



Diane L. Hernke

August 24, 1944 - December 27, 2020

Diane Hernke, of Westerville, Ohio, formerly Hales Corners, WI, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, December 27, 2020. She was born on August 24, 1944 in Milwaukee, WI, the daughter of Sylvester and Elaine (Smith) Bickler, who preceded her in death. She married Ronald Hernke on September 14, 1963.

She was a 1962 graduate of Solomon Juneau High School. Diane's passion was cooking. She worked for a catering company and then was the cook for Hales Corners Lutheran School for many years. Diane found joy in feeding others and shared that service of love with her family and friends right up until the very end.

Diane is survived by her husband, Ronald; her sons, Todd (Jane) Hernke of Scottsdale, AZ and Kevin (Joan) of Westerville, OH; 4 grandchildren: Elise Hernke, Bryce Hernke, Madeline Hernke and Lukas Hernke; her sister, Cindy (Vern Gliot) Bickler of Copperopolis, CA; a long with nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, Her brother, Robert Bickler preceded her in death. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane L. Hernke*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *One if the most caring people I have ever known, Everything came from her heart. The world is empty without her. Deed, you will always live in my heart.*
Vern Gliot

Vern Gliot - January 28, 2021 at 04:02 PM



“ *I have such fond memories of the wonderful times and the bountiful meals that she served when Ron and Diane lived in St Charles, Missouri. And, later, when Sue and I visited them in Westerville. I remember the load of home-made cookies and candies that she sent home with us. She will very much missed by her friends and family. The sound of her voice and her hearty laugh were enough to make a happy day for you. I look forward to visiting her "soup kitchen" in Heaven.*

David Spilman
Clear Lake, Iowa

David Spilman - January 08, 2021 at 01:51 PM

JH

“ Oh Deedee. Words cannot describe how much I miss you. My childhood is filled with happy memories, smiles, and joy because of you. You were the super host to any family gathering or holiday. There is no one that will ever come close.

Though you left Wisconsin many years ago, you were still there for all of us, and cared so deeply for family. Your laughter and joy filled the room, even when you were in pain. You were a warrior.

Most of all, I will miss hearing your voice.

Rest in Heaven Deedee, it's a better place with you in it. I cannot wait to see you again. We all Love you so much. XOXOXO

James, Stacy, Alex & Autumn Hulsey



James Hulsey - January 01, 2021 at 03:09 PM

KE

“ Mom, may you rest easy in eternal peace



Kevin - December 31, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ i dont think anyone is going to miss you quite like i will. we were something different. i am so sorry i didnt come see you. im so sorry i wasnt there. i love you so much.

<https://youtu.be/auZaGtrcgK8>

Venessa Hulseley - December 31, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear the news about Diane. We were best friends throughout high school. Diane was fun and enthusiastic. We shared the good times of going to the high school dances and parties, football games etc.

As we went our separate ways in life and lived miles apart I always enjoyed receiving her cards and letters. She remained a concerned, loving and kind friend.

Diane was proud of Ron and her family and I send them all my sincere sympathy.

I will miss her.

Diane Floryance Zak

Diane Floryance Zak - December 31, 2020 at 07:58 AM



“ Diane, being my neighbor, always shared home cooked meals with me. We had many good times together, whether it was Senior Citizen meetings, luncheons, or just sharing our life memories with each another. She was a friend who could make me laugh and still let me cry. She so enjoyed garden flowers and her dog Gabby. She was always caring about others and as an excellent cook, she shared her talent with so many nearby. It was so difficult to see the pain she endured. She will be greatly missed. My sympathy to Ron and all of her family.

Mary Bond - December 30, 2020 at 05:47 PM

AJ

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Aja Johnson - December 30, 2020 at 08:55 AM

AJ

“ *My great aunt deedee was a wonderful woman. I am so grateful for the memories I have with her, I will cherish them forever. My aunt was the most loving, hilarious, bright person I've ever known. Words cannot even describe how much we will all miss her, she was the most joyful person to be around. Her smile lit the entire room. Chubbers will miss you aunt deedee. We will all miss you.*

Aja Johnson - December 30, 2020 at 08:33 AM

CB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Cynthia Bickler - December 29, 2020 at 09:24 PM

DR

“ Our deepest sympathies to Ronnie and family. Deedee so reminded me of her mother. I remember Deedee’s infectious laugh the most. I can hear it now in my mind. May God grant you peace knowing she is at peace. Love Denny, Dave, Sue and Ken

Denise Reimer - December 29, 2020 at 11:28 AM

JD

“ A neighbor by chance and a friend by choice....Diane was the epitome of giving and sharing. Her heart was of gold and I will be forever grateful that God permitted our lives to cross. We didn't get to have our tailgate party outside her garage door, but someday we will. Until then, dear friend.

Janice Dempsey - December 29, 2020 at 08:42 AM

CB

“ She was my sister, she was my best friend. When Deedee gave you a hug, it was with her whole heart. Sometimes it was hard for her to let go. Now I'm not sure how I can let go.

Cynthia Bickler - December 28, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diane L. Hernke.



December 28, 2020 at 05:08 PM