



Diana L. "Diane" Etzler

May 5, 2011

Diana Lynn Etzler, age 58, of Powell, died suddenly at home on Thursday, May 5, 2011 after a long and chronic illness. Diane was born in Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of Diva (Garbo) and Leonard Etzler. She is survived by her life partner Dr. Janet Bay, of Powell, Ohio; brother Richard (Joyce) Etzler, of Mayfield Village, Ohio; numerous aunts and uncles; and special nieces: Kim (John) Marfy, of Tallmadge, Ohio and Chris (Jamie) Knapp, of Galena, Ohio; as well as her nephew Rick (Missy) Etzler, of Gray's Lake, Illinois. Diane enjoyed her great-nieces and great-nephews very much: Mitchell, Cassidy, Joey, Spencer, Gia and the new-born Marley. She will be sorely missed by her parrot Paco and dogs Lulu and Gigi. Diane was an R.N. graduate of Kent State University and worked at a variety of nursing positions including new-born nursing, general med-surg but she especially liked working in the operating room at both the Cleveland Clinic and Riverside Hospital. She loved to travel; favorite destinations included Key West, Florida, Las Vegas, Zihautanejo, Mexico, Thailand and the island of Bali. Diane has friends all over the country who will mourn her loss. Her enjoyments included spending time with family and friends, her pets (many through the years), gambling, a glass of chardonnay and a clean house! Diane was a parishioner of HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 584 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:00am. MONDAY, MAY 9th, 2011 with The Reverend Kevin F. Lutz, Celebrant. Family will receive friends from 2:00-6:00pm. SATURDAY, MAY 7th at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471. (Please note there will be no visitation on Sunday.) Private family burial will be observed. If they choose, friends may make memorial contributions to: The Humane Society of Delaware County, 4920 SR 37-East, Delaware, Ohio 43015, in Diane's memory. Send condolences for the family to: www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Diana L. "Diane" Etzler*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

KO

“ *Dr bay, just learned of diane's passing and am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Diane in the PACU at the clinic and just loved her. please know that you and diane are in my prayers.*

kathy opaskar - July 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Janet: Diane was always teasing me and I loved dishing it right back to her. She was one of my favorite people to laugh with, and i will miss her dearly. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. i am so sorry for your loss*

Sue Ball - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Dr. Bay, I am sorry to hear about Diana. She will be missed. When I saw her last she was in such good spirits for everything she has been going through. You and the family are in my thoughts. Diana Exterovich*

Diana Exterovich RT. - May 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *Dear Dr. Bay, I am so sorry to hear about Diane's passing. I know you will miss her dearly, and my thoughts and prayers are with you and her family. I know you'll be receiving many notes and messages, so just wanted to tell you that I was one of your many patients and Diane always treated me so very kindly. May God bless you for all the time and professionalism you offered everyone who entered your office. Sincerely, Edith "Ann" Lee Delaware, OH*

E. Ann Lee - May 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Janet, I just heard the news of Diane's death and I wanted to express my sympathy. I can't imagine the pain or the void you must be feeling at this time. I will always remember the "Fluid Rounds" we enjoyed after long days on 5 East at Riverside. I know that you have many happy memories of Diane and that they will bring a smile to your face as time goes on. Pam Walsh*

Pam Walsh - May 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ How sad I was to read the obit in Sunday's paper. She fought such a great fight. A wonderful person has now left us. There is a hole in the world that can never be filled. You have my deepest condolences.

Mary Marsh - May 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Dear Janet, What a beautiful service and a beautiful day for our Diane. Although my heart is broken, I am relieved that all of Diane's pain and anguish have been released. I have 44 years of wonderful memories to cherish. On our way home a Bette Midler song came on the radio & when I got home, turned on the TV, there was Cher. Our 2 teenage favorites that we saw at Blossom Music Center repeatedly. A perfect sign of Diane's grande finale. I send you my love and my prayers. K

Kaye Thomas - May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Janet, Most saddened to read of Diane's fate. I said a prayer for her peaceful journey this morning. Our love be with you... Patricia & maryann

PATRICIA NEUBELLER - May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ From Ian and Rebecca Baird. Our deepest sympathy.

Rebecca Baird - May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Hi Janet, So sorry to hear this news. I will keep you in my mind and prayers. I liked Diane's sense of humor and admired her dedication. ED

Edward Bope MD - May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Janet We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. John and Molly Myers

John and Molly Myers - May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Janet and the Etzler family: We are so sorry for your loss. May the memories of Diane and the fun she brought to all of you help ease the pain you are dealing with now. Diane was a very caring person and we will miss her dearly. Love you all. Mickey and Sue Ann

Sue Ann & Mick Cline - May 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Dr. Bay, I am very sorry to hear of your loss, and hope that the thoughts of others brings you some comfort.

Pam Downing - May 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Patricia and I were saddened to hear of Diane's death. Please know that we will be thinking of you in the difficult days and weeks ahead.

Mary Ann Orlinski - May 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Janet, I am so sorry to to hear about Diane's passing. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Diane and helping take care of her at Riverside. My thoughts are with you.

Steven Budnick - May 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Dear Janet, We read in today's Dispatch of your beloved Diane's passing. Many of your best friends and family will not know what to say or how to handle themselves when with you. Many do not realize that you are suffering as all widows suffer after the loss of their spouse as I did in 1993. It is so hard to lose someone you love and though words can't take away the sadness you feel, I want to tell you that I and Mary care deeply about you and all that you are going through. I hope it helps to remember that your Diane is in God's care. Please know that you're in our thoughts and prayers. If you ever need someone to listen and understand, we are here.

Gail Larkin & Mary Conkey - May 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dr. Bay, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will never forget the loving care you gave our daughter (Sheri Vermilion) during her illness. Judy and Ron Ortman

Judy & Ron Ortman - May 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Dear Janet, We were so sorry to learn of Diane's passing. Please know you are close in our thoughts at this time. Peace, Mary and Dan

Mary and Dan Gray - May 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Dear Dr. Bay, Karen and I were deeply saddened to read in today's paper that sorrow has come for a visit. Please accept our sincere sympathy and know that our special prayers will be with you and your family. Our Love, Karen & Alan Hittepole

alan hittepole - May 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dr. Bay and Family, I am saddened for your loss and my heart goes out to you during this difficult time. You will be in my families prayers. With care, Dan Hileman and Family

Dan Hileman - May 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Janet: My most profound sympathy, on the loss of your dear Diane....I learned of her passing last evening, and am so sorry for this unimaginable loss. I will be unable to visit, unfortunately, as am hosting a family graduation event today. You have proved to be the most loving, compassionate, and committed partner, and I know Diane was forever grateful for your tender care. When I visited her following knee surgery, all she could tell me was how wonderful you were to her, and how much she loved you. Please know that you shall remain in my thoughts and very special prayers at this time, and I am certain that it is now well with Diane in Bali, or in one of her other favorite vacation destinations. Rest yourself, and know that you gave your very best. Felicia sends her condolences, as well. Will be in touch when some time has passed. Love, Peace to you, Janet....Beth Corthell

beth corthell - May 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Janet, I am so sorry about Dianes passing. I remember when she called me about anything with Carlene, she always called me Auntie Gwen. My thoughts and prayers are with you May God Bless you and help you through this trying time. Thinking of you, Gwen Shoemaker (Carlenes Aunt)

Gwen Shoemaker - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Here's to all the good times, parties, Brown Jug and 'the animal gang'. May you find peace in knowing that you share the heavens with all our great dogs Toby, Tyler, Hershey, J.D. and my Gracie. Hopefully heaven be clean to your liking and the chardonnay is flowing endlessly. You were a one-of-a-kind Diane! Love and Peace Always

Amy, Baxter and Brinely Wrobbel - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ So many trips to so many great places with so many incredible memories--and so many laughs and jokes(mostly at the expense of Janet). Detz, in the years to come--we will look at those photos and always remember you. Is there one without Paco? or the oh so many dogs? Bet not. Our love, caring and support are there for you, Janet. Sincere condolences. wayne and bill

wayne lawson/bill mitchell - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ My prayers go out to you, Dr. Bay, and to Diane's family. I was scanning over the obit page today and Dr. Bay's name caught my eye. I have been ever grateful for the surgery I had in 1987 that relieved intense neck pain. You touched my heart with your kindness and compassion and relieved my pain with your skill. I know that losing someone you love is so hard. I also know that God will give you the strength you need if only you ask. God bless all of you. Cathy Johnston

Catherine Johnston - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Diane was a dear friend to our family and we are so thankful to have had the chance to know her. She will be missed by all. Amy Wimbrow and family

Amy Wimbrow - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I miss you more than you know. Your #1 amiga.

Shari Crawford - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Diane will be missed by anyone who knew her. She was an adorable lady.

Stephen Campisano - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dr. Janet Bay, Friends & family. Our Deepest Sympathy. Thinking of you. God Bless you.

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Ruggles - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Great memories,great times. We will all miss Diane. Today though, I believe heaven is a bit more tidy.

Susan Layman - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ my thoughts and prayers are with you all.Diane was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed .

teresa sheets pre - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Janet, We are so sorry for your loss. Diane was a most amazing woman that brought joy to all of us who knew her. Our love goes out to you and your family.

Tim Mills and Mark Moore - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Dr. Bay, I am saddened to hear of Diane's passing. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. I fondly remember the times I spent working with Diane in the Riverside OR and in your office over the years. She was a wonderful woman and she will be missed. God Bless you and your family.

Greg Click - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I only met Diane once at a Marfy production and she immediately treated me like one of the family. May you find peace in her rest and find comfort in the memories you will carry.

Amy Kent - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I was so sorry to hear of Diane's passing and wanted to send a quite note to let you know I am thinking of you and praying you find comfort in all of the fabulous memories you have of the time spent together! Diane will be missed.

Kathy Cookman - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Janet & Etzler Family-where do you find the words to express the loss of someone like Diane. She was a good/best friend & like a sister to me. I'm thankful that she had been part of my life. There are so many memories that I will always hold dear in my heart. We have laughed, cried, been serious & a little crazy sometimes. You are in my thoughts & prayers; I ask God to give you the strength and peace during the following days, weeks, & months.

Carlene Davis - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ What a wonderful tribute to Diane. She was a joy to know and such fun at the office. Always helping and doing things to help the rest of us. She did love animals and was great with them. The patients loved her so at the office because she was always willing to go the extra mile for them. We will all miss her so much. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her loved ones. Reba

Reba Smith - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Diane and I would share stories about our pets, sending pictures back and forth, having a good laugh. Diane and Paco could always make me smile when days at the office got a little too long. I truly understand your sense of loss as my family has recently been through this. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Diane will be sorely missed.

Kristin Johnson - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM