



Diane L. Rioux

July 1, 1944 - November 22, 2019

Rioux, Diane L., November 22, 2019 age 75 of Plymouth.

Diane Plenda was born on July 1, 1944. Daughter of Jerry and Gertrude (Navarre) Plenda and sister to Nancy, Mary Rose, Thomas and James. Diane shared fond memories of her childhood summers at the lake spending days running barefoot and swimming. She was a student at St. Brigid's in Detroit with a slightly older John Rioux who would later become the love of her life. Diane graduated from Mercy High School with her lifelong friends, Cheryl and Mary Ann, just to name a few. Diane went on to nursing school, a fitting profession for her nurturing spirit. She then fell in love with John Rioux and wed on May 25, 1967. They followed their wedding with an infamous month-long honeymoon where the two celebrated with friends in several destinations. Her true calling of motherhood came shortly thereafter and continued for seventeen years. In several states, through various jobs, John and Diane created a loving and nurturing, a fun and exciting, a faith-filled and family-centered life with John, Jerry, Mary Jo, Micki, Martha, Maureen and Jackie. Diane was blessed to witness each child graduate from college, marry their spouse, and see 19 of her sweet grandchildren be born. Summers were still spent on the lake, just like her childhood; this time on Lake Van Eten with her husband, children, grandchildren and friends. Fourth of July memories at the cottage are highlights of all the Rioux's and was the time we celebrated 20 consecutive birthdays with Diane. Anyone who met Diane, was blessed with a smile that lit up the room. They heard a laughter of pure joy. These people felt

welcomed, included, loved and recognized and were uplifted by her fun-loving spirit. Her children will remember their mom dancing around the kitchen and singing at the top her lungs in her car. They will remember her holding each one of their newborn babies in her warm, loving arms. They will cherish every pillowcase, towel and blanket she embroidered. Her children will carry with them, a piece of her unbreakable faith; a faith unwavered through her ten year battle with Multiple Myeloma. Diane's grandchildren will remember the cards Gramma sent them for birthdays and holidays, and especially the clever Christmas gifts that made everyone laugh and laugh. Diane took her last breath in her home surrounded by her seven children and her loving husband, who gave her strength during her final moments. They all know she is at peace in Heaven and is now their beautiful Guardian Angel. Diane is a true blessing from God. A piece of her spirit will shine through her husband, children and grandchildren; a piece you may see when they cry from laughter or dance like no one is watching.

Visitation Tuesday, November 26th, 3-9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth (btwn Beck and Sheldon). In state Wednesday November 27th 10 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth (at Beck). In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Funeral Mass

NOV **27**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
47650 North Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane L. Rioux*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *My love to Aunt Diane, wherever she may be upon her Journey!*

*Love,
Brian Patrick Downs*



Brian Downs - January 17, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Diane L. Rioux.*



November 26, 2019 at 12:44 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Diane L. Rioux.*



November 26, 2019 at 11:56 AM

TF

“ *The Mikesell Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Diane L. Rioux.*



The Mikesell Family - November 26, 2019 at 10:01 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane L. Rioux.*



November 25, 2019 at 10:49 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Diane L. Rioux.*



November 25, 2019 at 05:10 PM

PK

“ *So sorry for the loss of a friend, wife, mother grandmother. I've known Diane since great school in the 1950 era. Her and my sister kitty kelly Zauner were good friends. John and I have been friends since second grade. Both Diane and John assisted me when my wife passed. I'll never forget that. Sorry to say I will not be able to attend the services for Diane. I know as we share our thoughts Diane is already in heaven. Bless your entire family. Pat Kelly*

patrick kelly - November 25, 2019 at 03:30 PM

TF

“ *The Kovath Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Diane L. Rioux.*



The Kovath Family - November 25, 2019 at 02:16 PM



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



November 25, 2019 at 01:55 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Diane L. Rioux.*



November 25, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane L. Rioux.*



November 25, 2019 at 11:57 AM



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



November 25, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Diane L. Rioux.



November 25, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Diane L. Rioux.



November 25, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Diane L. Rioux.



November 24, 2019 at 08:27 PM

JR

“ *John, my condolences to you and your family. From Jerry Racine*

jerry Racine - November 24, 2019 at 06:34 PM

JS

“ *John & Family,
I will never forget the smiling, the laughing, the talking for hours, the sharing, the caring & the love we had for one another. Many times Diane & I shared these thoughts of Mother Teresa “ we cannot do great things on this earth; we can only do small things with great love” - she sure did . . . I miss her already. xo*

joanne schwartz - November 24, 2019 at 04:39 PM

JS

“ *Joanne Schwartz sent a virtual gift in memory of Diane L. Rioux*



joanne schwartz - November 24, 2019 at 04:29 PM

AR

“ *Dear John and Family,*

Our deepest sympathy and condolences for your loss of Diane. She was our dear neighbor and friend. She always greeted us with a warm and caring smile; it was quickly evident when we first met Diane that she was a beautiful woman. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

*Love and Peace,
Rick, Alice Jo, and Richard Rainville*

Alice Jo Rainville - November 24, 2019 at 12:17 PM