



Diane Kecskes

February 28, 1939 - November 15, 2025

Diane Kecskes, born Anita Diane Abruzzo, 86, of Plymouth, MI, passed away peacefully on November 15th, 2025. A beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, Diane was also a dear friend to many. She is survived by her two sons, Kevin and Keith, daughter-in-law Lisa, and her four grandchildren, Sophia, Nico, Carson, and Quinn. As the eldest of eight, Diane is also survived by her brothers and sisters: Susan, Michele, Michael, Pam, David, Anthony, and Christopher.

Diane was born on February 28th, 1939, in Detroit, MI. In her teenage years, the Abruzzo family moved to Wayne, MI, where Diane graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1957. It was at St. Mary's that Diane met her future husband, John Kecskes. They were married August 1st, 1959, and their first child, Kevin, was born September 24th, 1960. The next years were busy for Diane, as she balanced motherhood while working nights and weekends to help support John through college and dental school.

After John graduated and began practicing dentistry, the Kecskes family grew with the birth of Keith on June 29th, 1967. Once John's dentistry career was established, Diane balanced motherhood while also making a personal change toward what became a rewarding career and a perfect outlet for her energy and gregarious nature. In 1977, Diane became a licensed real estate agent and spent the next 30 years helping hundreds of families find their perfect homes. By the time she retired, she had several clients that had come full circle: having sold young families their first home, she was entrusted years

later to sell the children their first homes as well.

Diane's generosity of spirit and deeply ingrained desire to help meant that the Kecskes phone never stopped ringing. Diane was available to anyone who needed her. To support her sons, she spent countless hours in freezing ice rinks, on baseball diamonds, and in the bleachers for football games. Rain or shine, Diane was the best cheerleader and was recognizable in every sporting venue as having the first and loudest cheer. Later in life, as she became a grandmother, Diane was once again on the sidelines to watch soccer, lacrosse, basketball, volleyball, and softball. She introduced herself as "Grandma Di" to every child, and woe to any competitor that dared to take a run at her grandchildren!

Diane's life was full of love, joy, and lots of laughter. She had a gift for never taking herself too seriously. The best sound was hearing her deep chuckle. She could make anyone around her laugh, even if they didn't know the reason. Diane made everyone feel like family, and it was no secret that her garage door was always open and there was a seat at the dinner table for anyone who dropped in. Her legendary spaghetti and Christmas cutout cookies were just a couple of her signature dishes. Although she passed these recipes down to us, we will never be able to completely duplicate her magic.

To know Diane was to know love the way it is meant to be: unconditional, unwavering, and always loyal. Although we celebrate a life well lived, we miss her deeply. Her spirit, humor, and generosity enriched all who knew her. We rejoice that she is freed from her constraints and has been reunited with those who have gone before.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The family will host a Celebration of Life for Diane in the spring of 2026. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Diane's memory to the University of Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center, Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund -

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“ My parents and Diane’s parents knew each other because our fathers both worked at the Northville Training School. I knew Diane and John since 8 th grade at St. Mary’s Wayne. I loved visiting her and her family when they lived in a big house on Van Born Road. My husband, Tommy, who just died on 3/20/25 and I went out on double dates with John and Diane. She was a close friend. I attended her wedding. Tommy and I were in November 1959. Diane and John were godparents to our son, Richard Cockrum. John was in dental school then. Diane went to Nazareth College for awhile but left after she was married to support John. She was a wonderful person and a good friend. Even if we hadn’t talked in a while it was like we had never been apart. I visited her last at Amy’s Place. Except for not being able to walk we had a good talk. She missed John and worried he had left her and wasn’t calling. I told her he would call if he could. He had passed the previous January. So many good friends have died this year. I know that they will be happy together for all eternity. Peace be with the Abruzzo and Kecskes family and everyone who reads this, Barbara (Lanzon) Cockrum 723-812-7962

Barbara (Lanzon) Cockrum - December 05, 2025 at 11:46 AM

RC

“ *My heart for Diane is full of deep sorrow to here this news...Diane and John were my Godparents, the son of Barbara Cockrum Richard born July 5th 1962. I always over all the years knew what a great family the Kecskes family was and is, and when you run into your Godmother at Busch's Market 50 years later, and she turns to you after asking me to help her reach the top shelves for olives...Then saying Richard is that you, and she reminds me of my baby years...Can't imagine how we bonded, for the moment. Love for the family during these tough time...My deepest condolences*
Richard Cockrum



Richard Joseph Cockrum - December 05, 2025 at 11:39 AM

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“ *Dear Keith and Kevin,*

Diane was a friend of my parents and my wife and I too. She helped us buy our first house and I always valued her input. She had a wonderful sense of humor and just thinking about her I can always hear her laugh which is fantastic. I am sorry for your loss.

Chris Harden

Christopher L. Harden - November 25, 2025 at 03:45 PM

BF

“ So many memories; it's hard to choose! As Kevin's partner in adventure and mother to Sophia and Nico, I remember Diane as a truly unique person who loved with her whole heart! She welcomed all with her hearty laugh and her huge hugs and was dedicated to her family unlike anyone I've ever known.

Her trip to Thailand to see us was especially memorable! I think she surprised herself with her bravery to travel there. Snorkeling and hiking and eating green papaya salad :)

I never stopped loving her or appreciating how she made our children feel like they could do anything- because they can!

I'll miss her deeply. With love, Beth Funsch

Beth Funsch - November 25, 2025 at 11:52 AM

MB

“ Dianeour oldest sister...assumed her role with all her heart. She was so proud to let everyone know “I'm the oldest”. She was full of love, always there when you needed help, advice, food, a laugh...of course we will miss her....she was in our lives from the day we were born. We hold on to every memory to keep her with us....wishing she didn't have to go but believing her spirit is alive and well. 🙏💕💕

Michele Beres - November 24, 2025 at 07:49 AM

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“ Aunt Diane was the matriarch of the Abruzzo clan, a lively bunch with big personalities. Being born on her birthday I had the honor of sharing her name and a special bond. The Abruzzo cousins will forever remember the Christmas parties at Aunt Diane’s as well as trips out to Zukey lake and the hunting cabin. Countless memories of playing hide n seek in the basement, aunts and uncles shooining us away from the bar 🍷, and aunt Diane giving us just one more of her sour cream (she truly made them the best!!!). I will miss those smiling eyes, and will cherish the memories forever!

amy elizabeth DIANE cooper - November 23, 2025 at 04:07 PM

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“ The first time I met Diane was with my best friend Michele Beres visting her sister. Buy the time I left I was a member of the family . Truly a loving and gracious lady ❤️ She will definitely be missed . ❤️❤️🙏



Jane Oplinger - November 23, 2025 at 10:59 AM