



## Diane Marie Reffner

March 23, 1952 - December 5, 2020

Diane Marie Reffner of Westland died December 5, 2020 at the age of 68. Diane went to her eternal home surrounded by her sisters. Oldest daughter of Dean and Mary (Lepine) Reffner. Survived by her beloved rescue dog JoJo and sisters Debbie (Rich) Priebe, Cindy Reffner and Mary (Bob) Kopczynski. Diane will be greatly missed by her nieces and nephews; Christy (Kevin) Seale, Shelly (Chris) Bray, Jessica (Justin) Goodwin. Jason (Leonora) Priebe, Molly (Jason) Bennett, Rachel Kopczynski and several grand nieces and nephews.

Diane retired after a long career at Michigan Bell. Diane graduated from Benedictine High School and continued her education at Community College and Community Education.

Diane was passionate about life, friends, fun, fashion, interior design, gathering, hosting and organizing activities and events. Diane loved impromptu gatherings on her patio, playing cards and hosting MSU versus UofM parties. Diane was a longtime resident of Holiday Park and had many friends and was involved in many committees and activities at her complex including the Holiday Park Garage Sale and the activity committee.

All summer long she spent most days at the pool sunning, swimming and being with her friends. She was such a fan of going to dances Hines Drive and Woodward Dream Cruise events. Diane was loyal to Benedictine High School in Detroit where she graduated and was in charge of organizing many class reunions and was the go to person for any news regarding any of her

classmates. Diane loved her family and friends, shopping, jewelry, clothes, dancing and just being with people. She had the gift of gab. Family teased her because she never bought one thing; it was always “a couple of things”. Diane will be missed everywhere she went because of her love and concern, her quick wit, her energy and enthusiasm she had for family and friends. Diane loved new adventures, traveling and loved being on a beach. Her nieces and nephews were always ready to receive any of Aunt Di’s hand me downs such as camping equipment and patio sets.

The visitation will be held Friday, December 11th beginning at 10:00 AM until the the 11:00 AM Funeral Mass at Resurrection Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the church will strictly enforce a 70 person limit allowed in church. Others may join the family for the Committal Prayer and interment, which will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth after the Funeral Mass.

Arrangements by Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Michigan Humane Society, 900 North Newburgh Road, Westland, Michigan 48185.

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# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

680 Plymouth Road  
Plymouth, MI 48170

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Resurrection Parish  
48755 Warren Road  
Canton, MI 48187

## Funeral Mass

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Canton, MI 48187

# Tribute Wall



“ *Diane Marie Reffner*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Diane's passing. I knew her from the many days at the pool at Holiday Park. She was so friendly and welcoming to everyone. She will be missed.*

*Chris Kvasnak*

**CHRIS KVASNAK** - December 14, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ *Diane was such a fine and beautiful friend. She was the first friend I made when I moved here 10 years ago. She will truly be missed.*

*Post from Mario Bossio*

**Mario Bossio** - December 12, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ *So sorry to hear, what a great person, always wanted to help everybody ,may she rest in peace. Paul Moran*

**paul moran** - December 12, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ *Always a nice person and funny and pretty like all of her sisters and mom. May God bless Diane and welcome her home*

**Jim O'Connor** - December 11, 2020 at 11:56 AM

LC

“ *Diane, our party buddy. Always up to having a good time; Put--in-Bay, Windsor fireworks, football and Christmas parties, Diane enjoyed life. We will miss your beautiful smile and caring soul.  
Your friend,  
Lisa Cook-Scarantino*

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**Lisa M Cook-Scarantino** - December 10, 2020 at 09:16 PM

LD

“ *When we think of Diane, we think a friend to all. Her attitude was "the more the merrier"! She certainly had the gift of hospitality. Always making you feel so warm and welcomed. We are so glad that we could call her our friend. Our hearts hurt a little, right now for this unbelievable loss. We'll miss you Di.*

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**Lori & Gregg Duke** - December 10, 2020 at 03:25 PM

GM

“ *I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Diane. I certainly remember her as a very social and caring person, making sure no one ever felt left out. My deepest sympathies to her extended family. She will be missed. Gary and Marcia Miller*

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**Gary Miller** - December 10, 2020 at 12:58 PM

JE

“ *Diane will be so missed. I met Diane at Bethany many years ago. Was so funny. Always laughing.*

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**Judy MC eachern.** - December 10, 2020 at 11:20 AM

DH

“ *Diane was the glue that kept our Benedictine reunions going. We thank her for her continued enthusiasm and persistence in trying to get us all together.*

*We pray that her family's grief is brief and happy memories last a lifetime.*

*Our best, Dale and Linda Hourigan*

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**Dale Hourigan** - December 10, 2020 at 10:25 AM

CC

“ *SO sorry for you loss*

*Carol Mckelvey Culliton*



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**carol j culliton** - December 10, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Reffner.*



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December 10, 2020 at 09:31 AM

BK

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers and thoughts will be with Diane and her family. She will be missed.*

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**Bev Sironen Krinkie** - December 10, 2020 at 08:40 AM

JD

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We have such great memories of Diane and the entire Reffner family. Jim Delaney and family and Ann Delaney Kochanski

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**James Delaney** - December 10, 2020 at 07:58 AM

TT

“ Sincerest condolences from the Teagan family

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**Tom Teagan** - December 10, 2020 at 07:45 AM

DM

“ I Just can't believe it! This will really take some time to wrap my head around .We were just playing games a few weeks ago. Things will never be the same. Di was always so helpful, the second you asked her about something she was looking it up on her phone.Who's going to be the one to call and say come over, were having drinks on the patio or hey lets go here or there. Di was always up for fun. We'll keep a special chair open at the pool and taco Tuesday, Just for Di. Can't begin to say how much we'll all Miss Di. Sending the family my heartfelt deepest sympathy. Di's friend Deb

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**Deborah Moore** - December 09, 2020 at 09:07 PM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss. I knew Diane through the Bethany Singles group. Always had a smile and a willing hand to help. Prayers of comfort to her family.  
Carol Burchart

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**Carol Burchart** - December 09, 2020 at 08:23 PM

CB

“ She always had a friendly hello when I saw her at the pool or walking Jojo. I also remember her from Bethany; the Catholic singles group. Peace and prayers Cathy Bumgarner

Cathy bumgarner - December 09, 2020 at 07:45 PM

LW

“ Diane was such a sharing and caring friend! We shared many a daybreak at Hines Park setting up for the cruise. That event and the many activities at Holliday Park will not be the same without her! She will be missed! Lynn and Nicky Walker

Lynn Walker - December 09, 2020 at 06:34 PM

MK

“ Goodnight, sweet Princess, and may flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest. . .”

Marilyn G. Konchel - December 09, 2020 at 05:07 PM

MG

“ Diane was a really fun loving gal. I'm going to miss own brownies and laughter! She was always one of the first people at the pool and always called to ask if she could save me a seat. Diane knew just about everyone in HP! I'll miss your steadfast friendship!

Marina Guajardo - December 09, 2020 at 01:50 PM

CF

She was a kind compassionate giving friend.

carol frank - December 09, 2020 at 03:48 PM

LP

“ My deepest sympathies go out to the Reffner family . Diane was and will always be a bright shining star. I will miss everything about her , a rare diamond ! One last woooo hoooo Diane ... go state. God speed RIP

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**Lisa Pollard** - December 09, 2020 at 01:47 PM

AG

“ Diane was one of our best friends. She was always organizing “us” at Hollidaypark to do things. She was my partner in crime doing many of the activities. She loved to have a good time and we vacationed together several times. She had so many parties/get togethers on her patio at the last minute with Arts music. She had the biggest heart and helped us with Josie and Arts moms. I keep looking at your house (she lives across from me) and keep waiting for you to come out and say hi💕😭hope your partying in heaven. Love the Guajardo’s Art & Josie

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**Art & Josie Guajardo** - December 09, 2020 at 01:32 PM

AG

“ Diane's smile and beautiful spirit will be tremendously missed. Our hearts are so sad. She was a constant light in our family and a part of every treasured memory we've had. We miss her greatly. Sending many thoughts and prayers to the family.

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**Anita Guajardo** - December 09, 2020 at 12:17 PM

GK

“ I am so saddened by the loss of Diane. I have always felt part of the Reffner family, even though I have lived in different states over the years. I remember Diane’s spunk and lovely smile. She will be so missed. My deepest sympathy to her family.

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**Gail Klein** - December 09, 2020 at 10:06 AM

NK

“ We are so very sorry for this immense loss. Sending prayers to the whole family!

*Love, The Klebba's*

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**Nichole Klebba** - December 08, 2020 at 07:23 PM

MB

“ My prayers and thoughts are with the Reffner family. May your fond memories comfort you at this most difficult time.

*Mary Jo Burns Bernstein*

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**mary jo burns bernstein** - December 08, 2020 at 09:59 AM

DS

“ Tim and I are so sorry of Diane's passing. She will be missed by many family and friends a great deal. She was always upbeat and had a smile on her face whenever we saw her. We think she was needed up in Heaven way too soon but after reading her obituary, she is probably organizing a Christmas party for her parents and other family and friends that went before her 🙏 We will keep her and the rest of her family in our prayers and hope that the fun and Beautiful memories of Diane, will help ease the pain and bring comfort to her family.

*Love, Diane and Tim Sheehan* ❤️

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**Diane Sheehan** - December 07, 2020 at 03:43 PM

JH

“ Diane was kind,compassionate, and spirited; she loved life. She will be missed by her neighbors in lot 21 at Holliday Park. Our prayers and deepest sympathy to her family.

*God Bless, Judy, Howard and Brad*

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**Judy Hackerd** - December 07, 2020 at 10:45 AM

SL

“Diane and I were neighbors for many years. She was one of my “Red Hatters” for several years. Diane was very helpful to me after several surgical procedures I had. I truly will miss her and her puppy. I will keep her, and her family in my prayers. God Bless you Diane. Sharon Lemke

Sharon Lemke - December 07, 2020 at 09:12 AM

CR

There is a huge teardrop on the Reffner "sisterhood", but it is NOT empty. Diane's spirit will always be with us and she will be our party girl in the sky over us. We already miss you, but we are comforted that her suffering is over! We love love love you Di!

CYNTHIA REFFNER - December 07, 2020 at 12:54 PM

MB

Diane LOVED fashion. I put on my cute Target coat this morning, and thought of Diane and wanted to show it to her. :) She could find something sharp and fashionable at the DOLLAR STORE!!!! I have many memories of her, as a child for whom I babysat, as a cute teenager with gorgeous long straight hair, to the darling young career girl! She was a thoughtful and generous companion of those who needed her and friend to many. We will miss her. Love you Diane!!!

Mary Beauregard - December 07, 2020 at 02:31 PM

MM

It has been many years since I have seen Diane. I will always remember her exuberant personality and finding humor in what would have been humorless. Heaven needs a good laugh right now. God speed, Di.

MARY E MCFALLS - December 08, 2020 at 11:14 AM

KD

Our most heartfelt sympathies to the entire Refner family, and all of her friends. It sounds like you all have many fond memories of her, and we pray for comforting during this difficult time.

Karmel & Tom Downs - December 09, 2020 at 10:51 AM

BT

*Diane has been in my life since 1st grade along with many of our other friends. She was such a fun loving person and always involved in keeping us all in contact over the past 50+ years. She had such a wonderful and close relationship with her 3 sisters and I am so sorry for their loss. She will be missed but remembered fondly. Rest In Peace my dear friend.*

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**Barb Troe** - December 09, 2020 at 06:52 PM

DP

*I am still processing this sad news. (as well as my mom) Diane was my parents neighbor in lot 21 and was always extremely helpful. Dianne happily showed us her place when my parents were thinking about moving into a ranch style condo. We wanted to make sure it would accommodate my parents needs. What a fabulous person! We sat and talked for about an hour before remembering our real purpose for the visit. It was always fun seeing her dog out on the patio along with her many friends. She always had a smile and a wave as I walked by. I truly enjoyed our conversations. Diane will be missed by many!*

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**Dawn Pincheck-Nowak** - December 10, 2020 at 10:13 AM

TS

*Diane and I planned every Benedictine reunion for the class of 1970; no one was more involved in keeping track of everyone than Diane! Our friendship began in grade school and we kept in touch ever since graduating from high school. Our birthdays were a day apart and there were several celebrations over the years. She was one of the funniest, friendliest people that you could ever meet. Every Summer, we had a get together with long-time friends, especially when Ellen (Niemann) came to town from CA. I cannot comprehend a reunion without her. She was truly loved by many!*

*Teri Spiro*

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**Teri Spiro** - December 14, 2020 at 01:52 PM

EN

*My heart is hurting over the loss of our dear old friend, Diane. She was one of "us," a member of our little crowd of lifelong friends who attended St. Scholastica gradeschool and Benedictine High School together. I have memories of walking to school with Diane, stopping at Knudsen's Bakery for lunchsticks along the way; swimming in the Reffner's above-ground pool in the backyard of their Avon house; pajama parties in their basement where we would dance to the latest Motown music (Diane was the Bugaloo queen!). She was such fun and laughed so easily, a hearty and contagious laugh. I will miss her ... rest in peace, my friend.*

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**Ellen Niemann** - December 22, 2020 at 09:50 AM