



Diana Lee Walker

April 15, 1944 - November 28, 2021

Age 77, of Wilmington, IL, formerly of Aurora, IL passed away peacefully Sunday, November 28, 2021, with her family by her side in Wilmington. Born April 15, 1944, in Decatur, IL to the late John Werner and Marilyn Grace (nee Rennie) Harris. She graduated with the class of 1962 from West Aurora High School. She was an Illinois State Scholar recipient and also earned her bachelor's degree from Aurora University. Diana thoroughly enjoyed her work life, retiring from Caterpillar Tractor Manufacturing, Inc., Aurora Plant after thirty years of employment. She worked specifically within the WLED Special Escort Service, which facilitated the trading and selling of heavy off-road construction equipment. She was the first woman to graduate from the Tool and Die program which was created by her father, John and was a proud member of the Caterpillar Women's Club. Former member of the Streams of Hope United Methodist Church in Braidwood, IL. Diana was dedicated to her career, enjoyed spending time with her family, and whenever she had a spare moment she thoroughly enjoyed reading. Surviving are her husband of forty-five years, Donald E. Walker, whom she married December 18, 1976, in Aurora; daughter, Colleen (Michael) McKay, Ed.D. of Wilmington; step-daughter, Cynthia (Richard) Dietzel of Sycamore, IL; grandson, Edgely; two step-grandchildren, Matthew and Joseph; sister, Vicki (Jack) Flammang of Harrisburg, IL; two brothers, John (Karen) Harris, II of Mascoutah, IL and Bruce (Linda) Harris of Parker, CO; numerous nieces, nephews, and their families; and two special caregivers, Stephanie Heelan-Fisher and Kelsey

Gray. Preceding her in death were her parents; and step-son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Maria Walker. Visitation for Diana will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Braidwood, Thursday, December 2, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. until time of the funeral service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Family and friends will meet at the funeral home Friday, December 3, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. to go in procession to the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to the American Diabetes Association: <https://diabetes.org/> would be appreciated. For more information and to visit her online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

DEC 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

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“ In early 1976, I attended a Parents Without Partners dance. At the dance, I asked a bystander “Who is that beautiful girl?” He replied that she was the vice-president of the chapter. I took a chance and asked her to dance. During the dance, I told her my name and she told me her name was Diana. To earn points I said, “Diana – the Greek goddess of love” and without cracking a smile she responded, “goddess of the hunt.” It has been forty-five years since that infamous dance. Diana is in my heart until we are together again.

Don

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“ I met my future wife at a Parents Without Partners dance in 1976. I asked a bystander, "Who is that beautiful girl?" He replied that she was the vice-president of the chapter. I contemplated asking her to dance and figured the worst that could happen was that she would say no. To my surprise, she didn't! As were dancing I introduced myself and she told me her name was Diana. I immediately thought to myself that this is my moment to score winning points by saying, "Diana is the Greek goddess of love" and without cracking a smile she said, "No, goddess of the hunt." It has been forty-five years since that memorable dance. Diana will always be in my heart until we are together again.

Don

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“ *I'll never forget the first time Uncle Don brought Diana to my grandmothers. I thought she was so beautiful! So lucky to have her and Colleen join r family*❤️

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