



Diane Elizabeth Sharp

September 9, 1952 - July 7, 2020

Diane Elizabeth Siegert Sharp passed away peacefully on July 7, 2020, after a valiant fight against lung cancer.

Diane was born in Buffalo, New York on September 9, 1952, to Charles (dec.) and Grace (dec.) Siegert. Diane possessed a wonderful love of life, and embraced every challenge including serving in the Peace Corp for 13 months in 2012 in Burkino Faso, Africa. Diane graduated from The College of New Rochelle, New York, majoring in both Mathematics and Economics. Adding to her long list of accomplishments, Diane received an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Diane joined the Exxon Corporation as an oil trader, and here, she met her husband, Robert Sharp, (dec.). They were married in Greenwich, Connecticut in December 1987. They relocated to their beloved Asheville in 2002 where Diane pursued her many triathlon successes, among which was a fifth place ranking in the World.

Diane is greatly missed by her brother, Charles, (Judy), her identical twin sister, Suzanne, (Gus), nephews Dr. Jeffery Siegert, (Megan), Commander Gregory Siegert, (Elisha), Grandniece and Grandnephews, and many, many friends.

Diane's funeral will be celebrated at the Basilica of St. Lawrence, Asheville on 10:00 AM, Friday, July 10, 2020.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation towards cancer research to either

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Office of Development, Attn. Rachel Flannery,

P.O. Box 27106, NY, NY 10087, Gift in honor of Diane Sharp (memo line) or John Hopkins University, Kimmel Cancer Center, P.O. Box 17029, Baltimore, Maryland 21297, Dr. Julie Brahmer (on memo line).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Basilica of St. Lawrence
97 Haywood St.
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://saintlawrencebasilica.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Diane Elizabeth Sharp*



Morris Funeral Home - July 09, 2020 at 06:17 PM

LB

This is a beautiful tribute!

Laurie Boucher - July 09, 2020 at 06:59 PM

TB

Tremendous tribute. Diane lived a beautiful, full and meaningful life. May she rest in eternal peace. Sincere condolences to Suzanne and all of Diane's loved ones.

Terry Butler - July 10, 2020 at 08:45 AM

KS

Thank you for this heart opening tribute to Diane, the life she created and the people she loved. I am deeply moved and touched.

Kim Soltero - July 10, 2020 at 11:22 AM

MD

Such beautiful memories of Diane who lived her life full of positivity and joy. I know she will be looking down on those she loved with her ever-present smile. Extending my deepest sympathy to Suzanne and all Diane's family.

Mary Dugan - July 10, 2020 at 12:59 PM

GC

A beautiful tribute to Diane and her life. JoAnne and I enjoyed getting to know Diane and seeing her in Florida in February. Our heartfelt condolences to Suzanne, Gus and your entire family. Warmest regards - JoAnne & Gary

Gary Cianfichi - July 11, 2020 at 02:52 PM

DB

Beautiful, heartwarming tribute to the life of Diane. Thank you for sharing this wonderful video of your dear sister. Love and prayers for all of you. Warmly, Diane Baker (Stack)

Diane Baker - August 15, 2020 at 07:53 AM

D(

*This was a beautiful tribute to a wonderful and adventurous life lived. I know she will missed by many. The world has lost an awesome woman, but heaven has gained an Angel. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends. RIP Sweet Diane.
Debbie Sperrazza (Castellano)*

Debbie Sperrazza (Castellano) - August 15, 2020 at 10:34 AM

BH

Such a lovely tribute to Diane. I can see from the beautiful pictures that she led a full life. Smiling in all of them just as I remember her in high school, with a big genuine smile. RIP Diane. My prayers and sympathy are with you Suzanne.

Barbara Harris - August 15, 2020 at 09:53 PM

LA

Such a lovely tribute. My deepest sympathy to all the family. We have such fond memories of our time with Diane and Bob in the Connecticut house. We went there in summer for picnics with amazing food and had a couple of photo shoots at Christmas time when Peter and Sophia were little. We will remember Diane through these pictures. Warm Regards. Leigh and Demetrios

Leigh Anderson - October 07, 2020 at 06:39 AM



“ *Diane Elizabeth Sharp*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Diane was an exceptional person in so many ways and served as an inspiration to all of us in her valiant fight against cancer. We met on the tennis court and I had the pleasure of becoming good friends with both Diane and Bob. Her indomitable spirit allowed her to be a success at everything she attempted and her positive attitude and joy of living made any time spent with her a gift. I'll never forget her infectious laugh and ready smile. Wonderful memories will help fill the hole that's been left in the fabric our our lives.*

To Suzanne and all of Diane's family we offer our sincere sympathy and send love and prayers.

Lynn & Tony Caputo

Lynn Caputo - July 13, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ *As part of the France 2013 trip, it was nice to get to know Diane better during the week in Burgogne. She was a keen observer and recorder of what was happening during our stay. Looks like she thoroughly enjoyed the lunch preparation in Dijon, and she took her turns with stirring and chopping. Diane explored each place we visited, and it was enjoyable hearing her stories of Burkina Faso, where she made a positive impact. Thinking of Diane's family and hope your memories bring comfort.*



Kit Schmeiser - July 11, 2020 at 11:59 AM

BA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barbara Armiento - July 10, 2020 at 08:42 PM

PV

“ So sorry that time was taken away so soon .. I loved playing tennis with Diane and against her. She had such a fun competitive spirit. We would laugh and have fun . Even though she was going through alot she was such a positive person and would shrug all bad thing off. She is in peace and running a new race. May peace be with your family in knowing the struggle is gone. sincerely Paula Vasey

paula vasey - July 10, 2020 at 05:11 PM

SV

“ Dearest Suzanne, Gus,
With my deepest sympathy to you and all your family.
Diane was such a joy. Always! even in the midst of her disease and tough treatments she carried on. Wonderful memories of sharing dinners, short walks, 5:30 mass at the Cathedral, Res in Peace Diane.

con mucho cariño,

Sara Voigt

Sara Voigt - July 10, 2020 at 10:07 AM

NB

“ To Suzanne and Diane’s family, I am saddened to hear of Diane’s passing. She was a tower of strength and positivity! I don’t think she ever had a bad day and had such a positive impact on so many.

I am praying for you all at this difficult time. Know Diane will be with you always!

Noreen Brady

Noreen Brady - July 10, 2020 at 08:31 AM

CT

“ Through the years we played tennis together when Diane was visiting her sister in Baltimore. With her quick laugh and her energetic athletic skills Diane was always fun to play with. I very much admired her fortitude and willingness to live the best life she could.

To Suzanne, Gus and Diane's family my thoughts are with you today

Christine L Thompson - July 10, 2020 at 08:01 AM

SC

This is just lovely - and, of course, very sad. Thank you for sharing this with all of us.

Sue Chapelle

Sue Chapelle - July 10, 2020 at 05:24 PM

DO

“ 1 file added to the album Diane Blue Hill Bay



Donna - July 09, 2020 at 10:06 PM

CS

“ *Deepest sympathy to Suzanne, Gus, and family. We were so saddened to learn of Diane's passing. She was a remarkable person, always laughing, always enjoying a fun time with her friends and family, truly an inspiration in her long battle with cancer. May you find comfort in your memories, and knowing she is at peace, no longer in pain.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Love from Cindy and John Salvesen

Cindy Salvesen - July 09, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ Dear Suzanne, Gus, Charles, Judy, and all of Diane’s family,

To know Diane is to admire a woman of intellectual, spiritual, emotional, and athletic strength. Our golden friendship has included our CNR college days, vacations, social gatherings, and always memories filled with lots of laughter. We meet many people during our journey in life but only a handful have Diane’s spirit and inspiration. Diane will be missed tremendously by those who know her and love her including me.

May your wonderful memories and beautiful pictures bring you peace and comfort.

*Love,
Laura and Dennis Diehl*

Laura Diehl - July 09, 2020 at 09:32 PM



“ *Diane, always the adventurer, flew from her Peace Corps site in Burkina-Faso to spend a week with Betty Carver’s France tour in the summer of 2013. She was a star in our cooking class in a Dijon restaurant and a constant explorer of nooks and crannies--and tremendous fun to be with! We will miss her. Tom Plaut*



Tom Plaut - July 09, 2020 at 08:59 PM

LB

“ *Diane was such a funny, strong and courageous woman. She had a passion for life and really lived it to the fullest, despite the challenges and setbacks she faced over the last few years. I was happy to get to know her and know she is at peace. Love, Laurie Boucher*

Laurie Boucher - July 09, 2020 at 06:58 PM

MR

“ *I have always admired Diane's enthusiasm and spirit for life as well as her courage in fighting her cancer. I am glad I had the chance to know her and will miss her as a friend. We had many nice memories together. My thoughts and prayers are with her family as they grieve this loss. May she rest in peace. Love, Mary Reilly*

Mary Reilly - July 09, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ 143 files added to the album LifeTributes



Morris Funeral Home - July 09, 2020 at 06:08 PM

CM

“ Dear Suzanne and all of Diane's family,
Wishes of sympathy sent from France. May you always keep in your hearts the memory of Diane in the fullness of life. May the thoughts and prayer of your friends and family bring you comfort.
Celeste Messina

Celeste Messina - July 09, 2020 at 05:04 PM

VS

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Verna Shuler - July 09, 2020 at 04:09 PM

RQ

“ Diane had an amazing zest for life. She worked and played hard with energy and enthusiasm. I admire her determination and perseverance in her battle with cancer. She will be missed by all who knew her and loved her, including me. My condolences to the family.

Ruth Quah - July 09, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Diane Elizabeth Sharp.



July 09, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diane Elizabeth Sharp.*



July 09, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Diane in France*



Flor de Maria Santiago - July 09, 2020 at 11:58 AM



I share in the admiration for Diane's spirit and approach to life. We traveled in a small group to France in 2013, where we shared a lot of laughs, but it was in our French classes here in Asheville that I got to know her better, her joy, her generosity.

Flor de Maria Santiago - July 09, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ *Diane was an inspiration for all ages. I am very grateful to have developed a friendship with her later in her life. I so admired her approach to life: face the challenges with joy and faith. She had a spiritual strength to emulate, and I will treasure her memory.*

Martha Hildreth - July 09, 2020 at 09:27 AM

MC

“ *Diane will be missed by everyone. Her courage and determination these last few years was admirable. Will miss our many dinners together in NYC, our yearly tracks to the US Open, our Montauk Triathlon weekends, etc. etc. May she rest now without pain and in peace!, Maryanne & Larry*

Maryanne Carney - July 09, 2020 at 09:25 AM

RE

“ *1 file added to the album Diane on the Water*



Richard and Elizabeth - July 09, 2020 at 12:29 AM

RE

“ *1 file added to the album Diane on the Water*



Richard and Elizabeth - July 09, 2020 at 12:26 AM

BA

“ *We send our love and sympathy, Suzanne and family. We will miss Diane's amazing spirit and laughter! May she rest in our Lord's loving arms.*

Barbara and Craig Armiento - July 08, 2020 at 10:57 PM