



Diane Jean (Boyle) Smolko

November 28, 1950 - November 27, 2021

Diane Jean (Boyle) Smolko, 70 of Charlotte, NC, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 27, 2021.

Diane was born on November 28, 1950 in Bedford, Ohio, daughter to Delores Edwards Boyle and the late Donald Boyle. She was a graduate of Bedford High School. Diane worked as a Customer Service Representative for Sears in Cleveland-Akron, Ohio. She married Robert J. Smolko, Sr. on November 13, 1971. After marrying, Diane and family lived in Solon, Ohio. In 1979 Diane and her family moved to Charlotte, North Carolina. Diane continued her education at Central Piedmont Community College. Diane then took a position as a Photograph Retouch Artist with Delmar/Herff Jones where she retired after 25 plus years of dedicated service.

Her family was the most important thing in Diane's life. She was married to her best friend Bob for over 50 years and she was a devoted stay at home mom to Michele, Carrie and Bobby. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and friend to all. Diane loved the simple things in life such as a soothing drive out in the country, reading a good mystery novel, and sitting outside listening to the birds sing. She was a Christian and very spiritual. She enjoyed reading the Bible and sharing her faith in God with others.

She was always strong, especially when she was diagnosed with kidney failure 35 years ago. Her loving father donated a kidney to her in 1988 and she had a second transplant in 2004. She always kept her faith, was positive and she always had a ready and beautiful smile through it all. We will always remember her as a loving mom, a wise kind-hearted mentor and now our guardian angel.

Diane will be dearly missed by her loved ones. She is survived by her beloved husband Bob; her three children Michele (Casey) of Lutz, FL; Carrie Tartaglia (Keith) and Robert Jr. of Charlotte; grandchildren Joshua, Leslie, Ashley, Lindsey, and Michael; great-grandson Lorenzo; mother Delores Boyle (nee Edwards); three sisters Donna Reed, Doris Kosar, and Doreen Boyle; nieces Ranelle Hedrick (Doug) and Kristal Yelton (Tony); great-

nephews Cody (Stacy and family), Collin (Leah), Riley and Benjamin; sister-in-law Christine Javor (late Ken); cousins; and special friends - Jane Frye, Ken Kosar, Grace & Will Cross, and Judy & Carlos Workman. She was preceded in death by her father Donald Boyle and her sister-in-law Rita Smolko.

The family would like to give special thanks to Metrolina Nephrology Associates, Dr. Hart, Dr. Fotiadis and Staff.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to the National Kidney Foundation.

The family will hold a private service.

An online guestbook is available at www.heritagecares.com.

Comments



“ I worked with Diane at Delmar. What I remember most about her is her even temper. She was the same every time I was around her. Didn't know her that well but what a sweet, sweet lady! Always the same wonderful person every time I saw her. I know how much you'll miss her but I know she's up there in the Angel corner smiling.

Sherrie Ross - December 05, 2021 at 04:19 PM



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“ We all gained an angel. Mom, you took a piece of me with you but left years of life lessons and memories to pass on. You have been such a wonderful mom, mentor, teacher, mother and friend. It's really hard to know how to move forward without you here. I love you always, Michele



Michele Smolko - December 02, 2021 at 05:08 PM