



Diane C. Argyle

March 16, 1943 - June 7, 2019

My wonderful wife, and best friend, Diane died early Friday afternoon, June 7, 2019, following a brain hemorrhage. She was 76. Myself, daughter Cathleen, granddaughter Caitlyn, and grandson Adam were by her side. The doctors, nurses, and staff at the U of M hospital were wonderful and did everything they could to save her. Diane was the love of my life and my memories of our 53 years together with her will never fade away.

Diane loved nature and all the plants and animals associated with the natural environment. She held degrees in both Botany and Zoology from North Dakota State University. This certainly explains her vast array of plants and large gardens, with lily ponds in her yard, along with her love for "Sweetie Pie" the squirrel who came to breakfast each morning waiting for Diane to feed her. This spring, Diane has a nest of Robin's who she befriended. She loved to watch the robins and feed them mealworms. During the summer months, if you could not get ahold of Diane, you could usually find her outside in her garden, either working hard or just taking all of nature in.

Diane had vast interests in science and a near encyclopedic memory. In her late 60's up until she died, she took advanced science and medical classes at the University of Michigan, the class subject had scientific names I could hardly pronounce let alone remember. Her Oncologist Max Wicha encouraged her to take classes and has stated it well, "Your mother was a remarkable lady who fought a brave battle against cancer and was committed to lifelong learning about that disease. In my entire 40 year career of treating cancer patients, I can honestly say that she was unique in her passion for knowledge. She attended more lectures on cancer research than any of my students."

Diane had a passion for figure skating which began at an early age in the small town of Maddock, North Dakota, skating on frozen ponds. Upon moving to Ann Arbor she inquired about having our daughter take skating lessons. Upon speaking to Corky Wilson, who later became a family friend, was told if she knew how to teach skating, her child could skate as well. She was hired sight unseen. She loved teaching kids and adults to figure skate and was associated with and later directed the Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation

skating program for 27 years until she retired in 1999. She taught literally 1000's of kids in the Ann Arbor area to Figure Skate, and in the past 20 years, she would often run into the parents of these kids and remarkably remembered them and their children's names. She followed the figure skating world closely through her career and recently attended the USFSA National Championships in Detroit this past January.

In the late 80's Diane urged me to scuba dive with her and dive trips became a big part of our life. Our travels encompassed many places around the world such as Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Truk, the Caribbean and of course Hawaii. From 1986 to Early 2004 Diane worked at the Dive Store, Diver's Inc. Diane also had a love for Charter Fishing and in 2000 on her birthday no less, she caught a 183 lb Blue Marlin.

Diane never met someone she couldn't talk to and within minutes she would have a snapshot of their life history. She was the best, and her family was the love of her life.

Diane is survived by her beloved husband Ray, her only daughter Cathleen L. Argyle, grand-daughter Caitlyn Luckhardt, grand-son Adam Luckhardt, Sister Adelle Jacoby husband Michael and niece Heather Jacoby Higginson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Sylvia Milde, and nephew Jason Jacoby.

A Celebration of her life will be Saturday, June 15, 2019, with visitation beginning at 1 PM - 2 PM and services from 2 PM - 3 PM. NIE Funeral home 3767 W. Liberty Road. The Celebration will continue at the Kensington Court Grand Ballroom 3500 S. State St., 3:30 PM to 6 PM with light refreshments.

Donations can be made in Diane's name, c/o Ray Argyle to either the Forbes Institute for Cancer Discovery at the U of M Rogel Cancer Center, or The Diane Argyle Learn to Skate Scholarship fund c/o Ray Argyle through the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club for which she was a 45 year member.

Events

JUN 15 Memorial Gathering 01:00PM - 02:00PM

Liberty Road Chapel

3767 W. Liberty Road, Ann Arbor, MI, US, 48103

JUN 15 Memorial Service 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Diane C. Argyle.



June 11 at 11:18 AM



“ I always enjoyed Diane's enthusiasm and friendliness. She was always offered to help others out, and had such a positive outlook on life. I will miss this dear and lovely lady.

Janice Powers - June 11 at 09:24 AM



“ Diane's passion for science is so inspirational!

Bonnie Liu - June 10 at 10:49 PM



“ Bonnie and Baojin Wang purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Diane C. Argyle.



Bonnie and Baojin Wang - June 10 at 10:42 PM



“ Cathleen, your mom's life and legacy are inspirational.

Joanne and Jim Diffenbaugh - June 10 at 10:17 PM



“ Sigrid, Ed, Nancy, Connie and kids purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Diane C. Argyle.



Sigrid, Ed, Nancy, Connie and kids - June 10 at 09:13 PM