



Diane Austin

October 6, 1947 - May 7, 2019

Diane Austin, 71 of Ogden, Utah, passed away on May 7, 2019 after a long courageous battle with a brain infection. Diane was born in Boise, Idaho on October 6, 1947 to Harold and Margie Byard. Diane has a brother; Larry (wife Sandy) Byard of Caldwell, Idaho. She attended Boise schools and graduated from Borah High School in 1965. She was a member of the marching band where she played the flute, piccolo and cymbals. Diane married her high school sweet heart Douglas W. Austin in 1967, from which they have two children. Through the years she developed a love for crafting and was proficient at flower arrangements and cake decorating. At one point she and her friend owned a craft shop in Council, Idaho and had a solo craft shop venture in Escalante, UT.

Diane was a self-taught artist and painted wonderful still-life scenes. She harvested things from their garden and canned them. She was skilled in crocheting, knitting and cross stitching and made exquisite pieces. Through the years she became a wonderful cook and prepared many home-made recipes she loved to make for her family and friends.

Doug worked for the U.S. Forest Service which took them to many wonderful places throughout the West, landing in Ogden where they retired. Diane and Doug have two sons Darin (wife Krista) Austin of Boise, ID and Daniel Austin of Vancouver, WA. They have four grandchildren, Brooke and Courtney of

Boise, and Connor and Quinn of Vancouver, WA. Their grandchildren are the absolute joy of their life, spending as much time with them as possible.

Diane enjoyed life and with Doug spent time traveling to their cabin at Paddy Flat, Idaho and properties they owned in New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma. Diane especially loved being at Paddy Flat where she could relax and enjoy the solitude of forest living. She loved to travel and went to Japan and then again to Spain with her late mother (Margie Byard) and her late mother-in-law (Geneva Austin). She and Doug traveled with their sons and families cruising through the Panama Canal and Caribbean and also throughout Alaska. Doug and Diane also enjoyed several vacations to Hawaii. In 2010 Diane and Doug spent two weeks in New Zealand RV'ing in a caravan with other adventurous travelers. They loved to take their personal RV on the road and enjoyed camping and crabbing along the Oregon coast. They spent several winters in Amado, Arizona with friends staying in their RV there.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Margie Byard and her father-in-law and mother-in-law Clifford and Geneva Austin. Diane is survived by her husband Doug and younger brother Larry and his wife Sandy. She is also survived by her children and grandchildren and her brothers and sisters-in-law Dave and Judy Mathis of McCall, ID; Russ and Alice Stanley of Boise, ID and Mike and Linda Austin of Boise, ID and all her nieces and nephews.

Diane will be buried at the Idaho State Veteran's Cemetery in Boise, Idaho on Thursda, May 16, 2019 as a benefit to Doug's veteran status in the U.S. Air Force. A Celebration-of-Life gathering will be held on May 25, 2019 at 2:00pm at Mike and Linda Austin's personal residence. Please contact Mike & Linda Austin at 208-362-1101 for directions to their residence.

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane Austin*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Diane had a comfortable in her own skin personality which immediately made others also feel at ease. Twenty-two years ago the Forest Service transferred us to Utah, and it was Diane and Doug who first welcomed us and became our friends. Diane was kind to our hyperactive son, making sure there were toys to keep him occupied. I always will remember her cheerful laugh and gracious personality.*

Susan Roth - May 17, 2019 at 02:31 PM



“ *I am heartbroken for your loss. Diane was a genuine lady; always kind, always friendly.
Sincerest sympathies,
Jan Singleton~*

Janette Singleton - May 17, 2019 at 12:49 AM



“ *Doug, Diane, Alice (Doug's baby sister) 1964.*



alive Austin Stanley - May 15, 2019 at 05:33 PM

AS

Should say Alice (NOT alive) Austin Stanley 😊

Alice Austin Stanley - May 15, 2019 at 05:41 PM

SA

“ Doug & family, so sorry on the loss of Diane. I enjoyed working w/her on Turkey Federation. She was fun & we laughed at her learning to do tatting. I remember the impressive covers she made out of FS shirts. Sue Van Allen

sue van allen - May 15, 2019 at 01:26 PM

ES

“ Such a good lady. We enjoyed knowing her when she lived in Escalante. Enjoyed Doug and the boys also. Sorry for your loss.

Ed and Camille Shakespear - May 14, 2019 at 10:03 PM

ES

“ Ed And Camille Shakespear lit a candle in memory of Diane Austin



Ed and Camille Shakespear - May 14, 2019 at 10:01 PM

MA

“ You were lucky if you had Diane as a friend. She was fun, funny, generous, always ready for the next adventure and never afraid to try something new. I will never forget traveling from Idaho to Arizona with Diane and Kathy Sundberg with two toddlers and a baby in the winter time. Three crazy ladies but we sure had fun. We will miss you Diane! Love, Mavis & Chuck

Mavis - May 14, 2019 at 06:44 PM

KS

Yes Mavis I thought of that trip too . I will remember her husky laugh , chocolate chip cookies and her smile she and you Mavis were a life line for me in a tiny town with lots of snow ! I will miss her so .

kathy sundberg - May 14, 2019 at 07:04 PM

JN

“ So many years of friendship with both Doug and Diane. She was selfless and genuinely cared for everyone in her life. I took tole painting classes from her, learned the basics of running a business, and attempted to design flower arrangements and corsages under her tutelage. She was always there for her family and friends. Diane is one those people who will truly be missed by all. Love and prayers for comfort and peace to all of you.

Julie Nannenga - May 14, 2019 at 05:59 PM

DZ

*“ So many wonderful memories of Diane and Larry. Margery and Harold were best friends
With our aunt and uncle Milas and Lola Byrd. She will be missed.
Love to your family.*

Delores zborowski - May 14, 2019 at 04:29 PM

HA

“ Sandy and I enjoyed the company of Diane and Doug as we traveled together in New Zealand. Our condolences to the family on the loss of a very nice lady.

Hal Anderson - May 14, 2019 at 03:58 PM