



# Dianne R. Fischer

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## **Dianne R. Fischer**

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**D**ianne R. Fischer, age 77 of Lewes, DE, passed away on Sunday, October 25, 2020 at her home, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on August 19, 1943 in Darby, PA, daughter of the late Robert P. and Emily (Keech) Regester.

Ms. Fischer grew up and went to Upper Darby High School and was an outstanding athlete. She excelled in field hockey, basketball, and tennis. After high school, she attended Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Health and Physical Education, and later earned her Master's Degree. Ms. Fischer also graduated from Ursinus with 4 Varsity letters in field hockey, basketball, tennis and softball. After college graduation in 1965, she played for the United States Olympic field hockey team as their goalie. She returned to Upper Darby High School and built a lifelong career of over 32 dedicated years as a Physical Education teacher. During her teaching career, Ms. Fischer was also a respected coach of girls' field hockey, tennis, and basketball. In 2004, she was inducted into the Delaware County PA Athletes Hall of Fame for Field Hockey.

Ms. Fischer volunteered for the American Heart Association, was a member of Lewes Yacht Club, and an avid golfer. She loved days in the sun, getting tan on the beach, happy hours, cooking, and Sundays cheering on her Philadelphia Eagles. Above all, she cherished time spent with those she held most dear. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who was loved by so many, and her smile and sense of humor will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, Ms. Fischer was preceded in death by her son, Robbie Fischer. She is survived by her companion of 26 years, Kathi C. Young of Lewes, DE; her daughter, Dawn Domzalski (Dave) of West Chester, PA; her grandchildren: Justin Domzalski and Haley Dianne Domzalski; her brothers: Bob Regester (Karen) of Myerstown, PA and Ken Regester of Drexel Hill, PA; and her faithful feline companion, Lucky.

Services are private.



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In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Ms. Fischer's memory to the American Lung Association, 630 Churchman's Road, Newark, DE 19702, or the SPCA, 22918 Dupont Boulevard, Georgetown, DE 19947.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.



## Tribute Wall

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PO

**Philip Over** posted:

What a great coach and person!! So sorry to hear of her passing and her family's loss. She was such a professional and friend and truly a successful coach as evidenced by her two trips to Shippensburg to the Pennsylvania State Finals with her Upper Darby Field Hockey teams! Her success was repetition until getting it right and I surmise her life was the same. She will be missed. I count it my privilege to have known her and had a part in her life. Phil Over Retired Athletic Director Upper Darby High School

November 2 at 12:12 PM

JO

**Jill Over** posted:

I was so sorry to hear the news of the passing of my "Aunt Dianne." I haven't seen her in a few years but I have such fond childhood memories of her laughter, forever tan Stone Harbor skin, her love of the Eagles and her great high school stories with my mom. I remember how much she loved you, Dawn and Robbie. My prayers go out to all of you and the Register family. Love, Jill Kauffman Over

November 1 at 7:08 PM

SM

**Sara Moore** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

The best happy hour gang ever! I was so lucky to be a part of this club. Whenever I was in town! 💜💜💜💜

November 1 at 4:57 PM



SM

**Sara Moore** posted:

Dianne was the most joyous, fun and generous person and beloved to our family. My mom Sheila, who passed away in April, absolutely adored her and many wonderful times were had at their "Friday Night Club" gatherings at my folks house in Milton or at the many lovely, spirited dinners at restaurants in Lewes with the best group of friends imaginable. So much love to Kathy and all of Dianne's family. I know my Mom was waiting for her on the other side. Happy flying, dear lady.

November 1 at 4:43 PM



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NM

**Nicole Massi** posted:

My condolences and prayers go out to Ms. Fischer's family, on her passing. I had her as a gym teacher (make ups after school) and once freshman year. She always had a way to make it easier for me to do gym class, after I broke my ankle. I respected her for that, despite finding her intimidating at the time. May she rest in God's Kingdom till we all meet again 🙏🙏❤️ Nicole Massi- Class of 1998

November 1 at 2:34 PM

TB

**Tabatha Baker** posted:

She was such an amazing person! I always looked forward to her class! She kept me motivated and spirits up during some hard times i was having. I'll always remember he kind heart and humor.

October 31 at 9:13 PM

WS

**Walt Statkiewicz** posted:

Dianne, we all loved you for the person you are, I certainly did. You will be sorely missed by your Happy Hour crowd. Say hello to Margaret for us! Love, Marion, Roman, and Walt

October 31 at 7:33 PM



**Patricia Siple** posted:

Coach you will surely be missed I'm gutted but know that you are in a better place ❤️ I'll treasure all the memories until we meet again save me a spot in the sun 🌟 RIP you were 1 in a Million ✍️ love P

October 29 at 8:32 PM

LE

**Linda Jean Ervin** posted:

"Fish"-Thank you for teaching me that I was never going to be a golfer! Thank you for teaching me to understand and love the game of basketball. Thank you for making me laugh at myself, I can still hear you calling me some silly names. Thank you most of all for your continued support and for believing in me well before I believed in myself. You never gave up on me. To Kathi, Dawn and all of your dear family, my deepest sympathy. May your wonderful memories help your hearts to heal. With sympathy, Linda Jean Ervin UDHS Class of 81 North Granby, CT

October 29 at 3:55 PM



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**Bob & Karen Regester** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



October 29 at 3:41 PM



**Robert Regester** November 3 at 11:19 AM

Nothing like a tailgate party at the LINC with you! "LOVE YOU MORE" . . . Brother Bob



**Bunny Mirth** lit a candle in honor of Dianne.



I had to wipe away the tears to write this. I know it has been many years since we communicated but who could forget.....that warm, contagious smile and cute sense of humor and humble naivete. Teaching together at UD we spent many hours laughing, having semi-serious talks about life's problems, and solving our disagreements. Robbie & Dawn were the central part of her life & she gave them all her devotion. She was a talented athlete and great coach. Kathy, I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to Dawn and Diane's family. I am sure she will greatly missed. Bunny Mirth

October 29 at 3:17 PM



**Kim Duggan** posted:

Dear Kathi and Dawn, I am so sorry for your loss. Dianne was such a good friend to my Mom and Russ. She taught my children and I one of our favorite card games, skat. We will always think of her when we play. I will miss seeing the sun goddess on Lewes beach. She left a lot of wonderful memories for many people. Kim

October 29 at 1:08 PM



**Diane Kiewel** posted:

I am so sad to hear this news. My daughter just sent me Dianne's obit. I literally was thinking of her and Kathi yesterday. The last time we saw each other was at Bone Fish in Edgmont several years. Always gracious and kind and always smiling. I will cherish the memories over the years of working together at UDHS. Kathi, I'm very sorry for your loss. I know Dianne will be missed very much by everyone that loved her. Shedding tears for all of you. Hold onto to the hope of seeing her again as she is now reunited with her beloved son and other family members. Simply the best person!!! Praying for all you. Closing this remembering her kind heart and loving smile. May God bless all of you! With love, Diane (Byrd) Kiewel

October 29 at 10:59 AM



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LG

**Lorraine Grenfell** posted:

Ms. Fischer was the best! My coach at Beverly Hills in 9th grade and at Upper Darby High School. She was such a positive influence on my life. Always seeing in kids what we didn't see in ourselves and pushing me personally to be better and respect my gifts!! Nothing but great memories!! I miss her! Please accept my sympathy for your loss. Lorraine Bell Grenfell UD class of '82

October 29 at 9:08 AM

IR

**Irenna** posted:

The best gym teacher ever at beveryhills middle school she made gym fun always laughing with us and always had smile on her face. May she rest in peace

October 29 at 8:57 AM

LJ

**Lori Bucci Johnson** posted:

One of the best teachers and field hockey coaches someone could ever. So many great memories. Thinking of all of her family during this very difficult time.

October 29 at 8:24 AM

RM

**Ruth Ann Mccall** posted:

I will never forget coaching with Dianne and spending time at the beach. She was always sunshine in the room. Working beside her at Upper Darby. Going on cruises with her. The "Rob" phone calls to school (we both have boys names Rob) So much to remember. Prayers for the family God Bless Ruth Ann McCall

October 29 at 5:01 AM

DK

**David K** posted:

One of the best teachers ever in the district. She gave us a great role model. Thoughts and prayers to all of her family.

October 29 at 4:01 AM



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KC

**Kathleen Carlin** posted:

A force of nature - that's the only way I can think to describe Dianne. When you were around her and she turned her attention to you, the rest of the world faded away. She was truly one of a kind and I know how much she will be missed by friends and family. The world is just a bit of a lesser place with her gone.

October 28 at 6:01 PM

HB

**Heather Berardinelli** posted:

Diane was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside! Her gorgeous smile and hearty laugh made every day at UDHS a party! She was generous with her praise and earned the respect of every student in her class. Diane was a well respected faculty member, coach and mentor for many. What a classy woman!

October 28 at 5:39 PM

JS

**Jean V. Smith** posted:

Dianne was always so supportive and encouraging of my coaching efforts at Upper Darby She cheered any success that came my way and helped me laugh when the outcomes were at times discouraging. She took an interest in all my team members and their accomplishments as well. More recently I enjoyed joining her for happy hours in Lewes. Next chance I get to visit, I'll be sure to toast her beautiful memory.

October 28 at 5:04 PM

CS

**Catherine Stock** posted:

Dear Kathi, My condolences to you and your family. I taught in the Foreign Language Department. Catherine Makem Stock

October 28 at 5:03 PM

AL

**Amanda Lucks** posted:

Dear Kathi and Dawn, I was so saddened to read about Dianne's passing. She really fought the good fight supported by you and by all who loved her. I miss those old Buttery days and all of the laughs and silliness, and I hope all the fun times will give you comfort in your grief. RIP Dianne! Yours truly, Amanda Lewes, DE

October 28 at 8:08 AM



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KS

**Kristen Frey Stucky** posted:

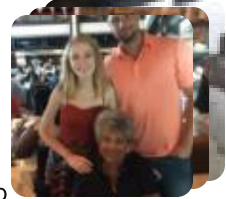
Sympathies to Coach Dianne's family. Dianne was my field hockey coach at UDHS (her great coaching help me secure a spot at PA State Field Hockey Championships as a sophomore!) May the sun continue to shine on you!

October 27 at 8:41 PM

HD

**Haley Domzalski** shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Hi Mom Mom, I already miss you so much. Thank you for being in my life and for everything you have done for me. You are an example of excellence, kindness, and warmth. I will always remember our fun-filled cruises, Thanksgiving, and Christmas with you, and hanging out by the pool at the Yacht club. You brought so much sunshine into everyone's life. I am so lucky to have had you as a Mom Mom. I love you, Haley



October 27 at 4:45 AM

RA

**Rickell Abbott** posted:

I met Dianne a few times because I am blessed to be able to work alongside her beautiful daughter, Dawn, every day. She would come in to read to the kids and when she would walk into the room, Dawn would just light up when she saw her! She adored her mother! I would just want to say thank you to Dianne because she raised a truly beautiful person, inside and out, and I know that goes to show how amazing she was too.

October 27 at 4:21 PM

CA

**Carleen Adler** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My buddy for over 50 years. I have so many wonderful memories of our time together; bowling, Stone Harbor (our beach time and of course Henny's), 4th of July parties, poker club, my visits to Lewes (Happy hours especially The Buttery), your visits to Florida (Delray Beach vacations) and our kids growing up together. I am so lucky to have had you for a best friend. I will miss your "pretty" smile and your crazy sense of humor. Happy hour tonight Bud and I will toast you with our vodka tonics.



October 27 at 9:34 AM



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**Lynn Yeoman** posted:

My loving, caring, always smile on your face friend. You were a bright light in all our lives and will miss you terribly. I was honored to be your friend. Your family and friends were everything to you. Love you princess!( i will have a vodka tonic with a splash of tonic and a drop of cranberry juice) ❤️

October 27 at 4:45 AM



# Media

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Me and my best buddy



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dianne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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