



Edith Diane McDaniel

September 24, 1942 - October 11, 2023

Edith “Diane” McDaniel passed away peacefully on October 11th, 2023, at the age of 81. Diane lived her life as a beacon of quiet strength, tenderness, resilience, joy, and love.

Born and raised in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, Diane was an only child to Martha and Howard Patterson. Although she did not have brothers and sisters, Diane had plenty of cousins and friends that meant the world to her and whom she remained close to throughout her life.

Diane moved to the “states” in the 80’s with her first husband, Jim Woodcock and her two children, Chris Woodcock and Leigh-Ann Woodcock Campbell. She took care of her home, her children, and managed to find time to develop a mean drop shot on the tennis court. She adored being a mom and loved both of her children fiercely and always supported them in every way possible. When they both were on their own, they always knew that Mom was only a phone call away and that no matter what was going on, she would always make things better just by talking to them.

After her divorce, tennis led her to the love of her life, Dennis McDaniel. Their 30+ year marriage brought her love, laughter, and stability. She loved being a part of Dennis’s family which included a new sister, Virginia. She also gained three stepchildren, Cindi Ray, Daniel McDaniel, and Kathy McDaniel-Calder

whom she loved as her own. She and Dennis traveled the world together and went on MANY adventures! From riding bikes across Iowa and Australia to white water rafting, Diane and Dennis knew how to have a good time together!

Diane enjoyed her life in St. Petersburg, Florida as well. She spent most days at the St. Pete Tennis Center where she played for at least 30 years. She supported the St. Pete Tennis Center Foundation as well as Courier's Kids Program, a program that provides after-school support and tennis lessons for local underprivileged school kids. She helped to organize many of the morning games with locals and snowbirds. Diane played tennis with many wonderful partners over the years, and really enjoyed playing with her best friend/little big sister, Ko.

Gramma, Granny Diane, or Nana D as she eventually came to be known, loved ALL of her grandkids whole-heartedly! She was well known for the sugar cookies that she first made during the holidays. They were so loved that she was always gently asked to bring her delicious cookies to every family gathering. That tradition continues with family members doing their best to replicate her recipe while Diane has been in a memory care facility. She loved being a grandma and great grandma! There were many happy times, from trips to the children's museum, the beach and of course Disney World! Making every one of her kids, grandkids and great grandkids feel loved and supported was one of her proudest accomplishments!

Beloved wife of Dennis McDaniel for 33 years. Loving mother of Chris (Melissa) Woodcock and Leigh-Ann (Colin) Campbell and stepmother of Cindi (Ron) McDaniel Ray, Daniel (Linh Vu) McDaniel, Kathy (Vic Calder) McDaniel-Calder. Cherished grandmother of Micah and Isla Campbell and step grandmother of Kristina (Wyatt) Wikle, Garrett (Ana) McDaniel, Michael (Rishan) Ortega, Logan (Lauren Mathews) McDaniel, Samantha Labrador, Chloe (Rob Townsend) McDaniel, Andre Ortega, Eric McDaniel. Loving great-

grandmother of seven. She was preceded in death by her parents. The Family is grateful to everyone at Azalea Gardens and Visiting Angels in Tallahassee who looked after her and filled her days with kindness and gentleness over the past year.

Diane loved celebrating the holidays with her family! It seems only fitting that we celebrate the life of Diane McDaniel in St. Pete the weekend prior to the Thanksgiving Holidays. Details to be finalized soon, please check back here. If you are interested in attending, please email her daughter at lacampbell76@gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Courier's Kids Program, a tennis program for underprivileged kids that Diane supported at the St. Pete Tennis Center <https://stpetetenniscenter.com/donations/>.

Niki Carney of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the McDaniel family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **19**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Anderson McQueen Funeral Home
2201 Dr. M. L. King Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33704

Family will be serving a light lunch following the service.

Tribute Wall

GG

“ *Loved Diane! Played tennis with her at Dolphin Cay in St. Petersburg!
Would like to attend her service in St. Petersburg.....
Please inform me of date, time and location the weekend before Thanksgiving. Gale Grimm grimmcg@msn.com 727 865 1571
Thank you.....may she rest in true peace.*

gale grimm - October 25, 2023 at 06:56 PM

PP

“ *Diane was my mysterious older cousin. My early memories were colored by my own shyness and envy of her pretty clothes and special status as an only child. It wasn't until I was an adult that I got to know her and learned that she had been shy too and envious of us, each with seven more sisters. When I got to know her I felt a special connection and great affection for her. She was another one of the Patterson girls for sure! I so appreciate the words you wrote that she was "a beacon of quiet strength, tenderness, resilience, joy, and love". I will add that she had a quirky sense of humor and was unaffected in all things. She didn't seem to know what an angel she was. She will always be with me as a part of my family and circle of admirable women. Dennis, Leigh-Ann, Chris, and families, please accept our kindest condolences. Pat and Mike*

Patricia Patterson - October 19, 2023 at 11:23 AM

LC

Thank you so much, Pat! She loved all of you and greatly appreciated the connection that she had with each of you in her later years. Especially after her parents passed...being able to have time with her cousins made her feel like she still had a family. I am thankful to have had the Patterson connections over the years, too! Love you ALL!

Leigh-Ann Campbell - October 19, 2023 at 10:14 PM

GW

Oh my, the many layers, levels & extensions of family ❤️ this is a lovely tribute to Diane's caring nature, desire to love & be loved &&&!! Times to treasure ❤️ RIP Diane

Gayle Woodley - November 14, 2023 at 07:25 PM

RO

*“ Enjoyed many tennis matches with Diane. Always a smile on her face and great personality. A life we'll lived. Thoughts and prayers to Dan and family.
Ruth Ann Ott*

Ruth Ann Ott - October 18, 2023 at 04:55 PM

LC

Thank you, Ruth Ann! She loved all of her time at the tennis courts and all of the people there.

Leigh-Ann Campbell - October 19, 2023 at 10:15 PM

DT

*“ I knew and lived Diane from our years of SPTC tennis. Condolences to her family.
Deborah Tuthill*

Deborah Tuthill - October 18, 2023 at 01:49 PM

LC

Thanks Deborah! She loved SPTC and her friends there, too!

Leigh-Ann Campbell - October 19, 2023 at 10:16 PM

DJ

“ I had the honor of playing tennis with Diane for ten years we would always go to chataways for lunch which she loved ! She will be missed !

donna jarvis - October 18, 2023 at 06:20 AM

LC

She loved the Chataway and all of the friends that she got to play and lunch with over the years! Thanks Donna!

Leigh-Ann Campbell - October 19, 2023 at 10:17 PM

VF

Diane was a kind, soft spoken, loving person and true friend to all. Everyone liked and respected her.

Vicki Fox - October 22, 2023 at 08:51 AM

DC

Played tennis with her for many years. She was a very gracious lady and will be missed.

Diana Crews - October 22, 2023 at 09:24 AM

CS

*Diane and I were good friends when we both lived in Tampa. Spent many hours playing tennis, socializing, and having a good time. Leigh-Ann and her brother, Chris, were young at the time. Unfortunately, we lost contact but I have thought of her so many times and wondered where she was living. I will always remember her as a sweet and special friend. I was so grateful to see her obituary and picture in the newspaper which illustrated what a beautiful person she still was. Condolences to all her family and friends.
Carol Schuler*

CAROL SCHULER - October 24, 2023 at 04:11 PM



Hi Mrs. Schuler!!! I remember you ;)! I am glad that you saw Mom's obituary. She enjoyed your friendship and if she were here would loved to hear from you. Sending you lots of love! Leigh-Ann

Leigh-Ann Campbell - November 10, 2023 at 02:40 PM



Also...if you ever want to reminisce...feel free to email me at lacampbell76@gmail.com

Leigh-Ann Campbell - November 10, 2023 at 02:41 PM