



Diana Whitfield

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Tulare

Diane Whitfield, 75, was tragically taken, along with her best friend, Kathy, from all that loved her on May 12th, 2019, in a car accident in Tulare, CA.

Diane (Mom) may have been born in Oregon, but her home has always been in Tulare. Her family and many close friends, which she very much considered to be family, were extremely important to her, and she didn't like to venture far from their presence. Anyone who has ever been around our mom for any length of time knows her to be kind, warm, generous, happy, and always up for a random adventure, a trip to The Palace, or staying in to play cards with the girls; that is our mom.

Many people know her as "The Cake Lady." For many decades, she was the go-to person for weddings, birthdays, and any other special occasion imaginable. She started doing cakes out of her home; word traveled quickly, and she eventually opened Diane's Cakes. She had a passion for all things design, and her creativity didn't end with cakes; that led her to open The Little

Flower Shop. Mom was an artist in so many ways. As time went on, she would eventually move on from Diane's Cakes and The Little Flower Shop, but never too far. For the past several years, she has continued her artistic expression working alongside her friend, Julie, at what is now Julie's Little Flower Shop. Julie was not only her boss; to our mom, she was family.

She may have been an artist, but her true passion was her family. Diane Keller met her future husband, Lowell Whitfield, while attending Tulare Union High School. She graduated in 1961, and went on to marry Lowell on November 1st, of the same year. Their family began to grow with the birth of their first born, Tammy, and would continue to do so with the additions of Tandi, Tiffin, and Matt. Though our family dynamic would change as a result of the divorce from our dad, he always considered her to be the love of his life, and he would always find some excuse to be near her, something that has given us many laughs over the years. Mom grew up as an only child with her mother, Mary (Juanita) Spink, and always dreamt of having a large family; the best thing in the world to her was having her four kids together and happy. She treasured the special bond that she had with each of us, as well as all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. At family gatherings, she could often be found with a smile on her face just watching and taking it all in, but individually, she was far more than just a mother; she was our friend, confidante, and biggest fan. No one got more pleasure in our successes than our mom, no matter how big or small. We will never forget her smile, how much joy she got from a new bottle of perfume, and her deep love of music and trying to figure out who would become the next American Idol. Mom was the absolute center of our family.

Diane Whitfield will be remembered by all as a kind human, a true friend, a mother, a grandmother, a great-grandmother. She was preceded in death by her grandchildren Tyler Lorenzo and Cort Turner, as well as Lowell Whitfield. She will be missed by her children, Tammy Lorenzo-Gibson (Larry), Tandi

Turner (Jeff), Tiffin Groff, Matt Whitfield (Stacey), and Todd Lorenzo, as well as her grandchildren, Tanner, Taylor, Dax, Lyndon, Brennan, Tristan, and Candice, and her great-grandchildren, Tatum and Tyson, not to mention her many friends that were her extended family. We are absolutely devastated by this loss, but the world, without question, is a better place because she was in it.

We love you, Mom.

Please join us on Friday, May 17th, at 6pm for dinner and a celebration of her life at Tammy's home at 1803 Trebbiano Street, in Tulare. In lieu of flowers, your presence is everything.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Residence
33165 Road 156
Ivanhoe, CA 93235

Tribute Wall



“ *Vanoush Khatchaturyan lit a candle in memory of Diana Whitfield*



Vanoush Khatchaturyan - May 24, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ *From get togethers, and bunco nights to making the most incredible baby shower cake for my youngest daughter you always had a beautiful smile on your face. I'm honored to have known you and count you as friend. Heaven is sweeter now that you're home.*

Crystal Wittman - May 19, 2019 at 01:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diana Whitfield.*



May 17, 2019 at 01:00 AM

RH

“ *Diana's cakes and graceful ways showed up numerous times at our church or special events that I attended elsewhere. Her gentle beauty spilled over into her work. God's blessings to the family in this difficult time.*

*Ron Hull, minister
Exeter Church of Christ*

Ron Hull - May 17, 2019 at 12:07 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Diana Whitfield.*



May 16, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Diana Whitfield.*



May 16, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diana Whitfield.*



May 15, 2019 at 07:32 PM

YF

“ Your Peet's Coffee family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Diana Whitfield.



Your Peet's Coffee family - May 15, 2019 at 05:47 PM

BF

“ DIANE, I JUST CANT BELIEVE YOUR GONE. THURSDAY BEFORE I WENT TO THE COAST, YOU HUGGED ME AND TOLD ME YOU LOVED ME AND THAT WE'D DO LUNCH WHEN I GOT HOME, LITTLE DID WE KNOW THAT WOULD BE THE LAST TIME. A PART OF MY HEART IS GONE AND NOTHING OR NOONE CAN FILL IT
LOVE YOU FOR ALL THE TIMES WE LAUGHED TILL WE PEED OUR PANTS AND TIMES WE CRIED TOGETHER TILL WE WERE SICK. LOVE BRENDA

Brenda feldt - May 15, 2019 at 05:43 PM

DB

“ Many memories of us being team moms for our girls soccer teams, designed and made them those banners on the sidelines during practice, sweet kind lady. She'll always be remembered. 💔

donna burnett - May 15, 2019 at 05:05 PM

SR

“ *Diane, I still cannot wrap my mind the thought of you being gone. You were such a sweetheart, loving, caring, beautiful soul! Mark and I will forever remember you and will cherish all the great memories we had of you. I will forever remember the first day Meilynn Tinker introduced us and my first impression of you was, "Wow, this lady is such a kind person! She is the sweetest, soft-spoken, slow to anger, witty and funny!" I will never forget our first camping trip to Grant Grove, playing cards, going to lunch at Hazel's Kitchen, the fun times at Bunco and celebrating birthdays with Georgia Alberti, Kathy Garges, Meilynn Tinker, Jamie Garges, Lynette Despain, and so many other great friends. These memories will live with me forever friend! Mark said that when he would visit Julie's Little Flower Shop, you had the most contagious smile and you always were so nice to him. You would tell mark that he should always spoil me with flowers, he really enjoyed talking to you & yes, those beautiful flowers resembled you. You were the best Mom to your children, you live in them forever. May you rest in peace Diane! Sending you lots of love all the way to heaven. Praying continuously for your family, that God will hold them tight and keep them strong during this difficult time. I love you my friend!*

Sandra & Mark Rowe - May 15, 2019 at 01:28 PM

FK

“ *I will always remember Diane as a wonderful friend and a very kind person I will miss her*

fonda kelley - May 15, 2019 at 11:05 AM

CP

What a wonderful lady. Always so pleasant helpful when I had her kids at Oak Valley. Couldn't wait for that graduation cake every year. She will missed.

Christine Petty - May 15, 2019 at 05:53 PM

GS

“ *Cathy and I cherish the memories of being in Las Vegas with Diane. First time when it was our privilege to meet this lovely lady and then a few years ago in Vegas. We also spent some holidays with her and in Costa Rica. We will miss her. A sweet lady. Good memories.*

grampa Skippy - May 15, 2019 at 09:45 AM

KW

“ *A example of sweetness. Her legacy will be her family.*

kathryn D Weatherford - May 15, 2019 at 08:30 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diana Whitfield.*



May 14, 2019 at 06:38 PM