



## Darryl Turkaly

September 9, 1945 - August 30, 2024

Darryl Maureen Turkaly, or Didi as she was called by those who loved her the most, left a huge hole in our hearts when she passed away on Friday, August 30. She was loved beyond measure and will be desperately missed although we are comforted that she is no longer suffering. Darryl was born and raised in New Jersey and attended Marylawn of the Oranges High School. She went on to receive an English degree from Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia where she met her husband of almost 35 years, Lou, who predeceased her. Lou called her Boomer, a reference to their time spent at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma, where they welcomed their only son David. They eventually settled in Colts Neck, New Jersey where Darryl enjoyed the sycamore-lined streets and wide-open spaces. Darryl was a realtor at Gloria Nilson in Holmdel for over 30 years and a parishioner of St. Mary's in Colts Neck. Later in life, she spent almost 20 years with her companion Arnold Kleeberg.

Darryl was a generous and beautiful woman through and through as her many long-term friends and family would attest. She was an avid walker, swimmer, reader, conversationalist, dog lover, sunshine chaser and avoider of television. She loved parks and the beach. Her favorite Broadway show was The Lion King, and she made sure she brought all her favorite people to see it. Darryl enjoyed impromptu solo dance parties and would bounce around the house listening to ABBA, Fleetwood Mac, and John Denver. She liked to talk, and

people liked to talk to her. She was a good listener and would handwrite thoughtful letters. Her immense vocabulary made her a skillful crossword puzzler. She also knew what she liked and didn't like and could be very vocal and particular about the smallest details (such as what sneakers her son chose to wear outside of the house, preferably not his "basketball high-dunkers"). One of her favorite foods was stale marshmallow Peeps.

Darryl wasn't the most confident driver. She would often take three rights to avoid a left turn. She once pulled into a mostly empty parking lot and attempted to sweetly park next to her husband's car, totaling both vehicles in the process.

People often said that when they died they'd want to come back as one of Darryl's dogs. She thought all dogs needed long walks (as in several miles / hours at a time) and lots of love and home-cooked meals (mainly chicken). You would often find dog biscuits in her bed. Dogs that knew her would squeal with delight when she arrived.

Darryl had beautiful relationships with her family. She never came empty-handed when visiting her granddaughters and granddog. She entertained the girls for hours on end, rolling on the floor, doing puzzles, going to parks, painting, playing board games and many other activities that aimed to limit the use of electronic devices. We would often say "Didi knocked them out again" as the kids needed multiple naps to keep up with her. She freely gave her time and attention to those in her life. She would fondly reminisce about the antics of her son and his friends over the years, several of whom spent many nights at the "Turkaly Manor" and were treated as though they were her own.

She is survived by her son David, his wife Megan, two adoring granddaughters, Grayson and Hayden, and her granddog, Mookie. A celebration of life will be held this fall. Please give generously in Darryl's name

to the Monmouth County SPCA.

Hot damn we are going to miss you Didi! We will remember your wit, bravery, toughness, and love when we feel the warmth of the sun on our face.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ Our deepest sympathy to David and his family.  
A deep void is in our Widow's group also known as LPL.  
Finally you are free of the pain you endured (without complaint)  
And in a peaceful place with plenty of LIGHT  
Miss you, my friend!  
Diane

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**Diane Carnevale** - October 11, 2024 at 11:54 AM

GM

“ I was saddened by Darryl's passing here at Seabrook. I was just getting to really know her and was looking forward to spending more time with her. I got her to play Scrabble and WOW, before I knew it, I was depending on her for correct spellings. Enjoy heaven, Darryl.. am sure besides our families, all of our pups are there too!

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**Gloria Maturi** - September 20, 2024 at 05:29 PM

JA

“ DiDi helped me when I needed it the most. She was a friend of my Mom's, and visited her often in the hospital and nursing home. Joe A.

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**Joseph Amatel** - September 15, 2024 at 08:59 PM

SS

“ I met Darryl through our mutual friends, Betsy and Richard Pepperman, about 9 years ago. In the time since we spent many lovely hours together, along with Darryl's companion, Arnold, my partner, Denny, and the Peppermans, at one another's homes or at a favorite restaurant. Darryl was a dear companion, kind, fun (she had a great sense of humor), and open to new ideas and adventures. She loved animals, and they loved her, and she usually had a treat ready in her pocket for doggie encounters. She adored her granddaughters and they were often the subjects of her conversation. I miss her already. Thank you Darryl, for being my friend.

SHERAN SEIF - September 14, 2024 at 09:34 PM

RP

So many lovely and kind and happy times celebrating loved ones and favorite dogs. Thank you Darryl.  
Richard

Richard Pepperman - September 14, 2024 at 10:40 PM

NW

Darryl was my mom's friend through a senior volunteer organization. She visited my mom for many years and always made Kay very happy and "told it like it is!" Once my mom moved to assisted living she would take a taxi to visit her....she loved my mom and my mom loved Darryl. I am very saddened to hear of her passing but I do know how Darryl felt about living. I saw myself the pain she endured with her back. She often told my mom to not be afraid that it's beautiful on the other side. When my mom turned 99 July 31 Darryl made sure she got herself to Kay's birthday party via taxi and told me she'd be there if it was the last thing she does! Always a smile on her beautiful face and a treat to share...this sad news was hard to share with mom as she's "closer" as Darryl would tell Kay but I'm confident that Kay's relationship with Darryl will continue in Heaven 🙏❤️🙏 Love and Appreciation to a beautiful soul, Nancy Walton

Nancy Walton - September 16, 2024 at 04:38 AM

SU

“ Darryl was like an Aunt to me. Our families spent many holidays together and laughed a lot. She was hysterically funny and so thoughtful. I will miss her very much!  
Love Susie Tromley

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**Susie** - September 10, 2024 at 05:22 PM

DE

“ My memory is six decades old of a young lady of charm and intelligence . Never forgotten. Frank Delany

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**delany.** - September 08, 2024 at 07:56 PM

RS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories



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**Robin Sayko** - September 05, 2024 at 01:33 PM

GH

*Darryl was a great friend. We met in colts neck our sons r good friends til this day. We use to walk our dogs most mornings and chat. About everything. Darryl came up to cape cod for a few years to visit. She loved the beach. We were in a “bridge group” with our group from colts neck. We never played much bridge but we all did a lot of talking. Too many good memories to list. She will be missed. A strong brave kind soul*

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**gail hempstead** - September 06, 2024 at 08:03 AM

SF

*Darryl, what can I say? There is nothing I can say but that I loved you so much. You, Arnold, and all of Mom, and all the gang... It just sucks you know? You were in so much pain. But I'm so glad I got to help you when doing your training and getting back into your swimming and your workouts. There is so much that we didn't get to talk about...you know me? Shooting the breeze with you was so easy. You'd pull up a chair when I was at work and we could go on for hours. You could give the best advice...Maybe like me, we could just be blunt and honest and cut through all the crap...a lot of people don't like that...you were never much of a sugar coater. You called it if you saw it. When I always needed advice, you were a good sounding ear. Never was a big believer in death. We talked about that all the time...I never really believed in it if you faith and God...you had both. I feel your spirit is always with me...you were a Mom to me, a nurturer, a kind, loving, warm, and gentle soul. I don't know...seems you always knew what the person needed...even if sometimes a person didn't like what you had to say, I'd walk away and go? You know, Darryl is right...you knew a person...we kind of were like that in a lot of ways. We knew people... maybe we got along so well because we had similar personalities. You know Darryl, we talked about death...talked about everything under the sun. You were so faithful to God...believed in something greater than yourself...Well, I can just rant on as if you are here. You know, I know you are looking after me. You always knew a person better than they knew themselves at times and what was good for them...I wouldn't take that from anybody, but you? I would. Because you always had the best person's interest at heart. You were the real McCoy...Through my toughest times and my best times...you and the gang were always there...surround me like a guardian angel...I don't know what else to say but that you were loved especially by me and so many others. So many memories...so many celebrations of birthdays, and holiday parties...You know? I'm going to need to be strong...I know that as long as we live, the ones we love will never die. I always thought to myself, when you get there you'll see Danny...he'll stand out...the red head...Anyway, it was such an honor to be your friend...the joy you gave me just by being you. Man, I think we got along so well like me and Mom...because you were genuine and true...well, I can go on... and keep shooting the breeze as if you are here. Thank you for all the memories, the things you did for me...I will never forget who always had my back...just like I would always have yours. Thank you...as much as a friend to Mom you were you were a friend to me...say Hi to Beverly ok? Say hi to Bill Jr., Danny, and thanks...thanks for all the things you did for me...your unconditional love and advice as a parent...I'm going to miss you so much...*

Susan Fox - September 08, 2024 at 02:59 PM

RL

“ Years ago Darryl & I did a video (posted in that section) for NJ Channel 12 with her Sam & my Vas for a product called E-Z Leash ... we had so much fun doing this (with lots of laughs on our behavior & the dogs as well) ... just one of some great memories of our Darryl ... luv'd ya ... Robin

Robin Lee - September 05, 2024 at 01:04 PM

JC

“ Janice C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Darryl Turkaly.



Janice C. - September 04, 2024 at 04:01 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Darryl Turkaly



Bongarzone Funeral Home - August 31, 2024 at 08:31 PM