



Diane M. Heinz

February 24, 1938 - April 4, 2026

Diane Mary Heinz, 88, of Estero, Florida, passed away peacefully on April 4, 2026.

Diane was born in Detroit, Michigan to Victor and Yvette Vermeulen. She met her husband, William (Bill), while working at Northwest Industries, and they later married and raised their family in the Detroit suburbs. After retiring, they spent time in Florida before eventually becoming full-time residents.

Living in Michigan, Diane enjoyed downhill skiing, golfing, water skiing, and gathering with family and friends, where she loved to cook and bake. She was known for her sewing talents, creating countless projects, costumes, quilts, and thoughtful gifts that she lovingly shared with others. In her work at Northwest Industries, she was a talented and sought-after kitchen designer. Diane will be remembered for her fun spirit, loving nature, and gift for bringing people together.

Diane is survived by Bill Heinz, her loving husband of 68 years, their children Jeffrey Heinz and Jacqueline (Bryan) Holcomb, grandchildren Erin (Scott) Lavey, Sarah Williams (Chad) Neuman, Jeffrey (Katie) Heinz, Andrew Holcomb, Erik (Zoey) Holcomb, seven great grandchildren, one great-great

grandchild, sister-in-law Julie Spivey (David), and several nieces and nephews.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Elaine Aittama, and daughter-in-law Judith Heinz.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, April 13 at 11am at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community in Estero, FL. The family will receive visitors from 10:15 am to 11am in the narthex of the church. For those unable to attend in person, the Mass will be livestream at <https://facebook.com/events/s/mass-for-christian-burial-for-/943641338597474/>

A memorial service is being planned for this summer in Michigan.

The family welcomes flowers or, for those who prefer, memorial contributions in Diane's name to the Copperleaf Charitable Foundation.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden

19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Previous Events

Receiving of Friends

APR **13**. 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
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Tribute Wall

MB

“ Marc and Stephanie Baumgarten purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Diane M. Heinz.



Marc and Stephanie Baumgarten - April 11 at 01:45 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane M. Heinz.



April 10 at 04:43 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Diane M. Heinz.



April 10 at 03:06 PM

SZ

“ Sheri Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane M. Heinz.

Sheri Z. - April 10 at 01:42 PM

MS

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Much love, The Shelby’s - April 10 at 07:05 AM

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“ We have known the Heinz family for 50 years through skiing at Boyne Highlands Ski Patrol in Michigan. I’ll always remember Bill’s words; “we cherished those times”. Diane was always present skiing. Ever present was her embracing smile. Diane was a warm, wonderful, and wise person. Life has only a few truly memorable experiences. Diane will be forever remembered by all who knew her. May Gods’ Grace remain with the family always.

*Love and support,
Mike and JoAnn Booth*

Michael and JoAnn Booth - April 09 at 04:40 PM

AL

“ We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Heinz. She was a memorable member of our club and will be greatly missed.

Anna Laabs on behalf of Copperleaf Golf Club



Anna Laabs - April 09 at 11:56 AM

GR

“ Christine and I enjoyed Sunday golf with Diane and Bill and brunch afterwards for a good many Sundays. We will miss those days. Rest in peace, Diane.

Gary Ritter

Gary Ritter - April 09 at 11:52 AM

LP

In the early days of Copperleaf Diane was always fun to have as a golfing partner . Later on it was games on Fridays. Wonderful memories.

Liz Parente

Liz Parente - April 10 at 12:20 PM