



## Diane Kathleen Hartle

September 10, 1947 - December 28, 2020

Diane Kathleen Hartle (née Schritz) of St. George Island passed away peacefully at home with her husband, James Hargrove, and other family members by her side on Sunday, December 27, 2020, after battling ovarian cancer since 2015.

Diane was born Sept. 10, 1947 in Breckenridge, Minnesota, to John and Jeanette (née Kluck) Schritz. She grew up on a farm near Barnesville, MN. However, when Diane saw the Sputnik I satellite pass overhead in 1957, she decided that she wanted to become a scientist.

She was cooking at a fishing lodge in northern Manitoba when Apollo 11 astronauts landed on the moon in 1969. As she was listening by short wave radio, three Cree Indians arrived and expressed disbelief because “that would really make the Moon goddess mad.”

She attended high school at the Mt. St. Benedict Academy in Crookston and entered the College of St. Benedict near St. Joseph, MN, but won a National Science Foundation stipend to work in a laboratory at the University of Minnesota, where she completed her B.S. degree in Biochemistry in 1975 and entered graduate school.

After earning a doctorate in Pharmacology from the University of Iowa, Diane moved with her family to Atlanta where she won a position as Assistant Professor of Pharmacology at Emory University School of Medicine. She worked with NASA experiments on Space Shuttle Columbia and Spacelab 3, and proved that during spaceflight, the heart releases a hormone that causes

excretion of sodium by the kidney.

In 1988, Diane was offered a faculty position at the University of Georgia, where she conducted research in cardiovascular neuroscience and taught graduate students. Prior to retiring in 2011, she conducted research on health benefits of Georgia muscadine grapes, becoming known as Madame Muscadine.

Diane loved painting and gardening with plants that support birds and butterflies. She was able to continue both activities until late this year. She is survived by her husband, their daughter, Katharine (Hargrove) Phinney (James) and son, John Justin Hargrove (Linsey Murdock) and their children, as well as by sisters Pat Quinn, Mary Sue LeNoue, Wendy Harman and Stacey Khyn, plus brothers Jerry Schritz and John Jeffrey Schritz.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mount St. Benedict Monastery, 620 Summit Ave N, Crookston, MN 56716. Diane requested that no memorial service be held.

David Conn and Kimberly Crum are assisting the family ([www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) or 850-926-3333).

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ I just found out Diane died upon receiving an email from Sr. Eileen. I was a high school classmate of Diane's at the Mount in Crookston. After reading all she has done in the past 55+ years I really regret not staying in touch. I realize her "accomplishments" are special, but her growth as a person sounds like she touched people in a profound way.

*I remember enjoying her presence in high school...I remember her smile and her energy. I guess I will now have to wait to experience all that so many of you have had the privilege to experience since those days when we were all so young.*

*Blessings on you, James, and all your family.*

*Sister Cheryl (Sharyn) Morehead*

*January 18,2021*

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**Sister Cheryl Morehead** - January 18, 2021 at 12:31 PM

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“ Diane epitomized the strong woman/scientist the world recognizes and adores. No doubt she is the wonder woman in heaven! She adored her children calling them her personal rug rats. Of course, they outgrew that name but whatever names she gave them were right in character. She and her husband James were totally sympaticco. They were a dynamic duo. I will forever remember her arrival in Georgia and her campaign to have James appointed to faculty as well. She had a marvelous sense of humor and a quick wit. She also had a strong sense of fairness that prevailed throughout her life. She was a good friend and I shall miss her.

*Carolyn Bedanier - December 31, 2020*

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**Carolyn D. Berdanier** - December 31, 2020 at 01:44 PM

RS

“ I first met Diane when I came to Minnesota from Indiana after I married her uncle Phil. Her birthday was the same day as our wedding day Sept 10. I immediately felt like I had known her from the very beginning. Thru the years we kept in touch and even stayed with her overnite when they lived in Georgia. She always sent me a wonderful Christmas gift every year from Georgia. After they moved to St Geo Island in Fla, my two friends and my youngest daughter visited and got to stay in their guest house. We were treated like family and she showed us such a fun time. As brilliant as she was, I never felt intimidated by that as she was always so down to earth and so so genuine. Although we never saw each other much after that we kept in touch and it was so fun to hear about their wonderful trips which I am so thrilled she was able to make. I can only imagine how much she will be missed by so many. May she Rest In Peace. Rosie Schritz

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**Rosie Schritz** - December 29, 2020 at 04:15 PM

JR

“ I first met Diane at a Hargrove family gathering. My initial reaction was, "I want this woman as a best friend." Even though we met only occasionally after that, I continued to respect and appreciate her intelligence and kindness. She leaves an impact far far greater than the handful of visits we shared. Be Glorious Now, My Friend.

-- Jessa

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**Jessa Rain** - December 29, 2020 at 01:37 PM