



Diane Louise Portee

April 26, 1946 - February 9, 2016

Life's Reflections

"To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die ... "- Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

Diane Louise Rutledge Portee entered into eternal rest on February 9, 2016. Born on April 26, 1946 in Richmond, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Capers and Emma Rutledge. Her brother Robert Rutledge also preceded her in death.

Diane gave her life to Christ at an early age and joined Trinity Baptist Church. She later changed her membership to New Kingdom Christian Ministries where she remained a faithful and active member before her passing.

Diane was a 1965 graduate of Armstrong High School. In 1965, she married Cornelius Portee; and from this union they had three daughters, April, Unithia and Latasha.

Diane was an employee of Nabisco and retired in 2005. She enjoyed traveling, bingo, pokeno, spades, deuces, and a variety of other card games; going to the casino, and just having a "good time" with family and Nends.

In Diane's younger days, she was a founding member of the social club, "Valentinas. " Diane was also a die-hard "Redskins "fan.

Diane will be greatly missed by all who knew her and whose life she touched.

She leaves to cherish her memory three devoted daughters, April Fellows, Unithia Wright (Xavier), and Latasha Portee; five grandchildren, Derica Fellows, Qunisha Cannon, Tre 'Von Cannon, Corlani Portee and her four-legged Sir Worm Portee; one great grandson, Jy 'Kai Harvey; sister, Patricia Elliotte; devoted cousin, Gladys Strange; devoted ex-husband Cornelius Portee; two God-daughters, Tracey Haynes, devoted Donyale Walker; two God-sons, Elliott Haynes and Steven Haynes; and a host of other relatives and friends, among them devoted Isabell Aikens, Tory Askew, Kathy Nortington and Geraldine Walker.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

viewing

FEB 14. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

FEB 14. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

New Kingdom Christian Ministries
3200 Dill Ave
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane Louise Portee*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, may God give you comfort in your time of need.
2 :1:3,4.*

carolyn - February 16, 2016 at 09:30 AM



“ *Sharon Miffin lit a candle in memory of Diane Louise Portee*



Sharon Miffin - February 15, 2016 at 08:25 PM



My Condolences to the Porter Family for your Loss, Diane will truly be missed, She was a true friend, and also part of..The Nabisco Family, God Bless all of you.

Sharon Miffin - February 15, 2016 at 08:29 PM



“ *Sharon Miffin lit a candle in memory of Diane Louise Portee*



Sharon Miffin - February 15, 2016 at 08:24 PM

AF

“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. She will be missed but certainly by the love the family shows she will not be forgotten. It is a comfort to know that almighty God at Psa. 34:18 says he is close to the brokenhearted and those crushed in spirit. May these words provide a source of healing to the family at this time.

Armstrong Family - February 14, 2016 at 08:39 AM

PL

“ To the family of Diane Louise Portee. I am sorry for your loss of a very special person to all of you. Death as we know in this world is a part of life that we find hard to accept Please know that GOD is a stronghold in the time of your distress. Nahum 1:7

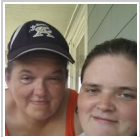
Peggy Land - February 14, 2016 at 06:59 AM



“ Portee family



Brittany Willis - February 13, 2016 at 11:12 PM



“ She was a very nice woman and will be missed by all the WILLIS and Turner family and Sprouse family give our condolences and our love to the Por



Brittany Willis - February 13, 2016 at 11:11 PM



“ April, prayers and condolences on your loss. May God give you and your Family comfort during this difficult time.

Felicia McCray Pollard

Felicia Pollard - February 13, 2016 at 08:10 PM

TP

“ To the Portee family. So sorry to hear of Diane's passing. May your memories and the strength and courage she has shown bring you comfort and keep her forever in your hearts. God is your strength in everything. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Treva Phillips - February 13, 2016 at 05:59 AM

TP

Condolences from Treva Phillips and the Allen family.

Treva Phillips - February 13, 2016 at 08:08 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Diane Louise Portee.



February 12, 2016 at 08:42 PM

 Toia
Brown

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. Your mother will truly be missed by all who knew her. I will forever cherish the memories I have with her. May you all find comfort in your memories and in each other. Lady Di will forever live on through each one of you..
Gone but never forgotten S.I.P. Lady Di, I love you*



Toia, Pooh & Lotto

Toia Brown - February 12, 2016 at 07:03 PM

NR

“ *May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.
Nabisco Retiree's. Packing Dept. Second Shift.*

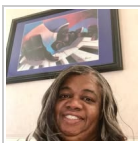
Nabisco Retiree's - February 12, 2016 at 06:57 PM

SL

“ *April,
Prayers to you and your family now and in the coming weeks and months.*

Scottie Lowry Martin

Scottie Lowry-Martin - February 12, 2016 at 01:27 PM



“ *Diane Portee was an amazingly gracious lady who always treated me like i was a member of her family when she lived next door. She was a great friend to my family and always treated me with kindness and respect. She was a great hands on mother and grandmother and a wonderful role model and inspiration to me. She will be deeply missed.*

Sonia Lowry - February 12, 2016 at 10:11 AM

SW

“ *Sheila Willis lit a candle in memory of Diane Louise Portee*



sheila willis - February 12, 2016 at 02:12 AM

SW

RIP Diane God has got you on the stairway to heaven your work is done down here i'm not going say goodbye bc you have gone home with your Father I love you so much and I'm remembering all the good memories growing up with your laughter dancing and you loved music playing gin rummy pokeno your 3 babies i grew up under you with them God granted you with a wonderful life and you lived it well my big cousin from Central Gardens to Highland Spring I followed you from the roots your Mom Emma on 22nd st. we had fun now your beautiful smile will shine down on us no more pain and the Lady D I know no more worrying your girls hurting them to see you suffer you was blessed to see your grands and your greats with lots of laughter and love I pray to be blessed like you. They couldn't have gotten no better bc you gave them all your heart I know this for a fact you travel and dressed in the best you let nothing hold you down you got it done for your babies no regrets that's why i'm not so broken bc you lived with strength and motivation to give life your all yes i'm going miss u even tho i didn't see u as much now you leave your strength with your 3 your wings are earned goodnite Diane your Peace has come Rest now in Paradise I love you AMEN.

sheila willis - February 12, 2016 at 03:06 AM

AM

“ She was a woman of inner and outer beauty with the spiritual strength of a lioness. She said she was ready at the beginning and she said she was ready at the end. She is an inspiration. I will remember her as a living example that the strongest of us are those who have strength of character, hope, and faith. She treasured her family. May you never forget how deeply you are loved. Love never dies.

Alane Cameron Miles - February 11, 2016 at 10:04 PM

MB

“ My Cousin Diane..I will always remember coming to stay with you and Danny Boy when I was a kid. I will remember your beautiful smile!!!.I remember meeting your Mom Ms.Emma..Nobody I mean Nobody made homemade biscuits like Ms.Emma.My condolences to the entire Portee Family..Diane I will miss you and Love you Always..much love Marion (ill Mearn) <3

Marion Z. Barnard - February 11, 2016 at 08:49 PM

LP

“ Its been ova 48 hrs & im still standing... I've never imagined having 2 live life without u bcuz i never wntd 2 live life witout u. U r GOD's child & i dnt have a say in dat. U thought me death is a part of life & I appreciate dat bcuz ur words is wht i use 2 get me thru. My best friend! Every1 know hw much i love u & every1 is concerned wit me. Im good mama! 2 have seen u go thru ova a yr of being sick, im good! I have da memories, i have da pictures & when my day cum, I'll have u again! Its hard, sumthing i never wntd 2 experience BT GOD... I wish Corlani DiAsia (after you) had u 4 longer bt da time she did have u, I'll never 4get. I love u mama & nt a day dat pass i wont b thinking of u. I know u dancing & talking about ur time here wit ur loved ones. Im sure its much easier nw bcuz u dnt have da worries of being short of breathe. I know u wasnt living "your life" here on earth anymore BT nw u have ur wings baby, get back 2 being da person u were. I love u beyond words, im good mama! I know u fought so long & hard bcuz being da person u r, always worried about every1 else & u were da 1 goin thru. Im good mama, WE good mama, & im gonna do my best 2 raise my daughter as good as u raised ur 3. I love u, i love you, I LOVE YOU!!!❤️ I miss you😭 My sweet angel 🕊️

latasha portee - February 11, 2016 at 05:22 PM



“ Mrs. Diane you will truly be missed. I know you and my mom are in Heaven right now, having the best Spades game ever. Some of best childhood memories were made at your house. #Shegotthewings

Wanda Elliott - February 11, 2016 at 04:08 PM

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“ TO The Portee Family. No words said can really help to ease the loss you bear,Just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer.

Annie Chandler (Concord,NC) - February 11, 2016 at 03:00 PM

KC

“ I was truly sorry to hear of your passing. I have such fond memories of you watching me and Nee Nee practice for HSHS airband....Good times! May you rest in peace!

Keyana Copeland - February 11, 2016 at 02:23 PM

 Nicole Lakesha

“ Ms Diane you will be greatly missed, you and your family have been so nice since the day we became neighbors. We love you. From the Richburg Family

Nicole Lakesha - February 11, 2016 at 02:09 PM

 Derica Ikea

“ Me & Jykai love you grandma and I will never let your memory die. I will show him multiple pictures of you, tell him many stories remind him how much you love him and raise him to be a man you would be proud of. I am truly going to miss you.... Love your oldest granddaughter and first great grandson

Derica Ikea - February 11, 2016 at 02:01 PM

ML

To Unithia, Tarsha and April, mothers raise their girls to be strong women and everything I know about you 3, says "Lady Di" Mrs Portee did just that. Mothers teach their daughters everything except how to live without their mom. There will be good days and sad days, just remember God has you and he will make a way. Love you ladies. RIP Princess Diane!

Marie Lyons - February 11, 2016 at 09:24 PM



“ Love you Queen ❤️👩🏾 fly high ..always will be my role model 🙌 watch over me Grandma 🥺...I kno its a spades party up there save me a seat 🥺🥺🥺🥺🥺🥺



Qunisha Cannon - February 11, 2016 at 12:57 PM



“ Love you grandma from your favorite EMT

Trevon Cannon - February 11, 2016 at 12:26 PM



“ Diane, We did not get to meet. I am sure we will meet in Heaven. RIP. Family stay strong in the LORD. and know that she in a much better place with the KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDs. Our deepest Sympathy.

The Taliaferro Family of Powhatan Va

Jeanette Taliaferro - February 11, 2016 at 08:30 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss . John 5 : 28,29

D Allen - February 11, 2016 at 05:46 AM

MI

“ *Miriam"Midge"Hawley lit a candle in memory of Diane Louise Portee*



Miriam"Midge"Hawley - February 10, 2016 at 06:21 PM

MI

Sending heartfelt sympathy to the family of Diane Rutledge Portee . May your memories of her help you during this difficult time.

Miriam"Midge"Hawley - February 10, 2016 at 06:30 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - February 10, 2016 at 04:33 PM