



Diane Rose "Diana" Smith

March 9, 2020

Diana (Diane) Smith, nee Cernak, died unexpectedly on Monday, March 9, 2020 at the age of 74.

Diana was preceded in death by her husband Harry Smith, Sr and her parents Rudolf and Mary. She is survived by her son Harry, Jr and his wife Michele; her beloved grandchildren Connor and Erin; her sisters June and her husband Ira and Mary Ann and her husband Peter; her nieces and nephew June, Peter and his wife Rhea, and Lindsay; and many close friends.

Diana graduated from Dwight Morrow High School and St. Mary of the Woods College where she earned a degree in Education. She had a long and successful career working as a teacher for the Bogota Public Schools where she influenced the lives of her many students.

Family and friends are invited to visit the Barrett Funeral Home in Tenafly, NJ on Thursday, March 12th from 4 to 8. There will be a service at Barrett Funeral Home at 10:30am on Friday, March 13th with a burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Tenafly, NJ. In honor of her love for her cats Harley and Janice, in lieu of flowers it is requested that donations be made in her name to the C.L.A.W.S rescue in Closter, NJ

Cemetery Details

Mt. Carmel Cemetery

10 Serpentine Rd
Tenafly, NJ 07670

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ My condolences to Diane's family. I was saddened to read of her passing. I worked with her for several years at Steen School and always found her to be confident, caring, open and kind. She was a fine educator.

Barbara Hendricks

Barbara Hendricks - March 27, 2020 at 08:09 AM

PG

“ My entire family was friends with Diane and her son, Harry. Diane was such a wonderful person. She spent every New Year's Eve at my parent's house. It won't be same without here there. I'm just so saddened by the news. Diane, you are loved and missed.

Patti Guarino - March 13, 2020 at 08:30 PM

AM

“ Harry, Jr. and Matt, our son, became friends when they were in elementary school. We followed in their footsteps by becoming friends with Diane. Diane always had kind words for everyone. She dog and cat sat for us so many times we can't count. We will miss her immensely. Always kind, always helpful, always encouraging, always in our hearts.

Al and Andrea McWhirr

Al and Andrea McWhirr - March 12, 2020 at 07:01 PM

JF

“ Our sincere condolences to Harry and his family ,who she loved spending time with. Diane was a very special person in my life and in the lives of my 3 daughters. I will miss our conversations and being able to about tennis and of course many other topics. Her opinion meant a lot to me. Again she was a person who appreciated all her friends and family. Loved by my family. Will miss Diane so very much



joan timchek and family - March 12, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diane Rose "Diana" Smith.



March 12, 2020 at 10:56 AM

TF

“ The McWhirr Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Diane Rose "Diana" Smith.



The McWhirr Family - March 11, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Diane Rose "Diana" Smith.



March 11, 2020 at 07:20 PM

VD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Vito G DiCristina - March 11, 2020 at 01:05 PM

VD

Diana, age 5, a flower girl at her Aunt Millie's and Uncle Vito's wedding June 25, 1950.

Vito DiCristina - March 11, 2020 at 01:19 PM

CH

Diane was a very gracious and kind woman. She would visit our store at least twice weekly, picking up her dinner and quite often buying treats for her beloved grandchildren. Diane loved to tell us stories about Connor and Erin. I'm going to be a first-time grandmother in a few weeks and she was so excited for me. I will miss her smiling face, her wonderful stories and her sweet personality... Chris

chris - March 11, 2020 at 02:42 PM

JM

“ Janice Merker-Menicola lit a candle in memory of Diane Rose "Diana" Smith



Janice Merker-Menicola - March 11, 2020 at 12:04 PM

JM

*To a lovely friend. We sure will miss your company at our retired teacher get togethers. We always had a lot of fun together. Rest in Peace, Diane.
Love, Jan*

Janice Merker-Menicola - March 11, 2020 at 12:06 PM

DM

“ *Our group of friends had so many wonderful breakfasts & lunches together. Always great talks & lots of laughs. She always shared her newest pictures of her beloved grandchildren & spoke so proudly of them. You will be very missed Diane. My deepest sympathies to Harry and his family. With love, Darilyn Medea*

Darilyn Medea - March 11, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Diane Rose "Diana" Smith.*



March 10, 2020 at 06:12 PM