



Diane Kathryn Huges

May 29, 1943 - December 15, 2024

Diane Kathryn Huges, a 42-year resident of Edina, MN, passed away peacefully at the age of 81. She was born in Norwalk, OH on May 29th, 1943. She grew-up in Elyria, OH and graduated from Elyria Catholic High School. She married and brought four children into this world. For nearly twenty years, she worked in women's designer apparel at the Southdale Dayton's (later Macy's) department store, where she was a top sales associate. She was a voracious reader who loved a good mystery novel. She was also a talented artist and an avid gardener. She loved to bake cakes, pies, and cookies for the holidays. But most of all, she loved to visit with family and friends and talk over a cup of coffee or a glass of wine. Diane was a woman of great fortitude and humility, but most of all, her heart was full of love for God and all of his creation. She was an example of both how to thrive in this world, and how to leave it with grace. She was preceded in death by her parents Paul and Kathryn; her twin brother, Dennis; and her granddaughter, Claudia. She is survived by her sister Carol, and her brother Donald (Donna); her husband of 60 years, Robert; her four children, Jeffrey (Catherine), Gregory (Jennifer), Jennifer (John), and Michael (Sandra); her twelve grandchildren, Annalisa (Alan), Griffin, Alaina (Caleb), Ava, Jay, Elsa, Anna, Julia, William, Valeria, Monse, and Dafne; and her three great grandchildren, Wesley, and twins Charlotte and Harrison. A funeral ceremony celebrating Diane's life will be held at 11:00am on Monday, December 23rd at Holy Family Catholic Church in St. Louis Park, MN. Visitation will begin at 10:00am. A private interment will

follow immediately thereafter at St. Margaret's Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
5900 West Lake Street
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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5900 West Lake Street
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Graveside Service

DEC **23**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Margaret's Cemetery (Minnetonka)
Bren Rd & Shady Oak Rd
Minnetonka, MN 55343

Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you Jeff for recounting your mom's end of life journey. I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a beautiful person inside and out. I will always hold great memories of her in my heart. Sending you and your family prayers, love and comfort. 2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. Love your cousin Rebecca R

Rebecca Riley - December 21, 2024 at 02:28 PM

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Thank you, Rebecca. Our mother loved you and your entire family very much.

Gregory Huge - December 25, 2024 at 03:05 PM

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“ Jeff you have so thoughtfully captured Diane's beautiful spirit! Thank you so much for filling us in on the events over the last month. I will truly miss seeing Diane gardening, walking her yard, greeting neighbors and our wonderful "driveway chats"! Diane had a clear purpose: family and faith. We spent many happy times catching up on each others families and the latest Sunnyslope news. I was so inspired by her common sense and dedication to and love for family and, as you say, all God's creation. Bob Diane's eyes always danced when telling me how you met and fell in love. She loved every minute of your adventures. I know your wonderful family will be a great comfort to you now. Our condolences to all of you. Sending love and prayers Gloria and the Horns family 4905 W. Sunnyslope

Gloria Horns - December 21, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Diane Kathryn Huger.*



December 20, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Diane Kathryn Huger.*



December 19, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Kathryn Huger.*

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“ *Mary H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Kathryn Huger.*

Mary H. - December 19, 2024 at 05:01 PM

EM

“ Ed & Yvonne Yunker and Ken Moyer purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Diane Kathryn Huger.



Ed & Yvonne Yunker and Ken Moyer - December 19, 2024 at 03:48 PM

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Ed & Yvonne Yunker and Ken Moyer - December 19, 2024 at 03:48 PM

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“ From Lin Baynton and family. purchased the *Pink Potpourri Bouquet* for the family of Diane Kathryn Huger.



From Lin Baynton and family. - December 18, 2024 at 01:03 PM

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“ Special moments with her great grandchildren □



Annalisa Smola - December 17, 2024 at 09:15 PM



“ Don, Donna, Cheryl, Chris and Families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Diane Kathryn Hüge.



Don, Donna, Cheryl, Chris and Families - December 17, 2024 at 09:14 PM



“ Diane with her twin brother sitting in their grandpas lap, and my twins, Charlotte and Harrison, sitting on their great grandma D's lap!



Annalisa Smola - December 17, 2024 at 09:09 PM

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“ A Tribute from Dafne Huges: On Heaven's Peak. She lived and loved. She went one day never to return. One day we will too. As we disappear more will come. Also, to never return. One day we will all meet on Heaven's peak.

Michael P Huges - December 17, 2024 at 06:37 PM

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“ Kenny & Shirley Huges Pam Prieto families purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Diane Kathryn Huges.



Kenny & Shirley Huges Pam Prieto families - December 17, 2024 at 05:36 PM

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“ *In Tribute to My Mother, by Jeffrey W. Huge*

Sunday, December 15th, at the age of 81, my mother Diane K. Huge, passed away peacefully in her hospital bed. I was blessed to have been with her during her final moments. We were holding hands and praying together -- as was her final wish. She was a woman of great fortitude and humility, but most of all, she was full of love – for everyone and everything. In her words, "we are all God's creation." She truly believed that, and lived her life accordingly. She loved the Lord, and had a special devotion to our Blessed Mother.

Her fight began on November 11th, when she went in for a routine cardiac angiogram to determine whether or not she was a good candidate for Aortic Valve Replacement surgery. Unexpectedly, she went into cardiac arrest on the operating table. After 45 minutes of CPR using the "LUCAS" machine, we were told by one of the doctors involved in the procedure that she was unresponsive, and that they were going to cease further attempts to resuscitate her. That was shocking news for my father and I, who had been assembled in a private waiting room. Five minutes later, the doctor returned with an update. What update could he possibly deliver, we thought? She had been resuscitated.

The next time I saw her, she was intubated in the ICU with an IV in her arm and a catheter strapped to her leg. She had multiple broken ribs from the LUCAS machine. The attending physician told us that she would not regain consciousness and to prepare for the worst. With haste, we had a Catholic priest come to the hospital to administer the sacrament of Extreme Unction (aka the Anointing of the Sick, or the Last Rights). Our entire family spent the rest of that day with her at the hospital.

The next morning, I returned for another visit. Much to my surprise, my mother had been extubated, was now conscious, and began asking questions: Where am I? What happened? What triggered it? We suddenly had hope again that the worst was behind her. Then,

without warning, she experienced a massive stroke. She lost the vision in her right eye and most of function of her right arm and leg. The next few days saw the entire family rally around her, spending countless hours at the hospital, taking time off work and setting their lives aside to be with her. Despite the doctor's negative prognosis, she made progress, regaining her ability to speak, and recovering some control of her arms and legs, and the dexterity of her hands. After a week in the ICU, and two weeks in a recovery room, the hospital told us that we had two options: Hospice or a Transitional Care Unit (TCU).

Given her progress and seeming desire to remain with us, we chose the TCU route. They removed the IV and the feeding tube, and she left the hospital on a stretcher for the TCU facility. After a week of PT and OT, she was off the catheter, sitting up in a wheelchair, drinking water through a straw, and enjoying a diet of various puréed cuisines and Vanilla Ensure. Things appeared to be moving forward as we finalized plans to move her to a permanent enhanced care facility that was just one mile from my father's townhome in Minnetonka. Then, there was another setback. She began coughing up blood, which was determined to be the result of pneumonia. She was sent back by ambulance to the ER for treatment. But pneumonia does not take prisoners. Three days later she was gone.

I have to believe that during those 45 or 50 minutes when she was on the operating table receiving CPR – somewhere between the here and now, and the thereafter – she must have made a deal with God. I can hear her negotiating now, "Just give me another 30 days to say goodbye. That's all I ask." And God responding, "Okay Diane. I'll do it, but it's not going to be easy. You'll have to endure significant pain and suffering. Are you sure?" "That's alright Lord. Let's do it. It'll be worth every minute of it!" My family and I were blessed to have the extra time we needed for all of

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us to get closure with my mother. It took the sting out of losing her. It was her final selfless gift to her family. In some ways, I think it was a Christmas miracle.

Jeffrey Huge - December 17, 2024 at 05:05 PM

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What a beautiful tribute, Jeff. So glad I got to spend time with her when I came to Minnesota with Dawn. Sending prayers and love to all of you.

Your cousin Mary (Stillwell) Haupt

Mary Haupt - December 19, 2024 at 05:00 PM

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Our condolences to all of you.

Sending love and prayers

Gloria and the Horns family

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Gloria Horns - December 21, 2024 at 10:15 AM

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“ 24 files added to the album Diane Huge



Jeffrey Huge - December 17, 2024 at 04:09 PM

LC

“ Love, Carol purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Diane Kathryn Huge.



Love, Carol - December 17, 2024 at 01:25 PM