



Diane Louise Mandon

August 14, 1953 - February 17, 2025

Diane Louise Mandon, 71, passed away peacefully at home on February 17, 2025, with her loving family by her side. Diane was born in Gary, Indiana, grew up in Camp 133 - Julian's Corner, and later made her home in Hobart, Indiana.

A graduate of River Forest High School, Diane went on to attend Indiana University Bloomington, where she met the love of her life, Jim. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in education, embarking on a remarkable 40-year career devoted to guiding and inspiring countless students at Lake Station and Merrillville High Schools. Beyond the classroom, Diane made an impact as a dedicated girls' basketball coach.

Diane had a love for history, gardening, traveling, and shopping, but above all, she cherished time spent with her family. As a proud legacy member of Phi Beta Psi Sorority in Hobart, she formed lifelong friendships and contributed to her community.

She is now reunited in heaven with her beloved parents, Betty and Ralph, and her brother Todd. Diane is survived by her devoted husband of 50 years, Jim; her daughter, Julie (Carl) Kaszycki; her son, Sam (Kate) Mandon; and her brother, Doug (Petra) Julian. She was a proud and loving grandmother to James, Thomas, Keith, Kory, and Kris, as well as a beloved aunt to Katie and Lauren Julian. Her warmth, kindness, and generosity also touched many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to Home Instead and Dunes

Hospice for their care and support during this difficult time.

A memorial visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E 7th St, Hobart, Indiana. A service will take place at 6:00 PM, followed by a memorial dinner.

Diane's legacy of love, dedication, and generosity will forever be cherished by those who knew her.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB **26**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RW

“ Sorry to hear this. Diane was a great person and classmate. Rick Welton RFHS Class of 71.

Rick Welton - March 01, 2025 at 03:56 AM

JF

“ Jason Leonard and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Diane Louise Mandon.



Jason Leonard and family - February 24, 2025 at 06:34 PM

JO

“ Jeff, Nikki, John, and Kenzie Ooms purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Diane Louise Mandon.



Jeff, Nikki, John, and Kenzie Ooms - February 24, 2025 at 05:11 PM

MD

“ Diane was one of my first friends and colleague during our early years of teaching together at Lake Station. Our thoughts and prayers continue for Diane and her family. May she rest in peace now.
Maggie and Paul Diaz

Maggie and Paul Diaz - February 23, 2025 at 01:30 PM

LJ

“ Love Georgian and Jessica purchased the County Basket Blooms for the family of Diane Louise Mandon.



Love Georgian and Jessica - February 22, 2025 at 07:06 PM

CJ

“ Chris, Sophie, Kya and Jackson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Louise Mandon.

Chris, Sophie, Kya and Jackson - February 22, 2025 at 10:15 AM

CJ

“ Chris, Sophie, Kya and Jackson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Diane Louise Mandon.



Chris, Sophie, Kya and Jackson - February 22, 2025 at 10:15 AM

JO

“ Jami & Genia from Dr.Patel's office purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Diane Louise Mandon.



Jami & Genia from Dr.Patel's office - February 21, 2025 at 04:07 PM

MB

“ *Miriam Bazil purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Diane Louise Mandon.*



Miriam Bazil - February 21, 2025 at 09:56 AM

CH

“ *We have so many fond memories of Diane. A great friend in all respects. Larry grew up with her and Doug and their mothers were good friends. He can remember times spent at Julian's Corner. Will miss her dearly, there is a huge whole in our hearts. Many thoughts and prayers for Jim, Julie, Sam and families.*

Carolyn Hartley - February 20, 2025 at 08:00 PM

DJ

“ *Rest in peace, dear sister. Love always, your brother*

Doug Julian - February 20, 2025 at 06:07 PM



“ *I'm so sad to learn Diane has passed. I was a waitress at Gels. I waited on Diane, her family, and friends for years. Diane was so nice and caring. Spunky and smart. She will be missed by many. My deepest condolences.*

Claire Barrientez - February 20, 2025 at 04:24 PM

AN

“ *I regret the fact I have lived so far away and did not get to know Diane very well. I know she has been a well loved child of God and her entire family. Know that I am holding all of you in my prayers.*

Annette Naish - February 20, 2025 at 03:54 PM

LJ

“ I’m so sad to say goodbye to my aunt, who really was one of the greatest. She brought so much happiness and warmth, and I could always count on her for the best after school snacks! You could see her love for us in everything she did. I’ll always remember the good times we had together: the vacations, the coaching, fun pool days, birthday parties, and just her overall kindness. Aunt Diane was more than just an aunt; she was a role model, and I always wanted to make her proud. Her home was always open to us, and she’ll be deeply missed. Her spirit will live on in all the memories we shared.

Lauren Julian - February 20, 2025 at 12:54 PM

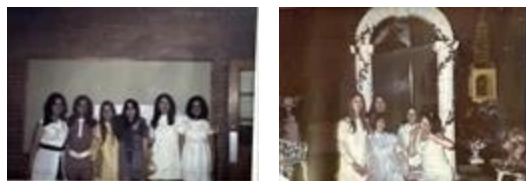
VC

“ Over the years Diane and Jim invited my grandchildren to swim in their pool. It was worth putting up with hot, humid weather to watch the grandkids along with kids from their family having fun several times a summer. It was a time for adults to supervise, talk, and create fond memories. Thank you, Diane. It was a pleasure to know you and be a part of your life.

Vera Cory - February 20, 2025 at 12:37 PM

LS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



liz Statrling - February 20, 2025 at 12:30 PM

PJ

“ 3 files added to the album Diane



Petra Julian - February 20, 2025 at 11:50 AM

KJ

“ *Some of my best childhood memories are with Aunt Diane. She had a way of getting the four of us—Lauren, Julie, Sam, and me—to pitch in without us even realizing we were working. I’ll never forget running around the yard, collecting sticks, and earning a penny for each one. I always felt rich leaving the Mandons’ house! She was so fun, kind, and full of warmth, and those memories will stay with me forever.*

Katie Julian - February 20, 2025 at 11:36 AM

JU

“ 3 files added to the album mom



Julie - February 20, 2025 at 10:40 AM