

## My Mother, Edie Degner

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Real estate has been a big part of mom's life since 1977. Starting out with Casey Realty in Greendale when she was 34 years old. Then moving on to Hashek & Haislmaier, First Realty Better Homes and Gardens and then most of her years with RE/MAX.

She was super friendly and very funny and a good joke teller. Always smiling and her sense of humor made the grouchiest home buyer happy. Mom was hard working and a great sales lady with many successful years. She won many awards and had all the designations you could earn. She was also voted for director on the WI Board of Realtors which made us very proud.

In 1982 Mom worked with Bud Selig, owner of the Milwaukee Brewers. He purchased a large condominium complex and mom oversaw getting the players setup in condos. These became famous players, Robin Yount and Paul Molitor were just 2 out of many of them. Our family got invited to their spring training in Sun City, AZ that year and we stayed in the same hotel and watched them play baseball and swam in the same pool with Robin Yount and his little baby.

Mom made sure Debbie and I weren't too shy to ask for autographs. Even bothering the guys at breakfast which they didn't seem to mind. The Brewers made it to the World Series that year which made it a very memorable time.

In 1987, Mom supported Tommy Thompson's campaign for Governor. I'll never forget wearing the Tommy Thompson T-shirt at the Circus Parade that year. My boyfriend and now husband had to wear one too.

Mom helped make accomplishments for the WI Realtors Association with Tommy and they kept in touch for many years.

I'm so grateful for the time I was able to spend with mom at the Hales Corners RE/MAX office where I worked for 8 years as the Real Estate Marketing Specialist with Look Into Design. Mom was my best sales lady and really my best friend. She brought me to many RE/MAX functions and parties selling my services. She was my biggest supporter.

Most mornings at the office we'd sit and have coffee and lunch together on many days.

Mom & Dad would come over to my house to help apply magnets and stuff envelopes as well as other things to help me with the business.

Most of all, my mom was a wonderful Grandmother to my son Bradley. She spent a lot of time watching Brad and taking him places. We lived only 5 minutes apart and I was so lucky to have her there for me.

Mom was also a great cook, and we were lucky to be invited for dinner at least once a week.

I already miss Mom, but I have such great memories that will last with me forever.

Memorial: Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> - 4pm, service at 6pm  
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