



Diane B. Baranowski

May 23, 1955 - May 12, 2022

Diane Bertha Baranowski of Springdale, PA died on May 12th at age 66. She was born Diane Micklick on May 23, 1955 to Edward Micklick and Stella (Smith) Micklick. She battled breast cancer for 12 years, achieving remission twice before it moved to her intestines. She is survived by two sons, John, 34, a teacher in Fairfax, Virginia, and Adam, 29, a geotechnical technician in Los Angeles, California, an older sister, Helen Oley in Elizabeth, PA. Diane graduated from Springdale High School in 1973 and from Mercyhurst College in 1977, and got a Master's degree from Chatham College in 2008. She was many things in the community: Librarian at Springdale Free Public Library, Special Education Aide at Springdale High School, and a Recreational Assistant at Life Pittsburgh, was involved at the Springdale Presbyterian Church, the Springdale United Methodist Church, and the Monroeville Assembly of God. More importantly, she was a fantastic mother and friend, seamstress and crafter, supporter and confidant. She gave of herself even when she didn't have it. Always supported others, made sure everyone else had enough, and never did allow people to repay her - in money or praise. She helped so many people and was an inspiration to all those around her - the strongest person in such a tiny package. Per her wishes, she will be cremated at Thomas M Smith Funeral Home & Crematory, Ltd, and instead of a viewing or funeral, a picnic lunch will be held in her honor at a local park when the weather is warmer. Contact her son John at (724) 715-3282 for information.

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane B. Baranowski*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Diane B. Baranowski*

October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM

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“ I met Diane while attending Mercyhurst College in Erie , PA and was from the Philadelphia Area. We were friends, confidants and roommates and continued to stay close all of these later. She was always optimistic, funny and kind-hearted person that would do anything for her friends and family. I just found out about her passing yesterday and knew she was struggling her final days this past year. We talked often and when she did not return my call I knew something must have happened.

Again Diane was a wonderful and positive person through good times and bad and I now am grateful she is not in pain anymore. I know her sons and sister may not be local and I'm from Kennett Square, PA. But hope to be informed if the memorial has passed or if not please contact me when it may occur.

I miss her positive spirit dearly .. so John , Adam and Helen... please contact me if you have planned a memorial . If it has passed , then please let me know . I believe my number is still on her cell phone.

Your mother and sister was a very special , funny, and giving person that gave her love freely others.

Never forget her kindness and warm spirit.

Just saw this memorial last night so please pardon my late response . I just knew something like this had to have happened after many phone messages:(

She's with God now and at peace , no more pain.

Lisa Matthews (married name). But when single , Helen would know me by Lisa Kmetz from Mercyhurst :)

Lisa Matthews - September 25, 2022 at 10:50 AM

JV

Lisa, I just found this about Diane. I too knew her from Mercyhurst. She was such a great person and fun to be with. I am In FB as Jayne Bonnie Vaughan. Please reach out.

Jayne Vaughan - February 20, 2025 at 08:56 PM

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“ *I have known Diane since 2nd grade always a great lady such fun in school and band she will be greatly missed rest in peace my friend Marty Luther class of 1973*

Marty Luther - July 05, 2022 at 02:25 AM