



## Marilyn Diane Dole

July 28, 1949 - June 8, 2021

Marilyn “Diane” Dole joined her husband in heaven on June 8, 2021. Diane was born in Hutchinson, Kansas to Dr. J.D. and Virginia Burger on July 28, 1949. Her father recognized early on that she had a curious mind and a photographic memory. It was his wish she follow in his footsteps and go to medical school. However, J.D. was the first (and not the last) person to learn that Diane was a strong-willed girl, and she did what she wanted. She graduated from high school in 1967, and while her high school boyfriend Dan headed off to Vietnam, she moved to England and attended college at Durham University to study archaeology. After a couple of years, Diane returned to the States and landed at the University of Kansas, where she eventually graduated with a degree in Occupational Therapy.

Diane had two children, Cori and Adam, and was the kind of mother who laughed with her children every day. One of Cori’s first memories of her mother was that she had “smiley blue eyes” and was always laughing. (It was the 1970s, so there was a fair amount of blue eyeshadow going on too, but she could pull it off.) One of Diane’s special gifts was seeing the talents and gifts of others and encouraging those qualities. She was also an amazing listener. Growing up, her children could look like “ragamuffins” at times, but Diane was not one who worried about appearances, and she didn’t care if the house was messy. Her priorities were raising kind and compassionate human beings and making sure that they felt loved. And she excelled at this.

In 1987 she married her high school sweetheart “Danny”, and they lived together on their farm outside of Weston, Missouri, where they had an endless list of hobbies. She enjoyed gardening, weaving, sewing, making jewelry, pottery, painting, decorating, making wine and beer, making flower arrangements, and making memories with their grandchildren. She inherited two more children when she married Dan, Cliff and Heidi, and she loved them as if they were her own.

Diane was not without faults, but she laughed when her children teased her. She had a fiery temper at times, and a love/hate relationship with the internet. This made for a lot of family jokes, and her kids may have dodged her calls when they knew she needed help with her cell phone. It was also a well-known fact that in the family that Diane had very strong political opinions and if you didn't agree with her you had better not enter that debate because it was a hill that she was willing to die on. She would also want you to know that Google does in fact change people's passwords without their consent. She was sure of it.

Diane often summed up her thoughts on religion with a quote from Ghandi, “I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.” Diane had strong opinions on social justice, loving everyone, and compassion for all living creatures that she did not find reflected in many organized religions. So, she prayed, and taught her children to have faith in God, but always reminded them to think for themselves and love everyone.

She is survived by her children; Cori (Johnny) Ingram of Basehor, Kansas, Adam (Michelle) Heffley of McLouth, Kansas, Cliff (Jill) Dole of Gravois Mills, Missouri, Heidi Dole of Hutchinson, Kansas, nine grandchildren; Jordon, Brody, Aidan, Ava, Cooper, Rex, Abraham, Oscar, and Quinn; her extended Dole family in Parker, Colorado, and her sister by choice, Mary Anne (Dennis)

Parker of Weston, Missouri.

The family will have a private memorial at Diane's request. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

# Tribute Wall

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“ When i was 7, Diane and Dan invited us to stay in the Ozarks. We went as a family and stayed there for 3 days. It was almost my birthday and we went to Miner Mikes. It was so much fun and we had a great time there. I really hope she is enjoying it up there and she knows that her memory lives on forever.

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**Rex Heffley** - August 29, 2022 at 03:03 PM

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“ In the 1970's, Diane and I were in junior high and high school together in Hutchinson Kansas. She was my closest friend when we found we had much in common. We enjoyed looking for interesting things to share and do. Later, I made a major shift to a life in Australia, but we still kept in contact by mail and email. Reminiscing about those past times, I treasure and miss the long, supportive friendship we enjoyed. Vale, Diane.

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**Marsha Durham** - June 11, 2021 at 09:52 PM

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“ I met Diane and Dan when they bought the lake lot next to my mom and dad in Luvin Cove. From the get go Dan and my Dad hit it off and became great friends. Dad introduced Dan to fishing with Trot lines, which he fell in love with instantly. I remember the smiles, laughter, and true joy when they brought in big catfish they had caught. Diane would sit and visit with my Mom while they were out fishing. They became friends also. I think they got a big kick out of listening to the guys sharing their "fish stories". Diane and Dan's love for each other and their families was always evident. Over the next several years I was privileged to meet their children and many of their grand-children who have all been a blessing. I think the biggest tribute to Diane and Dan is this...I don't remember a time when either Diane or Dan referred to any of them as Diane's kids or Dan's kids. They were all "our" kids. I have never heard any of their children refer to one another as "step" brothers or sisters. They are simply brothers and sisters! They are family. I have rarely seen other families this close and supportive of one another. Diane and Dan, your struggles in this life are over, you have been reunited in Heaven with our Lord. May you walk together on the streets of gold now and forever!

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**Tony Hayes** - June 10, 2021 at 09:15 AM

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*Diane will be missed. Her struggle is over I hope she and Dan reunite in heaven.*

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**Doris Ingram** - June 10, 2021 at 06:54 PM



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**Reflections Memorial Services LLC** - June 09, 2021 at 04:52 PM