



Diana Dixon

February 29, 2020

Diana Lynn Gunnoe Dixon was born to Mildred Maupin and Herbert Gunnoe in Beckley, West Virginia. Diane went home to be with her Lord after a courageous battle with pancreatic and liver cancer on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the Sentara Hospice House in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She was 68 years old.

A 1969 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley, West Virginia, Diana would go on to earn her Bachelors in Education from the former Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Diana is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Billy Joe Dixon II of Portsmouth, Virginia; her two sons Jason Blair Dixon of Portsmouth, Virginia, and Ryan Scott Dixon of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; her only grandchild Makayla Lynn Dixon of Portsmouth, Virginia, and her loving cousins. She is also survived by the many children, many of whom are now adults with children of their own, that sat in her classrooms for over four decades that she was an educator.

A loving Navy wife and teacher, Diana strived, to be constantly learning and to spread that knowledge with the world. Besides her husband Joe, being a teacher was the greatest joy in Diana's life. Many will argue it was really her collection of M&M's candy dispensers, but Diana woke up five days a week for

over forty years ready to touch the lives and mold the minds of the future citizens and leaders of our great country. She worked tirelessly, often at the expense of her own family life, to ensure the children of other families were ready for what the world had in store for them. Her efforts will live on forever in the lessons she taught those young minds and the love of God and learning that she endlessly spread. As the author, William Arthur Ward wrote, “The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.”

The family will receive visitors on Thursday, March 5, 2020 from 5 to 6:55 pm at the Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Ave, Portsmouth, VA 23703. A service will follow at 7 pm Thursday, March 5, 2020.

Diana will be laid to rest in a private family ceremony at the Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, Virginia.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 5:00 AM - 6:55 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-3373

Tribute Wall

WR

“ *Wally & Debbie Richardson purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Diana Dixon.* ”



Wally & Debbie Richardson - March 04, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diana Dixon.* ”



March 03, 2020 at 04:27 PM

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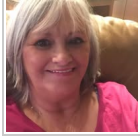
“ *Growing up, Diana was my “little sister”, sometimes my “partner in crime”, and always my friend. She could be mischievous and funny, and those are the memories I treasure through the grief of losing a dear friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Joe, Jason, and Ryan and all of your family. Diana was loved.* ”

Doris Flynn - March 02, 2020 at 09:18 PM

MM

“ *Please accept my deepest and sincerest sympathy. My prayers will remain with Billy Joe and family.* ”

Mary Graham Meadows - March 02, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ *My prayers are with you Billy Joe and the rest of the family. Rest in Peace Diana.*



Ginger Miller - March 02, 2020 at 02:51 PM

DS

“ *Billy Joe and family,
Diana was a good woman, I remember you and her in school. I am so sorry for your loss but you shall see her again.
In my thoughts and prayers,
Debbie Southern Saunders*

Debbie Southern Saunders - March 02, 2020 at 01:16 PM

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“ *Woodrow Wilson High School, Class of 1969 purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Diana Dixon.*



Woodrow Wilson High School, Class of 1969 - March 02, 2020 at 12:36 PM

GH

“ Diane was such a special kind of friend
I think to say "a friend" is not enough.
A second mother, sister, confidant
Now these are words that talk about my friend
Eventually the mem'ries won't be rough
For now the tears flow every single thought
Of all the times together, secrets shared
Of all the special moments, dinners past
Our lives can be defined in many ways
But special time with fam'ly, ones who cared
Will always bring a sweetness that will last
A smile will come to think or all the days
Diane has blessed me through her time down here
I'll smile and miss her, but, for now, a tear.

Ginger Howlett - March 02, 2020 at 09:46 AM

GL

“ Jason, Ryan and Joe my heart is hurting. We
lost an angel. She was truly an inspiration to us
all. Loved life and loved to talk. Will miss you
Diana - RIP



Gloria - March 02, 2020 at 07:16 AM

KT

“ We had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Dixon for the first time when she became our youngest daughter’s 1st grade teacher, 12 years ago. I was fortunate enough to be able to be in the class quite a bit and I saw first hand the kind of love and care she had for each of her students. She was truly an amazing teacher. And then as years passed Mr. and Mrs. Dixon became our neighbors. Such kind, compassionate, and caring people. The world lost a beautiful soul, but heaven gained a beautiful angel. We will always remember you, Mrs. Dixon, and will never forget your kindness and caring. Our hearts and prayers are with the Dixon Family. Love, The Turner Family

Kathi Turner - March 02, 2020 at 06:59 AM

CH

“ I will miss your stories (& help) this baseball season. You are one of the sweetest woman I have ever met!! I know you will be an angel in the field this year. Love you. RIH 😊

Christina - March 02, 2020 at 05:57 AM

LM

“ We will miss her, she is with GOD , it was so good to get to know her a kind person a loving heart to all the family your in our prayers. Lorraine and Bill

Lorraine S mith - March 01, 2020 at 10:12 PM

KR

“ This feels really hard to believe. We didn’t always see eye to eye, but now being an adult I know you had my best interest at heart. Thanks for everything.

Kristin - March 01, 2020 at 09:21 PM

NH

“ I am deeply saddened and hurt to my core with the loss of Mrs. Dixon. You're impact of knowing me since i was 4 years old to watching me graduate from Sweethaven Christian Academy was a tremendous blessing. Your encouraging smiles, always at sporting events, and unconditional kindness will never be matched by others. God truly gained a bright angel that my mom, myself, and grandmother loved dearly. -Nicholas Horton, Titus 3:5

Nicholas Horton - March 01, 2020 at 08:30 PM

AB

“ Mrs. Dixon was a wonderful woman and teacher. She taught my son in 1st grade. She will be missed by many, but she is with our Lord in heaven celebrating by His side and in no more pain. I know this is a difficult time for Mr. Dixon and he is in our thoughts and prayers.

April Bingham - March 01, 2020 at 07:23 PM

LE

“ Diana loved life and dedicated her life to leave a part of her love in those she met. Her actions & words inspired those she met to have a firm belief in religion, be a good citizen, and be thankful for each day. She was a wonderful friend, daughter, mother, and wife. She definitely left this world a better place by the examples she exhibited. Thank you Diana for being a part of my life!.

Lynne Elliott - March 01, 2020 at 07:18 PM