



## Diane M. Phillips

June 22, 1947 - April 28, 2021

Diane M. Phillips, 73 Winter Park, FL went to be with her Heavenly Father on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 surrounded by her loving husband, Michael C. Phillips USN (Ret), and precious daughter, Michelle Cornell, loving family members and professional care providers.

Diane was the daughter of James and Patricia Fitzpatrick. She was predeceased by both parents and her beloved grandson, Devon Fiorini Braungard.

Diane is survived by her children, Michelle Cornell (Ron) NY, Michael Phillips II (Lori) OH, Kevin Phillips, John Phillips, and Mathew Phillips (April) CA, her brothers, James Fitzpatrick (Joyce) NY, Sean Fitzpatrick FL, 3 nephews, Daniel Fitzpatrick (Sara) NY, Shane Fitzpatrick and Seth Fitzpatrick FL; grandchildren, Michael Phillips III USN,(Skylarr), Christopher, Clay OH, Ryan, Natalie, Daisy , Elizabeth, Grant, and Kyle, CA, her Goddaughter Lisa (Tim) FL, many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Diane graduated from Catholic Central Diane HS in 1965 and began her 40 plus year career with Singer Link in Binghamton, NY. During her career in the Simulation and Modeling industry she met and made many dear friends. She was respected for her dedication, professionalism, and care for her colleagues. She was respected and loved by her many associates in and

outside the industry. Friendship to her was not just a word it was a commitment.

The Industry brought Diane and Mike to Florida in 1996 where they continued their work in Modeling and Simulation. This was an opportunity for Diane to spread her love and dedication to many more colleagues, friends and relatives. She had a loving and supportive family in Florida who became an intimate part of Mike and her daily life. Upon her retirement she and Mike used their time to travel and to be with their dear friends and relatives.

Diane was an avid traveler and enjoyed seeing the world with the love of her life and their family and friends. Diane was the light and laughter in every room. Her loving and nurturing nature drew life long friends, many of whom consider her their surrogate mother. She was "Mom" to many and never hesitated to grow her family. Diane's zest for life, infectious laugh, and Irish tenacity made her the beautiful woman she was both inside and out.

She will be sorely missed here by many and welcomed with open arms in heaven by so many more. Rest well sweet lady, until we meet again.

In Lieu of flowers charitable donations may be made to St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church 526 N Park Ave, Winter Park, FL 32789

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel  
9001 N. Orlando Ave  
Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 695-2273  
todd@degusipe.com  
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

## Prayer Service

MAY 5. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

MAY 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Live Streaming - St. Margaret Mary Church  
526 N Park Ave.  
Winter Park, FL 32789  
<http://stmargaretmary.org/funeral-mass-livestream/>

## Burial

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MAY 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US-1 North

Mims, FL 32754

(321) 383-2638

<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/capecanaveral.asp>

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ With deepest sympathy to Mike, Michelle, and all of Diane's family.

*Diane, my loving, loyal, thoughtful, & caring friend of many years. So many wonderful memories I have of you. I will miss your cards, calls, & texts, but, most of all, I, and all those that love you, will miss you forever.*

*Until I see you again, rest in God's eternal light and peace.*  
*Marsha*

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**Marsha B. Shiffman** - May 06, 2021 at 04:39 PM

TS

“ We were neighbors for a long time on Netherland St. they were great neighbors and friends! We were shocked and saddened to hear about Diane's passing, a beautiful lady! Love to Mike and family. The Smallwood's

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**tom & linda smallwood** - May 06, 2021 at 12:04 PM

SK

“ We love you nana. Rest peacefully. - Skyy & Michael

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**Skyy** - May 06, 2021 at 10:44 AM

SH

*She left sunshine wherever she went. Such a beautiful person.*

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**Suzanne Hoffman** - May 14, 2021 at 10:38 AM

DS

“ *Diane was a wonderful woman with a heart of gold. She thought about others first and made the world a happier place by her presence. She will be missed , but her memories cherished forever. Now reunited with her mom, dad, and precious grandson, Devon! May you rest in peace and be another angel for Michelle!*

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**David Sevey** - May 06, 2021 at 09:24 AM

BO

“ *My condolences to Diane's family, I'll keep you all and Diane in my prayers. I had the pleasure of working with her in Binghamton at [LINK](#). May she RIP.*

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**Bob Ollerenshaw** - May 06, 2021 at 08:27 AM

ED

“ *Mr and Mrs Phillips were my neighbors back when they lived on acorn drive. They were wonderful. I got to know Diane more due to her being in a cast with a broken foot. So I would come over to visit her and take care of their pool. We kept in touch when they moved to florida. She was a sweet lady and will be missed by many. My love and support to all the family.*

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**Erica L Shiffrin Drake** - May 05, 2021 at 04:21 PM

MM

“ *Diane was a charming hostess and a lovely lady. Respected by everyone who knew her, she will be sorely missed. God's blessings and peace to Mike her family and her friends. Rest in God's peace! Mark (aka, Sandy) and Barb Morrison*

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**Mark M. "Sandy" and Barb Morrison** - May 04, 2021 at 12:03 AM

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“ A mother, sister a friend that was so important and loved, above all, the faith she had, so deep.  
My heart is 💔

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**Debi Dipillo (Sheypuk)** - May 03, 2021 at 02:06 PM

NH

“ Diane was such a special person.in this world. Diane and Mike together, made things happen in life . Diane and Mike worked well together to accomplish many successes and achievements in her life. We all learned something from Diane.

*"Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful Memories" (unknown author) . Our prayers are with you and your family.*

*Sincerely,  
Nanci Hughes and Craig Leysen*

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**Nanci Hughes** - May 03, 2021 at 01:51 PM

CG

*Prayers for her family and friends. .Michelle I am sending u love 💕 and hugs*

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**Carol grannis** - May 05, 2021 at 01:52 PM

ST

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Dee, was a special person who will be missed by all who had the pleasure of calling her a friend. Rest in Peace.

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**Suzanne Tuell** - May 03, 2021 at 12:45 PM

SB

“ *Diane was a wonderful co-worker and a great friend. She was an inspiration to me. I'm so thankful I had the great opportunity to work with Diane and develop a great friendship with her. Sandy Byland*

Sandy Byland - May 03, 2021 at 10:46 AM

AM

“ *Andy Mohler lit a candle in memory of Diane M. Phillips*



Andy Mohler - May 03, 2021 at 10:24 AM

AM

“ *I had the privilege of knowing Diane through Mike and the Central Florida Navy League. She was an absolute treasure to know and work with on the Lone Sailor Navy Memorial, always full of enthusiasm, determination, and a cheerful attitude. She always had a kind heart for service and helping others. Diane, we will miss you here but will see you in Heaven.*

Andy Mohler - May 03, 2021 at 10:23 AM

CK

*Michelle and Ron and family ,  
Our deepest sympathies are with you all . Your mom sounds like such a beautiful, Loving woman ( Just like you ) I really enjoyed reading everyone's memories of her . She definitely left this world making many beautiful memories with friends and family . God bless you all during this difficult time ... Love and prayers xoxo*

colleen klima - May 05, 2021 at 05:51 PM

PP

“ Penny Pudiak lit a candle in memory of Diane M. Phillips



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**Penny Pudiak** - May 03, 2021 at 08:15 AM

PS

“ It's her kind beautiful face that I will hold in my memory, the pure joy in her laughter that I hear when I think of Dee Dee that makes me smile. She was a warm loving hug to me. I am so glad that our last family dinner I hugged you and said "I Love You". Our world shifted with your passing but our heavens became brighter. Dee, was pure Love and I am so so blessed that she was such an influence in my life. I Love You Dee, fly with the Angels, and bring your Pure Joy to the Heavens.



*Pam Simpson*

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**Pam Simpson** - May 03, 2021 at 06:26 AM

MC

“ Michael Cron lit a candle in memory of Diane M. Phillips



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**Michael Cron** - May 02, 2021 at 12:20 PM

DK

“ *Diane - what a special lady. Met her once after connecting on Facebook. She was babysitter for my husband Pat back in Binghamtom Ny. Deepest condolences to family and friends. 🍀*

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**Dale Kelleher** - May 02, 2021 at 11:41 AM

BC

“ *I love recalling how her father, my Uncle Jim, recorded Dee, my sister Kitty, and I singing in their kitchen in the house in Owego. He pictured us as the next Lennon sisters on the Lawrence Welk show. Until he played the tape back and heard our offkey voices. We were sure there was something wrong with the tape. We thought we were great. We were equally disappointing when our Nana tried to teach us Irish dancing in that same kitchen. Oh well. Diane had many wonderful talents and I will always love and miss her but none of us were destined for show business. Love you, cuz.*

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**Bobbi Carducci** - May 02, 2021 at 10:09 AM

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*RIP Lovely Lady! I loved you Dee Dee!*

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**/Alice Woodruff** - May 03, 2021 at 02:29 PM

OM

*I was fortunate enough to work with Diane for a few years while at Camber before she retired. I will remember her as kind, professional, hard-working, and always had a great smile at our company Holiday party photo-booth. My condolences to all her family and friends. Rest in peace, Diane.*

*-Oliver Manuel*

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**Oliver Cruz Manuel** - May 04, 2021 at 10:42 PM

DM

*Dee Dee is so easy to describe, honest, humble, stoic, selfless, loyal, kind, thoughtful, sincere, respectful but the description most fitting, good wife, good mother, sister, cousin, aunt, treasured friend. Miss you.*

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**Dayle Morello** - May 06, 2021 at 07:39 AM

MW

*Michale; Sorry for your loss of Diane. I first met the two of you in the Program in Binghamton then later in the Orlando Program..Great memories, of very fine people.... Rest in Peace Diane..*  
*Mel Witschi, Lake Wales, Florida*

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**Mel Witschi** - May 06, 2021 at 08:12 AM