



Diane Lee Marshall

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Diane Lee Marshall, age 66 of Lewes, DE passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, December 4, 2022. She was born on June 5, 1956, in Chester, PA, daughter of the late Stephen and Marjorie (Taylor) Nasko.

Diane grew up in the Chester and Wilmington area and graduated from Concord High School in 1974. She continued her education at the University of Delaware, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice. While initially intending to pursue a career in law, Diane instead chose to become an educator and obtained multiple master's degrees prior to and during a 27-year tenure as a beloved first-grade teacher at Shields Elementary School in Lewes.

Diane was a true light, a beacon of joy and so very loved. Those fortunate enough to know her knew a uniquely kind, warm soul, one regarded with extraordinary fondness. While out in town, it was common for Diane to receive hugs when seeing former students and sentiments of gratitude from their parents as she positively impacted so many lives through her extensive teaching tenure.

Diane believed in staying active and healthy as a guiding principle. She enjoyed varied interests and hobbies and had many of them. She loved riding her bike, roller blading, swimming in the ocean and going on walks with her friends.

However, Diane most enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, whether on Lewes Beach or Tower Road or on annual spring vacation trips to Sanibel Island, which were some of her favorite memories.

Her long-standing Friday night dinner reservation at the Lewes Yacht Club with Cappy, her family, grandchildren and friends were also a special time filled with laughter and love. Diane treasured every moment she spent with those she loved more than anything. She was a loving and devoted mother, sister, grandmother, and friend who will be intensely missed by all who had the good fortune to know her and share in the light of her love.

In addition to her parents, Diane was predeceased by her sister, Debra Gunther-Nasko. She is survived by her three children: daughters Taylor Keen and Meredith Marshall (Norberto Ovide)



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and her son, Thomas Rowland Marshall V (Bridget Marshall). Brother, Stephen Nasko and sister, Linda Nasko. She had three beloved grandchildren: the eldest Thomas Marshall VI, and Nelly Marshall and Joseph Keen, who were delivered on the same day in the same hospital, right down the hall from each other. Diane loved that.

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 11:00 AM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Ms. Marshall's memory to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963, or Lewes Yacht Club Foundation, <http://www.lycfoundation.com/donate>.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



Events

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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, December 21, 2022

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



Memorial Service

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Meredith Marshall posted:

Oh my gosh, I have never seen this page or any of these comments. I am so, so touched by the outpouring of love from everyone. Truly, these words are all so beautiful, thoughtful, warm, nostalgic, comforting and kind 🙏 I come back to her obituary and to the comments on my post when I miss her and Taylor and need a little nudge of encouragement. The names and memories here are SUCH a gift ❤️ I love hearing the different experiences and interactions with my mom, be it brief or not. It's just how I hoped she was remembered. I feel like I just found a treasure chest at the bottom of the bay filled with gold and jewels. Holy moly, thank you all SO so much for the love🙏

December 28 at 2:13 AM



Francine (Squire) Urey posted:

I am completely heartbroken to hear of Diane's passing. We were friends since we were teenagers and college roommates. Diane was a shining light and a joy to be with. I am so sorry we lost touch through the years. All my love and prayers go out to Linda, Steve, Diane's children and grandchildren and all who were blessed to know and love her. Rest in God's arms, my beautiful friend ❤️❤️❤️



October 26 at 5:17 AM



Cathy Petitgout posted:

Diane had the most wonderful smile. Her energy and passion for teaching was so evident whenever we met! The world needs more Diane's! She will be missed by so many.

January 4 at 1:30 PM



Anonymous sent a Hickory Farms Savory and Sweet Snacker Gift Basket to the Marshall family.



January 3 at 3:45 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Marshall family.



December 31 at 12:39 PM



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MK

Michael Kaczor posted:

It was a privilege to have known and loved Lady Di. Missed by many, and not forgotten. Mike Kaczor

December 28 at 11:44 AM

SM

Sharon Maley posted:

I am heartbroken at the loss of one so dear to me. Diane and I go way back to the early 70's when she first moved to Delaware. We lived in the same development and attended Concord High School together. I have so many happy and funny memories with her. She could always make me laugh. Over the years, we never lost touch with each other and sustained our friendship. She was such a joy to be around. We took many trips together including Hawaii, Liverpool, London and Chicago. She was always a lot of fun and a great traveling companion. We both loved to travel and I had hoped to continue those trips well into our retirement years. I am so grateful that she was my friend and feel as if a light has gone out in my life. Rest in Peace my dear friend. I love you Diane.

December 22 at 5:30 PM

CB

Carol Buttriss posted:

To our loving USA family, Di will be surely missed. We were blessed myself and my sister Di to have spent time with Di and Linda when we came to holiday with them both from Australia, it was such a special time, one we both will cherish forever. Rest in peace beautiful Di, we will never forget you! Aussie love 💜 and hugs 🤗 to all the family. Carol, Gary, Di, John and families xo 😊

December 22 at 1:18 AM



Karen Mays shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Rest in Peace, Diars.

December 21 at 9:59 AM



Mary Malatesta Malewski posted:

I only met Diane one time at a Christmas party and found out she knew my brother from years ago. Truly a beautiful and wonderful person. So sorry to hear that she passed away.

December 20 at 7:14 AM



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Midge Dinatale lit a candle in honor of Diane.

My sincere condolences to Diane's family. Diane was a lovely person with a smile that lit up a room. My thoughts and prayers, Midge DiNatale

December 19 at 12:20 PM



CB **Carol Buttriss** December 22 at 12:47 AM

To our loving USA family, Di will be surely missed. We were blessed myself and my Sister Di to have spent time with Di and Linda when we came to holiday with them both from Australia, it was such a special time, one we will cherish forever. Rest in peace beautiful Di, we will never forget you! Aussie love ❤️ and hugs 🤗 to all the family xo 😊



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Marshall family.

December 17 at 10:37 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Marshall family.

December 17 at 5:41 AM



Perrin Smith posted:

Dear Taylor, Meredith, and TR, Our family was so sad to learn of Diane's battle with cancer and her passing. Diane was one of the Moms I met when we first moved to Lewes in 1987. She was so friendly and welcoming, particularly in those early years. Even though we didn't get to be close friends, I remember fondly her beautiful smile, and her ease with just chatting about life and our families. Throughout the years, when we'd see each other at the LYC or the beach, she always said hello and asked about the family. I often heard of how proud she was of her kids, and her grandkids. I'm thinking of you all, and send our love and condolences. Love from, Perrin, Patrick, and our kids - Alison, Conor, and Nat Gaffney

December 16 at 11:15 AM



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Edie Taylor posted:

Dear Taylor, Meredith, TR, Linda, Debi and Stevie, Somehow it seems surreal that someone so bright and loving would no longer be with us. Diane was always loving and positive from the time I knew her as a child until her untimely passing. I have fond memories of she, Linda and Debbie on the beach at Sea Isle City and then later the Delaware beaches. Diane came to my Vassar College graduation when she was pregnant with Taylor. I can still see her bright eyes and big smile. I was so glad she shared that moment with me and our family. Recently we had time with my sister, Nancy and her sister Linda on the beach and now wish we had gotten together more often. Life is fragile and it goes by quickly. Tell your family and friends that you love them for we never know when we will not be able to say how much they mean to us! I will miss Diane deeply but I know she is lighting up heaven with her very presence. Chris and I would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy and to Taylor, Meredith, TR, Linda, Debi and Stevie for your loss weighs heavy on us as well. Keep her memory close to your heart for then she is always with you! With Deepest Sympathy, Edie and Chris

December 15 at 9:15 AM



Dale Donaway posted:

The LYC lifeguards and myself will deeply miss Diane's infectious smile and her positive attitude. I looked forward to talking to her almost daily. Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

December 14 at 4:39 PM



Anonymous sent a Rose Garden Heart to the Marshall family.



December 14 at 6:59 AM



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Lori Schell posted:

Aunt Diane was the brightest and most beautiful soul who cared so deeply for others and their happiness. One of the first memories I have of her is at the 4 Ohio Avenue house. Caden and Cassidy were both toddlers and we hosted a large family barbeque. She could tell I was a little stressed about being the perfect host and mother, and she came over and whispered something like this to me, "Sweetie, everything looks perfect. You are juggling a lot. Can I help you with anything?" I knew that day that she would become a role model to me and someone I could always turn to. Just the way she called us all "sweetie" will forever remain in our hearts. I also remember helping her in her classroom once a week while Cassidy was in her class. Watching her softly and kindly speak to the children made me want to be more like her. She had this way of making everyone feel special and loved. We will forever remember our Aunt Diane as a shining star. To her family...more than sharing these memories, we want to let you all know that we are just a phone call away. We love you all, Chris and Lori Schell

December 14 at 6:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Marshall family.



December 13 at 11:12 AM



Patti Valencis lit a candle in honor of Diane.



December 12 at 5:46 PM



Shelly Sposato posted:

Diane was the 1st friend I made when I moved herein '82, a young single mother. She knew my parents and my mother, a Marshall, related to her father in law, made me her family, and "what could she do to help?" We bonded immediately over same age children, a love of Lewes, dancing and eventually, sailing. My favorite memories of her were our many yearly all-women sailing trips on the Chesapeake in August. I will truly miss her bright spirit and sense of fun and adventure. Shelly Sposato

December 12 at 5:20 PM



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Jan Caring Hands Cna Her Caregiver posted:

It was my pleasure to be able to care for Diane during her time of need. She has left a mark on my heart and will live on through the memories we shared. I would like to offer my condolences and prayers for your family. Thank you for allowing me to get to know you. Diane "My Pretty Girl", you will be truly missed. - Jan Caring Hands

December 12 at 3:13 PM



Meredith Marshall December 28 at 2:14 AM

♥♥♥♥ love you Jan



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Marshall family.



December 12 at 10:18 AM



Jane Myers posted:

Diane, Susan Hall, Glenn Heuring and I drove together each week to the Georgetown campus of Wilmington University to get our Masters of Education. We called ourselves the "Blue Birds" like the top reading group in elementary school. I have such fond memories of those rides and the group projects. Diane was a beautiful person inside and out.

December 10 at 6:37 AM



Deborah Sharp posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Diane many years at RSE, we shared stories of our kids. After we both retired we loved to share about our grandchildren, often seeing each other at the daycare. She was a ray of sunshine, always fashionable and eager to share a laugh. Prayers to Tay, TR, and Meredith as well as the grandchildren she loved so much. Xoxo I will miss you Di.

December 9 at 5:35 PM



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KC

Kimberly Corbidge posted:

Before I had the pleasure of meeting Diane, my husband and I would see her rollerblading through the neighborhood. We started calling her Olivia because we thought she looked like Olivia Newton-John! I then was fortunate enough to work with her at Shields Elementary. A bright smile and was an overall beautiful person who touched the lives of so many and who will be dearly, dearly missed!

December 9 at 7:51 AM

KD

Kristin Demesse posted:

I had such a great time driving with Diane to Jessica and Kenneth's wedding. I think I laughed for the entire trip. The thought always makes me smile. Sending hugs to all of you. So much tragic loss in such a short period of time.

December 9 at 5:52 AM

CB

Cherry Barranco posted:

I was fortunate enough to work with Diane. She was a wonderful teacher and a beautiful person. My condolences and prayers to the family and all of her friends. May peace be with you all.

December 9 at 4:14 AM

KM

Kate Matthews posted:

Di was always filled with so much love and laughter. Her home was a second home as a kid in the summer and as an adult I loved seeing her at the LYC. When I think of her, I see her bright and beautiful smile and kind heart. Sending Mere, Taylor and TR my love and deepest sympathy. ❤️

December 9 at 2:36 AM

LF

Linda Fischer posted:

Di was the best waffle and pizzelle maker! And she shared them generously! It was always comforting to sit with her on Sundays at St. Peter's Church - a practice she truly loved. A devoted mother and friend to so many, Di will always be in our hearts.

December 8 at 7:54 PM



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KF

Katy Fischer posted:

Marshall cousins, I am sending all my love. When I think of your Mom she is beaming with her arms lovingly outstretched, her huge heart reaching out to connect. She was an extraordinary person who shared warmth everywhere she went. Katy Fischer

December 8 at 6:53 PM

DP

Doris Person lit a candle in honor of Diane.

Sending hugs and prayers to the children and RSE colleagues honoring Diane's beloved life.

December 8 at 4:09 PM



KK

Karen Kerestes posted:

Di was such a beautiful person inside and out. I will cherish the memories that I have with her. My thoughts and prayers go out to Taylor Meredith and TR 🙏❤️

December 8 at 2:16 PM

DR

Debi Dow Ramsey posted:

Diane was such a treasure and second Mom to my son Tyler. She had the most beautiful spirit and loving heart. My deepest sympathies to her children, whom I adore. God has certainly gained an angel and she will be so very missed by so many. Much love and comfort to her family. Debi Dow Ramsey

December 8 at 1:12 PM

FB

Feffie Barnhill posted:

I will miss her smile and always her caring conversations on Lewes Beach. Taylor, Meredith and TR - Diana was so proud of each of you and your children.

December 8 at 12:38 PM



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Karla Bowden posted:

Condolences to all of Diane's family, especially Taylor and TR and Bridget who like Diane, have always been kind and friendly when we would see each other on Lewes Beach. I will always remember her beautiful smile. Karla Bowden (good friend of Feffie's).

December 8 at 12:37 PM



Ann Parsons posted:

We are so sad to hear of your mom's passing. Love and hugs to all of you. And missing her most especially is Mackie. Throughout all these years, she remained his most favorite teacher ever.

December 8 at 12:34 PM



Sue And Richard Krick posted:

Oh, Taylor, Merideth and TR Richard and I are crushed to be hearing this. You are so very right ... Diane was an awesome, loving, funny, kind and beautiful person, inside and outside. Her sparkle, her pizzaz her shine will leave us all with simply the sweetest memories of a true Lady who loved life and showed everyone she met. All our love and gratitude for her and a life well-lived ... sending you strength, faith and optimism. Love, Sue and Richard

December 8 at 11:51 AM



Anonymous sent a Love's Journey to the Marshall family.



December 8 at 9:51 AM



Erin Perchiniak lit a candle in honor of Diane.

So sorry to hear this news. My family just adored Mrs. Marshall and appreciate how wonderful of a teacher she was. She made 1st grade a fun and happy place! We will miss running into her smiling face around town.



December 8 at 8:30 AM



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SM

Sara Maloney posted:

Taylor, Meredith, TR & family, we are deeply saddened by the loss your mother. She was a true beauty, always smiling, always thoughtful and friendly. My entire extended family remembers her with such fondness during visits to Lewes. Personally, I mourn her acutely. So very sorry for this profound loss. Your mother loved you so very much. -Sara Maloney

December 8 at 8:28 AM

SF

Susan E. Fisher lit a candle in honor of Diane.

Taylor, Meredith & T.R. My heart is breaking at this very sad news, I remember the first time, I met Diane and birth of each of her children. she was such a kind and loving friend always smiling and ready with a hug. She will always be watching over you. Rest in peace my sweet. friend.Your friend,Susan Fisher



December 8 at 7:42 AM

AF

Andrew Fitzkee posted:

One of the sweetest and kindest teachers I have had the pleasure to meet. She helped made Shields a special place. She cared for and supported her students with love and affection.

December 8 at 6:41 AM

SS

Susie Short posted:

The world has certainly lost a bright light. Heaven's stars will surely shine brighter.

December 8 at 6:26 AM

DJ

Dave Jones posted:

Rest In Peace my sweet friend. I hope you are dancing in heaven everyday Marshmellow 🙏❤️😊

December 8 at 5:18 AM



Media

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Karen Mays shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

December 21 at 9:59 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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