



# Maria "Diane" Stout

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**L**akeview-Maria Diane Stout, age 74, of Big Rapids passed away on Monday, August 29, 2022, at Woodland Hospice House in Mt. Pleasant.

She was born in Lakeview on December 7, 1947, to Max and Oradell (Andrus) Stout. Diane was raised in the Lakeview area and graduated from Lakeview Community Schools in 1966.

She continued her education at the University of Chicago, where she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing. Diane was employed at the University of Chicago, and McNeal Hospital as a registered nurse in the ICU. She later returned to Trinity Health System at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids before retiring in 2010.

She enjoyed shopping and traveling, which led to many trips all over the world. Diane will be remembered for her strong faith and love of Jesus.

Diane is survived by 3 brothers, Ben (Karen) Stout of Lakeview, Rex Stout of Big Rapids, Brian Stout of Chicago, IL; several nieces and nephews; and numerous friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Max and Oradell, and a brother, Max Stout Jr. According to Diane's wishes a graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 2, 2022, at Hinton Township Cemetery.



## Tribute Wall

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**Janowicz Family Funeral Home** shared a photo to the **Obituary Wall** album.



November 17 at 1:28 PM

RH

**Ron Hawley** posted:

Ron enjoyed riding to Grand Rapids with her and max. Very kind lady. Rest In Peace Diane and prayers for the family

September 21 at 8:00 PM

CB

**Carol Baumann** posted:

Diane was the "best" babysitter! From the time Dan & I left we knew exactly what & when she had fed, changed, bathed & put each one of our three to bed. She wrote everything down with the time added. The perfect Nurse before she even became one! Love to all who loved her!

August 31 at 8:00 PM

SH

**Shari** posted:

Losing a cousin can be an incredibly painful experience. Not only are cousins close relatives, but often our first true friend. Haven't seen Diane in many years, but still very saddened. Much sympathy. Shari

August 31 at 8:00 PM

JS

**Jeremy Stout** lit a candle in honor of Maria.

My Aunt Diane was a unique and special person. Her faith, her hope, her positivity, her belief that we are all God's children, each on a special mission to love and support each other on this journey through life. I was always amazed by her resilience and patience. She judged no one. She always had words of encouragement and some funny stories to boot. My heart aches for our loss, but is inspired and uplifted by Diane's spirit. She was with me since day one, and I know she always will be. I love you Aunt Diane! You are a light in mine and everyone's life who knew you.



August 30 at 8:00 PM



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SA

**Stephanie Armstrong** lit a candle in honor of Maria.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. God bless. ❤️ 👤

Stephanie Cole Armstrong

August 30 at 8:00 PM



RS

**Rex Stout** posted:

I would like to say a few remarks about Diane Stout: to the very end, facing death, Diane was brave, courageous, and even harlequin - like in her life, she was guided by her faith and by the holy spirit - to her very last breath. She often said that God was with her and leading her through her trials and tribulations, even in death she was clearly eased by God into her reward, another better life. So here was one of those lives that was truly noble and full of dignity, who asked questions, pondered answers, showed spunk, yes, sometimes, even a salubrious defiance; and so she remained true and loyal to her God and to her convictions. Rex Stout.

August 30 at 8:00 PM

DP

**Darcy Purcell** posted:

So sorry, may she rest in peace.

August 30 at 8:00 PM

JM

**Joyce Moore** lit a candle in honor of Maria.

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PS

**Pam Stout** posted:

Sure wish we had had more time together but I loved every minute we spent due to your Gracious and loving Spirit. Looking forward to seeing you when Christ returns. You are in my heart until then!!

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NL

**Nicole Lynn** posted:

Thursday, August 25, 2022 I left for Manchester by The Sea. I had flutters of feeling my Aunt Diane and Grandmother Oradell around me. They would have loved this English cottage seaside town and all its quaint shops. Thursday night after swimming in the ocean we walked into a filled to the brim used bookstore piled high with infinite treasures. I purchased two Tasha Tudor books and a Beatrice Potter book. I instantly felt my grandmother with me in that special moment. She loved flowers and gardens as I do too. Upon getting home Saturday night and waking up Sunday morning I immediately went to my Facebook to see if anyone I knew posted about my Aunt Diane's passing, as I felt her so strong it was undeniable. I saw nothing. I also found out Sunday was Tasha Tudor's birthday, just another interesting synchronicity. By Sunday evening I received a text from my oldest brother stating what I knew in my Soul, Aunt Diane transitioned from this Earthly realm. I am incredibly grateful for the countless hours talking with her over the phone throughout her death process. She knew she was dying and she had immeasurable faith in Spirit. She devoted her whole life to walking with God. She honestly would say, "I don't know what happens when you die but I hope I go straight to Heaven and I am with my loved ones". Her and her mother, my grandmother Oradell were two peas in a pod. We reminisced about life and laughed like the old times. She died knowing she was loved by many who she thought could care less, this meant the world to her. She heard from long lost family and held intimate conversations up until the end. She loved family and devoted her life to family in many ways. When I was a young preteen there were a few instrumental years of my life where she would organize church trips and events, taking my grandmother Oradell, my cousin, or a friend of mine, and I to these church conventions and exposing me to different walks of faith and worship. I know this exposure had a significant impact on my life. I thanked her for those memories as they were building blocks towards my unwavering relationship with the Divine. The last phone conversation with her was a week ago and we talked until the nurses kicked us off, four hours later. As much as we said we'd talk again we knew beyond our words that this was the final phone call. I told her to come visit me in the afterlife and she said, "if I can, I will, as a bluebird". We talked about Bette Midler's beautiful song, Wind Beneath My Wings and how that is her song to her mother, my Grandmother Oradell and her passing. We talked about the movie, Beaches... I felt her while at the ocean beaches and I saw a bluebird fly right in front of the car while there. I wrote down much of what she shared with me over our phone conversations, but one of my favorite things she said was, "Nicole, I think if I could do it again, I would have your life". She felt I had a lovely life, and I do, but when I asked her what she meant by that, she mentioned the gardens and a country lifestyle. She said, "Nicole, your life has been blessed by God". Very true. I love you, Aunt Diane. You left your blessing on this world and my heart. You will always live in my heart. I truly pray that grandmother's knitted cardigan you reserved for me from your storage unit finds its way to me along with some treasured photos, but even if I receive no belongings I hold our love and connection as sacred in my Soul. On the wings of Angels and bluebirds you now soar. Laugh with Grandma until you cry and squeal and hug so tight a button pops off your sweaters. I love you both so much it hurts to live feeling your absence but I know we can never truly be apart. Always and forever, your precious Nicole.

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AS

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Maria "Diane" Stout** posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Brigham Funeral Chapel - Lakeview

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BS

**Benjamin Stout** posted:

Brave and Strong

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PC

**Penny Clemence** posted:

She was a beautiful sole. My first babysitter. So sorry for her loss.

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DD

**Debbie Draper** posted:

Prayers for her family 🙏🙏🙏

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AM

**Angie Markcum** posted:

Prayers for the family

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YP

**Your Cousin, Pamela** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

God keep you in His Rest until Jesus comes again! Will see you again then! May your Sweet Spirit Rest until then.

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JE

**Joanne Noah-Emmons** posted:

I graduated with 'Diane' and always was impressed with her beauty and grace. I consider myself blessed to have known her!

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**Jacquelyn J Nedry** posted:

I have such fond memories of our later high school years and the year after high school when we worked together at the hospital before we went to nursing school. I will always remember the fun we had and how wonderful it was to see Diane at our 50th class reunion. RIP beautiful lady!!!!

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