



Diane Elaine Burnham

March 28, 1947 - January 25, 2017

Diane Elaine (Waldo) Burnham, 69, of Fort Myers, FL passed away Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice. Formerly of East Peoria, IL and Ankeny, IA, she had been a resident of Cape Coral and Fort Myers for the past 3 years.

Diane was born March 28, 1947 in Panama Canal Zone, daughter of the late Raymond Van and Geraldine Belle (Dixon) James, while her father was serving in the United States Army. Diane was raised in Peoria, IL and graduated from Peoria High School where she then attended Flamingo Beauty School and Illinois Central College. She worked as a beautician and later as a librarian at Germantown Hills Junior High School before her career as an executive sales assistant at RR Donnelley. Diane volunteered extensively in the Germantown Hills Schools and Metamora High School. She was also known for the love she shared with the animals she rescued. Diane enjoyed the beach and shelling, her pets, shopping, crafts, playing cards, and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include her daughter, Christine (Jonas) Rockhold of Naples, FL; her husband Randy Burnham of Morton, IL; step daughters, Allison and Amanda Burnham, both of Peoria, IL; and Christine's father, Terry Waldo of Chillicothe, IL. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandchild in 2016.

A celebration of Diane's life will be held at a later date in Illinois and will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Diane's name may be made to The Humane Society Naples, 370 Airport-Pulling Rd N., Naples, FL 34104.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane Elaine Burnham*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Chris, I did not know your mom passed away until I read your Dad's obituary yesterday in the Journal Star. My heart goes out to you and I know you miss your mom so very much. She was a great gal and we shared a lot of wonderful memories together! I truly hope you receive this text and if you are in Peoria for your dad's funeral or any other time please contact me, Diane Rubin Porch, 3092562601. Take care, Our Prayers and Sympathy. Diane and Dale*

Diane Rubin Porch - October 05, 2017 at 01:17 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this news, Chris. You have always been there for your Mother, as Jonas has been since you two have been together. It is very hard to lose a parent. You have been a wonderful daughter and did everything you could to keep her happy and comfortable. I know you and Diane had a special bond. Hold all those good memories close to your heart. They will be a great comfort to you. Hugs to you and Jonas. Take good care. We are looking forward to seeing you and Jonas.*



Debra Johnigk - January 28, 2017 at 01:04 AM

JR

“ Dear Chris and Jonas,

I only had the one opportunity to meet Diane at your wedding, but she seemed to be very happy to see the joy of you two finding one another. I remember talking with her at the reception, and she had the biggest smile. We know how much you had helped her after she moved to Florida, and we know you will miss her dearly, but she will always be with you in your heart. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Love-

Josh, Tiffani, Zach, and Ethan Rockhold

Joshua Rockhold - January 27, 2017 at 09:22 PM

CW

“ Chris and Jonas,

Rick and I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. Chris, she was so proud of the woman that you have become and knew that Jonas will always be there to take care of you. I remember the day that this picture was taken. It was on your wedding day and she was so happy for you. I am blessed that I was able to finally meet her and spend this time with her. You were always there for her and the best daughter ever. I hope that you feel comfort knowing that she is now resting in peace. XoXo

Rick and Chris Weasmer

Chris Weasmer - January 27, 2017 at 08:31 PM

SS

“ Oh dear, I had not heard. My sincere sympathy to you! I had known her a very, very long time as family. I had not seen her in many years, but when we did see each other, we always hugged, and chatted for a bit. Comfort for you!

Susan Stephenson - January 27, 2017 at 06:24 PM

MC

“ Dear Chris and Jonas,

What a beautiful picture of your mom. Please know how much I am thinking of you during this difficult time. Your mom has been through a lot over the last several years. You have been the best daughter helping her through it all. I pray she is at peace now. I hope that you find comfort in knowing that you were there for her. No doubt she will be watching over you from now on. Keeping you and Jonas in our hearts. Sending love and hugs from Michigan.

Love,

Lance, Melissa, Madison, Ryan, and Alivia Castle

Melissa Castle - January 27, 2017 at 01:56 PM