



Ms. Diane M. Cummings

September 11, 1959 - April 10, 2025

Incredibly strong woman, beloved partner and best friend Diane M Cummings left this earth in the arms of her loved ones on April 10, 2025, after several years of failing health.

Diane was born in Pittsfield, MA September 11, 1959, to Gerald and Gloria (Calderone) Cummings and graduated from Lee High School.

On Memorial Day 1981, Diane and Bill went on their first date. What started as a spark became a fire that never faded. Bill owned several businesses and with Diane working by his side they gave Berkshire County The Five Chairs, North Lenox Car Wash and Lenox Trucking Inc. Diane and Bill lived on idyllic Yokum Pond in Becket where she gardened and shoveled snow. She loved their dachshunds, and playing Scrabble and Cribbage and Pitch with her mother and friends. Holiday dinners were always a feast and Diane's beautiful crafts adorn the necks, ears and wrists of all her friends and family.

Diane had a heart of gold, always there to lend a helping hand. She rescued her mother, flying her on a medical flight from Florida and took her in to care for her until her death. Diane was always there for me, steadfast and true, the best friend anyone could ever wish for. Please remember her as the joyful, caring and loving woman she was, and raise a glass of peach tea (with a splash of vanilla vodka) in her honor.

Thank you to her caregivers, especially Megan, Lisa, Ellen and Kathy. Diane leaves the love of her life, William A Vahle, Bill's family, including Will Vahle, her fiercest advocate and Cathy (David) Field of Naples FL, her best friend of

50 years.

"Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure" unknown

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 1 PM in St. Ann Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Ann's Cemetery

1 Ore Bed Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **23**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Diane, I am truly sad to hear about Diane's passing. We were best friends in grade school and although I never saw her that much after that when we did it was like we never skipped a beat. God bless you all during this difficult time. Her memories will remain in my heart forever. Cindy Giovine Corbitt

Cindy Giovine - April 26, 2025 at 10:04 AM

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“ Mike and Rhona Morawiec purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Ms. Diane M. Cummings.



Mike and Rhona Morawiec - April 22, 2025 at 03:44 PM

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“ Mike and Rhona Morawiec planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Diane M. Cummings.

Mike and Rhona Morawiec - April 22, 2025 at 03:44 PM

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“ Oh Diane! My partner in crime. My ride or die. The most loyal friend, at my side for the joyous times and the saddest days of my life. I will grieve for you all my days and dream of you my nights. Rest now, Tutu. I love you.

Cathy Field - April 21, 2025 at 08:07 AM

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“ Dear Diane you will be sorely missed by all your Yokum Pond friends and neighbors. All the years we spent floating on the lake, aqua jogging in wetsuits in May, and kayaking from early spring to late fall. Your laughter and love will stay in our hearts forever. Our deepest sympathies to Bill and family. Love, Chuck and Purr

Purr McEwen - April 20, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Ms. Diane M. Cummings.



April 19, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Diane M. Cummings.

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“ "Grief can't be shared. Everyone carries it alone; her own burden in her own way." "Grief is the price we pay for love." We sure had plenty of that. I guess starting in 5th grade all through high school and beyond we shared a great friendship. All the shenanigans will always be a part of me and your memory will live on. It was a great ride but yours was too short. Rest easy Dianta Metita God speed 💔

Kris Pollard - April 19, 2025 at 01:43 PM