonymous from the day we pinned those nicknames on the both of you :-). What we shared as neighbors/friends in Alexandria, VA goes beyond the pale. The very day Jodster approached Valerie and asked about the four of us getting together for brunch sometime. I remember questioning Valerie, "why the hell should we meet/go to brunch w/them?" lol. We did and spent an entire Sunday in Old-town Alexandria, finishing up later that evening. We laughed and felt so comfortable with each other. We all knew this was the start of a very special relationship that has carried us through the emotions of loving each other as friends. The trips we shared to New York and Chicago to prove whose home city was the best! Of course Chicago was the best city by far, lol. Broadway/Jodster would never admit it thou ;-). Yet, you came back a few times :-)....*



There are so many memories we share(d), which is why we will always remember Jodster as we do. In our hearts and mind. This can never be broken until the three of us cease to be and join Jodster in a place where we can reacquaint ourselves at the proper time, as we did that Sunday afternoon in Alexandria, VA, so many years ago...

Our love flows freely toward your spirits Broadway and Jodster.

George & Valerie

George/Valerie Thomas - December 12, 2015 at 04:54 PM

GR

“ Jodi, my friend for over 50 years. I Thank God for bringing you into my life. Our grade-high school years were the best. You were always a friend i could count on, even if we were just talking on the phone. Our daily walks to and from Cathedral-Hallahan ,how you, me and Kathy would run home so we could watch Dark Shadows and General Hospital everyday. I remember all the different neighborhoods you, me, Kathy, Bettie and Colette would hang out in like, Wissahickon, Fishtown, and Port Richmond . "Oh what fun we had". I could go on and on with all these memories flowing through my mind right now. My heart is breaking, you are not here anymore, God took you too soon, but i guess he needed you more. RIP my friend, until we meet again I will never forget you! Don, Joey, Kathy, and Patti you are in my thoughts and prayers as always. God Bless all of you.



Gale Ritchie - December 11, 2015 at 07:41 PM

TS

“ You left us way to soon Jodi!! May you rest in peace on the beaches of Heaven!!

Trish Szczepanski - December 11, 2015 at 01:57 PM

TM

“ Condolences to my life-long pal joe stenz on the loss of his sister jodi. I did know jodi-we socialized a fee times many years ago.my best to the extended stenz family

Thomas maxwell - December 11, 2015 at 12:38 AM

JC

“ I feel today the world lost one of it's brightest stars! My prayers are with Don and her family she will be truly missed! What a loss for us all. We need more Jodi's in this world!

Jaime Coleman - December 10, 2015 at 07:10 PM

CB

“ Our deepest condolences go out to Don and Jodi's family and friends.
We realize what a great loss this is for all of you and our thoughts and prayers are with you. As for Jodi, she is in paradise and Lord willing we will all meet again.
Char & Herb Bailey

CHAR BAILEY - December 10, 2015 at 11:45 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Janice Burke - December 10, 2015 at 11:00 AM

JB

For our Hallahan Class of 76 Sister, Jodi Stenz Howard. May your spirit rise and watch over all of your family and many loved ones. Until we all meet again. Rest in Peace dear one.

Janice Burke - December 10, 2015 at 11:00 AM

MK

Jodi, you were so full of life, humor and vitality and so good with Don for many years that it is hard now to think that you have been taken so soon and can no longer be with us. We shall miss you. Our sympathies to Don and the family.

Malcolm and Julie Keen

Malcolm Keen - December 11, 2015 at 09:54 AM

DF

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Dan Falkenstain - December 10, 2015 at 10:17 AM



Jodi, You're So Beautiful! Your beauty is everlasting because it's from the inside out; it started deep within your heart and you shined bright, like a diamond. You're more precious than any diamond... <3

Debbie Sparks - December 12, 2015 at 07:26 PM

TM

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Jodi's passing. My condolences to Kathy and Joey. I remember all the good times we had at the Cathedral School. I remember the house parties we had in the Cummings' basement. Swinging on the courthouse flagpole, and hanging on the heater at 18th and Wood for hours on end. We had lots of fun and lots of laughs. Please know that I will keep Jodi, Kathy, Joey and all of their extended family members in my prayers.*

*God Bless,
Tom Mahon*

Tom Mahon - December 09, 2015 at 07:57 PM

DJ

“ Thoughts and prayers to all of Jodi's family.
With sincere sympathy.



Dana Jacobson - December 09, 2015 at 06:24 PM

JC

“ James Carroll lit a candle in memory of Jodi Stenz-Howard



James Carroll - December 09, 2015 at 05:59 PM

MC

“ Mary & James Carroll lit a candle in memory of Jodi Stenz-Howard



Mary & James Carroll - December 09, 2015 at 05:56 PM

Kim
Cornish

“ My deepest Condolences to Don and the Stenz family. My heart aches for Jodi was one in a million kind of girl. She will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Until we meet again , find peace in Heaven's hands. Sending thoughts and prayers to her family and friends during this difficult time.



Kim Cornish - December 09, 2015 at 10:36 AM



“ *Joann Kanney lit a candle in memory of Jodi Stenz-Howard*



Joann Kanney - December 09, 2015 at 08:59 AM



LOVE YOU MY FRIEND

Joann Kanney - December 09, 2015 at 09:01 AM



“ *My deepest condolences go out to Don n the Stenz family!! Jodi was one wonderful human being inside and out and I am truly gonna miss her!! So kind and generous and never spoke a bad word about anyone!! Heaven has sure gained a good one here!! Love you Jodi!! Rest in peace my friend!! Xoxoxo*

Gary McGuigan - December 09, 2015 at 08:33 AM



“ *My Dear Sister Jodi, We had so many wonderful memories together. And, I will cherish them always! From our days on Spring Garden Street to all the other places we have been through the years. You are with God now and our family who went before you -- Mom, Uncle Bucky, Aunt Betty, Jackie and Grandmom. How happy they must be to see you, but here we miss you so much, Watch over us Jodi, until we see you again. Love, your sister Kathy*



Kathy Falkenstein - December 08, 2015 at 09:11 PM

TZ

“ Although we have not crossed paths since high school, we will one day meet again. R.I.P. Dear Jodi.

Theresa Zientack - December 08, 2015 at 08:26 PM

PK

“ Jodi was one of a kind! You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Patty Kelly-Sharkey - December 08, 2015 at 07:53 PM

KR

“ 1 file added to the album *Simply Jodi*



kathy ramuno - December 08, 2015 at 04:48 PM

BM

“ When something so sad as this happens there are no answers but there are countless reasons why we will remember Jodi's life that was taken away so unexpectedly I am truly so sorry for your loss

Bernadette Martina - December 08, 2015 at 04:37 PM

JG

“ To the Stenz Family,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss and you have my condolences. Jodi was always a sweet, sincere and thoughtful person. Thinking of Jodi now, takes me back in time to when we all went to the Cathedral School. You guys lived on 15th and Spring Garden St and I lived on 19th and Spring Garden St. Me and Kathy were in the same grade and my brother Jimmy was in the same grade as jodi or Joey. I hung on 18th and Wood St. I remember us going to YWCA on Chestnut St. to swim and hang out. As young kids we roamed down town, I'm sure Jodi is in a better place now looking down on us and wishing she could tell us how beautiful and peaceful it is where she is at.

A Friend Always,
Johnny Grant

John I Grant - December 08, 2015 at 03:53 PM

DF

“ 1 file added to the album HH Girls



Dan Falkenstein - December 08, 2015 at 01:40 PM

DF

“ 2 files added to the album Simply Jodi



Dan Falkenstein - December 08, 2015 at 01:38 PM

NP

“ Nicholas Petraglia purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Jodi Stenz-Howard.



Nicholas Petraglia - December 08, 2015 at 12:32 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Simply Jodi*



Debbie Sparks - December 08, 2015 at 11:38 AM

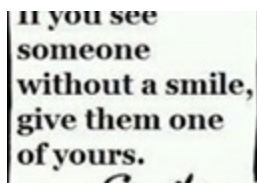


We'll see your beautiful smile in every sunrise & sunset...

Debbie Sparks - December 08, 2015 at 02:35 PM



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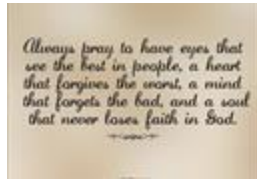
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Debbie Sparks - December 08, 2015 at 11:32 AM



“ 4 files added to the album *Simply Jodi*



Debbie Sparks - December 08, 2015 at 11:31 AM

MS

“ *Damn where do I begin , Jodi u and I been through some good times , bad times , an great times . It's breaks my heart u are gone . I will miss you !!! I'll never forget the fun we had working at 30 th street station with John Miller as our boss lol . Another great man . When u were in my wedding I got mad cause u and Betty wore silver shoes , that's just so unimportant now , I got over it , we were sill friends.our trip to Bahamas I keep calling Don , Phil . God we had fun . I pray for Don and all your kitties I hope they all find good home for u and Don . I love you , and I will forever miss you .*



MARYANN DEWAN SWITZER - December 08, 2015 at 11:24 AM

NB

“ Jodi, we so wanted you to stay with us on earth, but God needed some help with the precious cats in heaven, so he called you. I will miss that great smile and a person who loved life so much. Hey Jodi, shine that light on us. May God comfort your husband, Don and your siblings and all of your family that misses you. To my HH sisters, let us live life to the fullest with peace and blessings. RIP Jodi. We will remember you and try to be the best we can be.

Nadine Boulware - December 08, 2015 at 11:08 AM



“ The world was such a better place with you in it. You shared your love, laughter and smiles so freely. May we always remember and mimic your kindness and free spirit. We're all so sad to lose you but we're sure God has especially chosen you as His Angel.

We'll see you in every sunrise & sunset with love in our hearts and hope we'll one day join you dancing in the ocean breeze of a crisp morning's sunrise, my friend.

May God be with your family and comfort them with their many tender, loving memories of wonderful you...

<https://youtu.be/C4dci4Z7p6A>



Debbie Sparks - December 08, 2015 at 10:36 AM

DF

Heaven is now home for the prettiest ANGEL ever ! You were a beautiful person inside and out . I remember the first time I seen you and the sun was shining on your beautiful strawberry blonde hair and I thought I wish I was a pretty as her . Prayers , love and hugs for all of you she has left behind , May all your memories comfort you during this sorrowful time , GOD BLESS !

Dee fields - December 09, 2015 at 06:08 PM