



Diane O. King

March 1, 1950 - December 4, 2021

Diane O. King, 71, of St. Cloud, Florida passed away Saturday, December 4, 2021. She was born on March 1, 1950, in Wheelwright, Kentucky. She attended the University of Kentucky and graduated from Georgia State University. Diane is the former owner of Carpenter Dent Drug Store in Scottsville, Kentucky.

After moving to central Florida, she would go on to become a science teacher and later retire from the Osceola County School District with 29 years of dedication to education. Above the many accolades and achievements earned, she enjoyed bringing science into the lives of her students. Her gift was teaching and showing students the excitement of science. She was an avid traveler and enjoyed traveling and camping the United States in the family RV with her husband and their Golden Retrievers, North and South.

Diane is survived by her husband, Dana King; bonus children, Lourin King, Lorraine Donisi, and Dana M. King (wife Katrina King); brother Larry David Osborne; sister-in-law, Donetta Osborne; sister, Debbie Lucas; brother-in-Law, Phillip Lucas; nephew, Brett Osborne; 8 grandchildren, and other extended family and friends. She is and will continue to be missed by all who loved her.

A Celebration of Life will be held in St Cloud. Please contact the family for details.

If you wish to honor Diane, in lieu of flowers the family is asking that you make a donation in her name to <https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/Finance/WKYRelief>. Diane was a proud Kentuckian and deep rooted in service of others.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Diane was an amazing woman and her love of science was contagious! We became fast friends and bonded over that love. When my son entered 5th grade, I was so blessed that she was teaching science at his school. They wanted to put him in the gifted program but I told them he needed Mrs. King for science. She developed a great love of science in my child and I am forever grateful to her dedication to her students (especially my child). Her positive energy (and chemical concoctions) would light up any room! She has truly left a legacy and memories of her will always bring a smile to my face. Thoughts and prayers for the family during this difficult time.* ”



Debbie Bohanan - January 05, 2022 at 11:52 AM

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“ *I have had the privilege of being Diane’s neighbor for the last 9 years. Over the years Diane and I not only became good friends, we became family. She loved Christmas time and would always buy me a live wreath to hang on my door. We would sit outside sometimes in the evenings enjoying the conversation and weather. We had a lot in common from our Kentucky roots to our teaching careers. She loved my dogs like they were her own. Whenever my husband and I were at work, she always took care of them for us. I will always be forever grateful for Diane’s kindness and friendship.* ”
Brenda Ramey

Brenda Ramey - December 28, 2021 at 02:34 PM

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“ There are not enough words to express what a wonderful person and friend Diane was to me. She was always there for me to support me and help me before I even knew I needed help. When we became friends we were both hired as resource teachers in the District. I was so impressed with her knowledge of Science and her ability to inspire teachers and students. She always put others first whether working in her neighbor’s yards or watching their dogs. There are so many memories I could share about her love and kindness. When I moved to a new home and was going to live alone for the first time in years she called me as soon as I got the keys to the house and said “I’m on my way and I have a car full of groceries!” When my mother needed surgery a short time later I had to rush out and buy a bed for her to stay with me and the store was not going to be able to get it to me in time. I called her and she and Dana jumped in their truck drove to the store and picked up the bed with me and then set it up for me. We both loved plants. I have beautiful amaryllis, geraniums, and African Violets all from cuttings or gifts from her. She was always sharing plants with others. Even after she retired she would always come to help me set up my room, buy things for my classroom and students. She would show up with lunch to surprise me. She still loved teaching and kids! Any time I was with her people would also stop her to say how much they loved her and how she had inspired them when they were students or how she had made learning fun for their children. She was a “light” to all those she met. She will be greatly missed!

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers,

Laurel and Robert Rodriguez

Laurel and Robert Rodriguez - December 22, 2021 at 10:55 PM

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Thank you for sharing Laurel XoXo

Lorraine Donisi - December 28, 2021 at 11:19 AM

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“ 12 files added to the album Diane O King



Lorraine Donisi - December 22, 2021 at 09:26 AM

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“ I remember setting up my Mom's classroom with her for the new school year. It would take us all weekend. She had clever signs hung all around room my favorite hung next the clock " Time is going to pass. Will you?" I visited her class often one year when she was at Lakeview Elementary. I sat in on several experiments she taught the kids, tagged along to Universal Studios, swimming with the manatees and a clean up Cocoa Beach

I cannot remember ever going into a store with her and not having at least one person come up to say hello to Mrs. King. I was sitting at the bar in Rosie O' Grady's with my aunt waiting for our table near Times Square. I started talking to the women sitting next to me. She was telling me she had always dreamed of living in New York City. Now that her children were in college she sold her home and moved to the city for 1 year. I asked her where she was from and she said a small town outside Orlando. I said my parents live in a small town outside Orlando called St Cloud. She asked their names and I said Dana and Diane King. She screamed " Mrs. King the Science teacher!" I said yes. It turned out my mom had taught both her children.

When I would come home to visit mom would always have projects for us to do together; yard work, changing the drain in the bathtub or hanging new ceiling fans on the back porch. Decorating for Christmas was a big one. We ALWAYS sat on the back porch swing after we were done and laughed. She called us " Two women and a Screwdriver" I will miss her ever day.

*It's a Love Without End
Rainy Xoxo*

Lorraine Donisi - December 22, 2021 at 09:25 AM

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We had so much fun at St. Cloud Middle doing team group projects with the kids. We laughed, we cried, we all did the best we could. Our end of the year awards were legendary. She remained a good friend after we all left St. Cloud Middle, sharing plants with my husband, and fun ideas of places to try in the camper for David and me. We thought the world of her. The joy she brought into the world will be missed. A light is gone from our world. Sending love and prayers to Dana and the family.

Laura and David Simonelli- Walczak

laura simonelli - December 22, 2021 at 02:01 PM

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Upon leaving Kentucky, Diane came to Okeechobee and I met her at the Fifth-Sixth Grade Center where she was a substitute teacher and our "in house entertainment". Every day was a new adventure with Diane as you never knew what she may come dressed as or what trick she might be planning to play on someone. But one thing for certain, you knew she would be smiling and would make anyone she met smile too! Our loss was when she decided to move to the Orlando area and teach in an area where she felt more challenged. Knowing what a terrific science teacher she was I invited her on several occasions to come back to Okeechobee and share her special knowledge and joy with my Kindergarten classes and faculty. Her performance for my classes was like a Barnum and Bailey show. The children were always enthralled and the faculty could not believe how knowledgeable she was and how willing she was to share with us. Personally, I saw Diane once a year and we shared a conversation about our personal lives catching up on events and sharing memories. We laughed a lot during those sessions and the memories of those hours will now be cherished forever. I will always remember that kind, giving until there is no longer a need spirit, adventurous, joyous lady. Her memory will always light up my world!

Sharon Nipper - January 13, 2022 at 01:23 PM