



Diane Klaasen Philips

July 17, 1960 - May 29, 2019

TRAVERSE CITY - Diane Klaasen Philips, age 58, died peacefully at University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor Michigan, on May 29, 2019 after fighting a courageous battle with Leukemia.

Diane is survived by her parents; Dave and Dorothy Klaasen of Holland, MI, her husband Steve Philips of Traverse City, MI; her siblings Doug (Karie) Klaasen of Holland, MI; Denise (Steve) Stancill of Holland, MI; nieces and nephews Stacey Mossel of Seattle, Washington; Chris and Maddie Mossel; Jennifer and Katie Klaasen; Hayden and Olivia Stancill all of Holland, MI; Nathan and Isaac Bigcraft of Traverse City, MI; her mother-in-law and father-in-law Don and Pat Philips of Traverse City, MI; and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law Roger and Stephanie Bigcraft of Traverse City, MI.

Diane was born July 17, 1960, and graduated from Holland Christian High School in 1978 and Grand Rapids Jr. College of Nursing May 17, 1990. Diane made a life-long commitment, in her role as nurse, to serve others in need of medical care and served in that role at Spectrum Health's Butterworth and Blodgett Hospitals in Grand Rapids, MI, Munson Medical Center and Northwest Michigan Surgery Center in Traverse City, MI and in Hawaii as a traveling nurse. December 4, 1999, Diane married her husband Steve Philips, a man whom she loved whole- heartedly from that day forward and whom she considered to be her best-friend and partner in life.

Diane was a devoted advocate for her patients, a champion for health and wellness, and a life- long learner who enjoyed research and staying current in her Nursing profession. Diane enjoyed art, literature, traveling to new places, nature, and being active outdoors. She found peace and tranquility from snowshoeing, long walks, the practice of yoga and meditation, and by having faith in God. Her most cherished moments involved her time spent with her loving husband, family, and many dear friends. Diane will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Family and friends are invited to an intimate Celebration of Diane's life in the garden at

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home on June 15, 2019 beginning at 1:00 pm until the time of sharing and remembrance at 1:30 pm. Food and beverages will be held in the garden immediately following the Celebration.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of Diane to University of Michigan Medical Center Blood and Bone Marrow Transplant Program, 1500 East Medical Center Drive, SPC 5271, F4826 UH South, Ann Arbor Michigan, 48109-5271 or The Lymphoma and Leukemia Society, 3 International Drive, Suite 200, Rye Brook, NY 10573.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 01:00PM - 01:30PM

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JUN **Celebration of Life** 01:30PM

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Comments



“ My name is Kathleen Hyzy. I met Diane at the surgery center, where I worked as a nurse along side Diane. She was one of those people who once you meet them, you never forget them. She was kind, considerate, thoughtful, and passionate about her job. I admired her so much as a nurse and as a person. One of those salt of the earth, genuine individuals. It was an honor to say I knew her. I am so sorry for your loss. God bless you all.

Kathleen Hyzy - June 09, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ We are thinking of you and praying for you as you deal with the loss of Diane. She is the daughter of dear friends Dave and Dorothy. A memory of her is when she was growing up. Our family along with the Klaasens and three other families always camped at Ludington State Park at the end of August. There were tons of kids and lots of games and fun around the campfire. Her quiet sweetness was evident back then. A beautiful girl. Lovely smile. Though no words can hurry what you are going through, please know how much you're being prayed for and how deeply you are wished the gentle comfort of sweet memories. Sincerely, Dave and Grace Altena

David Altena - June 09, 2019 at 08:37 AM