



Diane Thomas

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Diane Thomas of Decatur, IL passed away on February 28, 2023

Diane was born in Kansas City, Kansas on September 28, 1949 to Kenneth Greenwell and Josephine Verduco. She was a hairdresser for many years working in salons, out of her home, or taking her services to people who couldn't leave their homes. After earning her Associates degree in Arts at Richland Community College later in life she worked in the offices there and as a tutor for special needs students. She was also a certified Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and helped be a voice for children who were removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. She fiercely loved God and "her boys." She spent many hours working in the kitchen at First Christian Church, making crafts to give to others, and sending out love and encouragement to those in need.

Diane is survived by her brothers, Mike Greenwell (Marcia), Danny Greenwell (Carolyn), and Ken Greenwell (Rosemary), sister Della Purdy (Tom); her sons Ken Long (Linda), Don Long (Becky), and Chad Thomas; grandchildren Cody, Shelby, Deven (Claire), Zachary, Brayden, Keaton, and Bentley and 6 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in the death by her parents, her brother Larry, and her son Keith.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring and details will be on her social media pages. Memorial gifts can be sent to the Marfan Foundation <https://marfan.org/donate/>.



Tribute Wall

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CP

Ceal Pilcher posted:

Paul and I send our prayers to Diane's family during this difficult time. Had it not been Diane's vision of a singles group many years back at Glad Tidings, many of us would not have had our lives changed in the most blessed way! She was most certainly a very special lady!

March 4 at 8:49 AM

DL

Don Long April 17 at 8:37 AM

Thank you for sharing this. God bless. Don, Jr. (Diane's middle son)

SB

Sheryl Blahnik posted:

Diane was a special woman, caring, kind, and loving to all she met. I knew Diane from her days at Richland. She was a gift to our special needs students. Diane was always the first to volunteer to help with projects and worked tirelessly to accomplish her goals. To Diane's family, I am so very sorry for your loss. She was one very special woman. Sheryl Blahnik

March 4 at 6:12 AM

KO

Kathy Oleson lit a candle in honor of Diane.

I remember Diane and I serving in the kitchen at First Christian Church. She was a beautiful lady. So very sorry she is gone.

March 4 at 5:38 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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