



Diane Marie Opalinski

August 2, 1952 - October 25, 2019

Opalinski, Diane M. October 25, 2019 age 67 of Canton.

Beloved wife of Ken. Loving mother of Jeff (Julie) and Ryan (Erica).

Proud "Grammy" of Henrik, Molli and Nolan.

Cherished daughter of Dolores and the late Vince Kachinski. Dear sister of Kim (John) Nadratowski, Steve, Gail and Karen.

Visitation Saturday, November 2nd from 10 AM until the 2PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Memorials in Diane's name can be made to The American Cancer Society, envelopes will be available at the Funeral Home. To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
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Plymouth, MI 48170
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Memorial Service

NOV 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Diane Marie Opalinski*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Opalinski.*



November 01, 2019 at 09:01 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Opalinski.*



November 01, 2019 at 05:05 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Opalinski.*



October 30, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Opalinski.*



October 30, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ *My daughter had the pleasure of having her in the classroom over the past few years and absolutely adored her! What a sweet and caring person she was! My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.*

Tiffany Shankie - October 30, 2019 at 12:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Opalinski.*



October 30, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ *Mrs. O was loved by my daughters. They were lucky enough to have her in their classrooms over the last few years. She and I had so many conversations about her beloved grand babies. She will be missed at Eriksson. God Speed, Mrs.O!*

Jenn Krause - October 29, 2019 at 05:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Opalinski.*



October 29, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Opalinski.*



October 29, 2019 at 04:53 PM



“ *Diane was beautiful inside and out. She and Helene and I worked together 17 years ago when I taught kindergarten. It was my very favorite year of teaching. She was so compassionate, smart, kind and funny. The kids loved her and so do I. RIP my friend.*

carolyn king - October 29, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ *Ken, was so very sorry to hear about Diane passing. My heart goes out to you and your family.*

Shortie

Shortie Bauer - October 29, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Opalinski.*



October 28, 2019 at 08:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Opalinski.*



October 28, 2019 at 06:28 PM



“ *I am deeply saddened to hear of Diane's passing. I met her and Ken through their friendship with Barb Wroe over the past few years. We socially enjoyed a few events together. May past memories comfort her family and bless them with peace. 🙏🥹*

Joan Fahrner - October 28, 2019 at 06:14 PM

SA

“ I am one of Diane's cousins by marriage to Ken Opalinski. The first time I met Diane was when Jeff was between 1 and 2 years old. My oldest son was just a newborn. Diane and Ken had come out to California to visit and brought Jeff. I remember Jeff wouldn't eat anything but potato chips and I kept asking Diane if she was concerned. She was so calm and said the pediatrician told her that he could live on one teaspoon of food per day! Well, unlike me the type to panic, Diane was completely calm proving the Dr. was correct. I knew then that Diane was the "Saint" she would need to be to marry my cousin Ken, who always had a bag of tricks together with our families somewhat strange sense of humor. Diane would look at Ken often and just roll her eyes! She had the cutest reactions! Together Diane and Ken made a perfect combination of laughter with a sound consistency of seriousness when necessary. Diane always organized her and her families lives this way; with love, attentiveness and calm understanding. She was the rock and so admired by myself amongst others.

She was a role model for all mothers, and her sons are living proof of that.

Diane, I love you, miss you and know that you live on with your legacy of a beautiful family.

Sandy Sanders

Sandy - October 28, 2019 at 05:05 PM



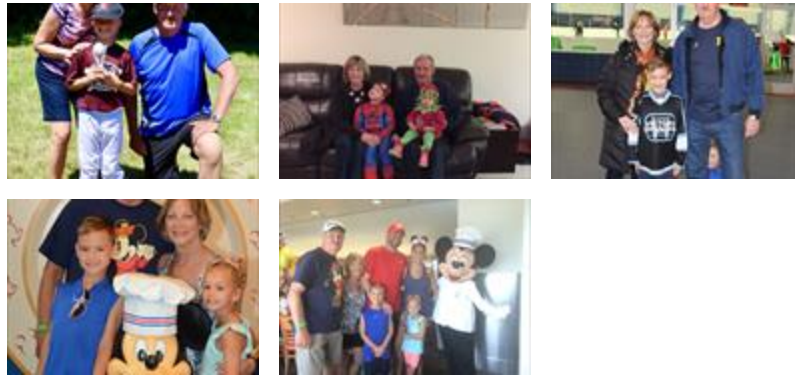
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Opalinski.



October 28, 2019 at 05:02 PM

JO

“ 41 files added to the tribute wall



Julie Opalinski - October 28, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Opalinski.



October 28, 2019 at 11:19 AM

MZ

“ Diane was a special person. We made a lot of great memories at Eriksson. She will be greatly missed in all our hearts. Prayers of comfort for your family.
Michelle Zaluzec



Michelle Zaluzec - October 27, 2019 at 08:52 PM

BD

“ We joined the Eriksson family almost together as parapros nearly 30 years ago, worked alongside each other for 20 in kindergarten. Watched our sons grow at Eriksson, shared field trips, parties, meetings and more. You fought this rotten disease with poise, dignity and class and always looked your best, you amazed me with your courage and strength. You are missed so much, dear friend and just can't imagine you not being there. Much love to your family. Bev. Denner and family xx

Beverley Denner - October 27, 2019 at 05:30 PM

SM

“ We're so very sorry.. Diane was such strong woman and a fighter! We will always remember wonderful memories of her at various celebrations hosted at Kim and John's and of course whenever we would run in to her with Ken at Mexican Fiesta! Peace and prayers to the entire family~

Sarah & Roy Mewton - October 27, 2019 at 04:53 PM



“ Diane will be missed immensely at Eriksson!! We started as work colleagues and she turned into a dear friend. Love and peace to your family.



Rachel Laycock - October 27, 2019 at 02:29 PM

KL

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Kevin Learned - October 27, 2019 at 09:26 AM

BB

Diane was kind, funny and a great friend to everyone. She will be missed dearly! RIP Diane ❤️

Beth Breslin - October 27, 2019 at 09:37 AM

AD

“ *Ryan and family,
Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beautiful mother. She was a fighter and strong woman. Great attributes to have and to guide you through life. Always feel her love and pride. May your memories last in you heart forever. Sending love and prayers.
Ann,Pat,Megan and Joe Drake* ❤️

Ann Drake - October 26, 2019 at 04:59 PM

KL

*Diane proudly served the Eriksson School community for almost 30 years. As our bus loader, she was the first and last person the majority of our students saw during arrival and dismissal each day. She served our kindergarten students as a classroom paraprofessional and helped these children navigate lunch and recess during their first two years of school. She served in other classrooms as an overage parapro and often supported our school in other ways due to her ability to do anything asked of her. We will all miss her skill, positive energy, flexibility, and smile. Much love to the Diane and the Opalinski family.
~ Kevin Learned, Principal*

Kevin Learned - October 27, 2019 at 09:23 AM