



Diane Peterson Pearce

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On July 20, 2024, Diane Peterson Pearce (80) died in the loving arms of her family. Present were her husband Joseph Robert Pearce, her daughter Corinne Charlotte Pearce, and her son Owen Eliot Pearce. She is also survived by her sister, Carol Peterson Booth, her brother-in-law William Booth and her two grandchildren, Charlotte and Jason Pearce. She was born in Vancouver, Washington on October 18, 1943 to John and Madeline Peterson.

After Diane finished high school, she was accepted into an international program to study French in Aix-en-Provence. Upon completing her studies in France, she returned to the United States to finish her undergraduate classes at the University of California, Berkeley. After graduation, Diane was hired to teach French and English at South Lake Tahoe High School in California. It was at that point that Mrs. Puccini, a friend of both families, told Diane to see if she could find a temporary place to stay with the Pearce family. One afternoon when Joseph was home his mother came out to the backyard and said, "I want to introduce you to Diane Peterson who will be staying with us until she finds a place to rent." When Joseph looked up, there stood this beautiful blond. One night after he got off work, he was playing his records and Diane asked him what he was playing. He told her, "Bob Dylan's Blond on Blond." She responded to him, "You know I was introduced to Bob Dylan by Joan Baez." That was the moment that started a romance that lasted over 57 years. They both developed a deep interest and practice in Indian meditation that helped them stay together for all the years of marriage culminating in the births of their two beautiful children, Corinne and Owen.

Diane was known as a person with a warm and caring heart, especially to her many students she taught over the years, her family, and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, September 13, 2024, at 11:00AM at Parsell Funeral Homes AtkinsLodge Chapel 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958. Visitation for family and friends will start at 10:00AM11:00AM.

For those unable to attend Diane's Celebration of Life in person, you can join us and watch the



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live stream at the following link:

<http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/11488256/LTWebcast>

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Jusst Sooup Ministries, a local DE ministry run by Dale Dunning, that Diane held dear to her heart.

<http://www.jusstsooup.org/donate/>

Please visit Diane's Life Memorial at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com



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Visitation of Family and Friends

 **Friday**, September 13, 2024

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-
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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Webcast Video**.



September 4 at 10:03 AM



Allison B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Diane.



September 13 at 9:43 AM



Allison Buck posted:

My deepest condolences. May Diane forever live in your hearts. I have so many memories from our trip back east even though I was only 5. I remember her having a huge impression on me from before her and the family moved back east. I always thought of Joe and Diane as an uncle and aunt and Corinne and Owen as cousins. The few times our families got together over the years, it was like no time had passed. I think of Diane often and am so grateful to have caught up with her at my sister's wedding. Mom and Diane are reunited now and watching over all of us (and probably reliving their hippy days together). Much love to you all, and hold each other tight. 🌹

September 13 at 9:41 AM



Corinne Pearce October 22 at 4:07 PM

Thanks Allie! I can see our mom's now.



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Debra Poyser posted:

She was my cousin. She was my cousin sister. There were four of us.....Terry, Diane, Me, Carol, in birth order. We are the last of this Peterson family, the four daughters of two hilarious and wonderful brother dads. And oh the fun we had...as children, as young adults, raising our families, sharing with each other all our life experiences. I could spend hours recounting the amazing memories of a lifetime with my precious cousin sister. Diane was the hippy. And the world traveler. And the teacher. And the imparter of her ever expanding enlightenment. And she was a joy! She always made sure that we stay connected, sometimes with cross-country visits, but mostly with hour long phone calls, talking about our kids and grandkids, sharing travel experiences, imparting all kinds of advice to each other (haha!). I loved her dearly, and I will miss her immensely. There will always be a hole in my heart without her, until the time that we surely will be joyously reunited.

September 13 at 8:54 AM



Corinne Pearce October 22 at 4:08 PM

Thank you! Love you cousin Debbie



Jerry Buck posted:

The memories are more than the internet can handle. Our fishing and camping trips to the Stanislas river in your red 56 Chevy. I remember when you and Diane delivered the huge antique cook stove to us in that model A pickup. The stove weighed more than the truck. We designed the house we built around your stove which is now passed on to Matt and his family. I will always remember you and Diane when I see it. God Bless you and your family. Jerry Buck

September 13 at 8:45 AM



Corinne Pearce October 22 at 4:09 PM

Jerry, great story! Oh the memories



Allison Buck September 13 at 9:42 AM





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Sherry Carletta posted:

Joe, the celebration of life for Diane was beautiful and so heartfelt. It sure brought back fond memories of our adventures in Tahoe many years ago. May you and the kids cherish your memories of Diane forever. -Sherry Carletta

September 13 at 8:30 AM



Corinne Pearce October 22 at 4:10 PM

Thank you, Sherry



Salma Amini sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pearce family.



September 13 at 3:11 AM



Salma Amini planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Diane.



September 13 at 3:11 AM



Carole Anne posted:

So many memories mostly comprise of spending time in nature sharing moments skiing or sitting amongst the Aspens behind Sorensen no words needed just communing soul to soul. God Speed Diane I love you and will miss our Tet' e Tet' talks. Carole Annie

September 12 at 8:32 AM



Corinne Pearce October 22 at 4:10 PM





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Susan Allen posted:

Diane and I met over five years ago at a pivotal time in my life, and little did I know that that meeting would be the start of a friendship that I will always treasure. In a very short period of time, we formed a bond that grew rapidly and became a source of joy, wonderful memories, support, and loving kindness in my life. Diane was a wonderful combination of compassion, kindness, intelligence, extensive life experience, commitment to causes she believed in, and loyalty to those she held dear. She was a woman of tremendous personal strength, depth of spirit, stubbornness, and lightening-in-a-bottle fierceness when necessary. She savored life like the glass of wine she often enjoyed with her loving husband, Joe, while sitting in her backyard, taking in nature's beauty. Diane made the world a better place by her presence in it, and she will be missed and remembered with love always. Susan Allen

September 10 at 12:38 PM



Corinne Pearce October 22 at 4:11 PM

❤️ thank you



Chuck Carletta posted:

Reading Diane's obituary brought back memories of her and Joe way back to the time that I also listened to Bob Dylan records with Joe when we first started college in Sacramento. He never mentioned the story about playing Bob Dylan's "Blonde on Blonde" for Diane and learning that she had been introduced to Dylan by Joan Baez. I imagine they were searching for the meanings in the obscure lyrics of so many songs about women on that album. I've heard that "Just Like a Woman" may have been about the relationship between Baez and Dylan when they were in the folk scene but fell apart later when he went electric. Maybe they were looking for clues to a relationship that would not fall apart so quickly for a young couple living through the sixties. I guess they found an answer! There were a few years before Joe and Diane moved to Virginia when we enjoyed occasional visits just relaxing and having some quiet time together. I remember that Diane loved holding our daughter, Stacey, when she was an infant. In spite of all the turmoil around us I could see that being a mom would be the most important thing for her in the years to come. Joe, Corrine, and Owen you all have my deepest sympathy. I will always remember Diane as a caring and loving person who inspired us all. Chuck Carletta

September 10 at 12:01 PM



Corinne Pearce October 22 at 4:12 PM

Thank you, Chuck



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Michael J. Makley posted:

Dear Joe, Corrine, Owen and family, Seeing the photos of Diane and Joe bring back wonderful memories of a long-ago era. Other photos, written exchanges, and the too-infrequent cross-country visits illustrated how special the entire Pearce clan is and what a beautiful matriarch Diane was. My deepest sympathy and best wishes always, Mike Makley

September 10 at 8:19 AM



Corinne Pearce October 22 at 4:12 PM

Thank you, Mike



Corinne Pearce shared 11 photos to the **Over the Years** album.



August 29 at 12:01 PM



Danibree B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Diane.



September 3 at 6:02 PM



Dorrie S Anshel posted:

I met your wonderful mom in a French class at Osher many years ago. Several of us continued to meet for weekly lessons and lunch when our schedules permitted. Covid disrupted our merry group, but we met for lunch several times post-pandemic when she felt up to it. Diane was always so lovely, kind, and warm. Her positivity and determination were inspiring. Being in her company, speaking bad French, and hearing her talk about her family was a pleasure, She was special, and she will be missed!

August 29 at 12:01 PM



Corinne C Pearce September 3 at 5:16 PM

Thank you Dorrie! She loved getting together with her French group. You all brought her so much joy



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September 4 at 10:03 AM



Chuck Carletta September 15 at 4:33 PM

Thank you all for sharing this. It was a fitting celebration for Diane. We will always be inspired by her courage, compassion and loving kindness. -- Chuck and Mele



Karishma Amini September 13 at 12:04 PM

She was a wonderful person and a great teacher. I'm so sorry that I didn't get to see her these past few years but I will always remember her. I wish I had a chance to introduce my children to her ;(I will always miss greatly! May your soul rest in peace!



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Corinne Pearce shared 11 photos to the **Over the Years** album.

September 5 at 9:04 AM



Allison Buck September 13 at 9:26 AM

This is the Diane I remember. She always had such a beautiful soul ❤️ I always remember our trip to see you when I was little whenever I smell patchouli!



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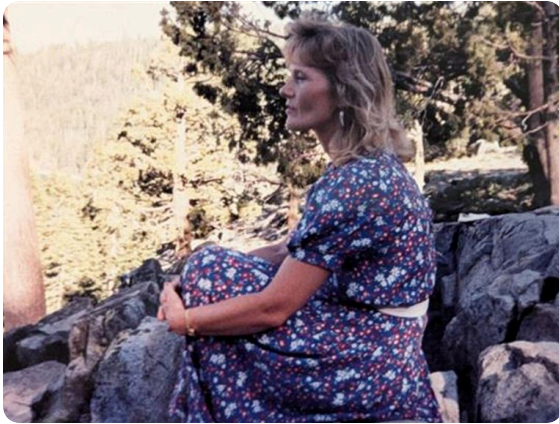




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Memories only last if you share them

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



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