



## Diane Kahnt

May 26, 1950 - July 30, 2025

Diane Kahnt, 75, of Kalkaska, passed away on Saturday, July 30, 2025 at Munson Hospital after an unexpected illness.

She was born May 26, 1950 in Ferndale, Michigan to the late Rosemary and James Hosteller. Diane was the oldest, followed by Karen (Gravelle), Patricia (Madurski) and Robert James (d).

She was married to Dennis Kahnt on October 19, 1968. They enjoyed 57 years together raising children and enjoying their lake time and vacationing in Florida.

Diane wore many hats – daughter, sister, cousin, friend, wife mother and Mimi. Those who knew her were welcomed with a quick smile and heartfelt laugh. Diane was a devoted friend who made an impact on many lives. She was blessed with two lifelong friends, Celeste and Pat, who will miss her greatly.

Diane enjoyed her time working in the Kalkaska public schools. First in the elementary school and later in the high school. She enjoyed the students she interacted with and loved seeing them after her retirement to catch up on their lives. Diane was a devoted Christian and was a member of the Northern Decolores Ministry.

She could often be found crafting and cross-stitching. She was a frequent visitor to the library as she was an avid reader. Diane loved all things sun, sand, rocks and beach. She “survived” winters in order to enjoy her trips to Lake Michigan and her deck overlooking the lake.

Diane loved her husband Dennis with her whole heart, and their marriage was an inspiration to many. She adored her children, Michelle and Dale, and always challenged them to be the best version of themselves. Diane was a Mimi to Hannah, Emma and Ian. It was guaranteed that the grandchildren would be spoiled, even when they were in college, grown and married. Her biggest impact can be seen in her legacy of family, love and traditions.

Diane is survived by her husband – Dennis, daughter and son-in-law Michelle and Scott Reynolds, grandchildren - Hannah (Clay) Rivera, Emma Reynolds and Ian Reynolds. Diane also leaves behind her sisters - Karen (Dave) Gravelle and Patricia (Bill) Madursski. Diane was preceded in death by her son Dale who we are certain was excited to see his mom.

A private service was held with a small group of family and friends at her home on the lake. All in attendance were happy to enjoy the sun, water, food and company that Diane was famous for providing at each social event.

We are asking in lieu of flowers, please donate to the St. Jude's Foundation.

The link is as follows: [https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?px=3985369&fr\\_id=154020&pg=personal](https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?px=3985369&fr_id=154020&pg=personal)

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Tribute Wall

BI

“ My heart breaks for Denny, Michelle and Scott, Hannah, Emma and Ian. Please find some comfort in knowing that Diane has reunited with her son and everyone's "Bud", our beloved Dale. Diane was the epitome of class, she carried herself with such grace and dignity. From her soft spokeness and quiet demeanor to even her elegant handwriting. She always had a calming presence and I always felt comfort just being in the same room as her. Diane and Tricia would spend hours on the phone several times a week. It never bothered me. In fact I was comforted knowing that Tricia was in her happy place, talking to her best friend. When the phone would ring and I would hear "call from Diane" I would holler out "we got a bingo!" To me Diane was way more than a sister-in-law, she was a good friend. Heaven has gained an angel and our world has lost a gem of a human being. It's been over 2 weeks since we've lost her and Tricia still cries every morning and after she goes to bed, I cry every night. Diane will be greatly missed but never forgotten and will always have a place in my heart.  
With all my love and sincerity, may God bless you.  
Bill

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Bill - August 16, 2025 at 12:17 PM

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“ I have often said that Diane saved my life in Junior High and High School. She was compass, sail and anchor. Just seeing her coming down the sidewalk to go to school made my day secure. Through all the trials of adolescence, she moved with such assurance. Teen angst never shook her belief in her value. Our friendship brought me the gift of her warm, close-knit family; a circle of love that Diane recreated with her own children. Nurturing and guiding was second nature to Diane. My children loved to visit Diane and Denny. Our memories of trips to Kalkaska are quintessential childhood. Denny was campfire and lake captain and Diane always had special treats and a craft to make. She only had to look into her own heart to know that of a child's. I feel like Diane did exactly what she was on this earth to do. She found her lifes' love. She created a shelter of her love where her children flourished. She made her home amidst nature where just breathing the air of the lake sustained her. And to all whom she touched, she gave unconditionally of her heart, her care and her wisdom. Immeasurable gifts, cherished and gratefully received.

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**Celeste Frawley** - August 13, 2025 at 01:28 PM

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“ Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Lynda Freet** - August 09, 2025 at 03:10 PM

DA

“ I'll always remember how warm and comforting her smile was. She was so incredibly sweet and thoughtful, and she cared so deeply for her family and those around her. Everytime I saw her she'd have a story to tell, or a gift to give, just because she came across something that made her think of me. She was so positive and joyful that spending time with her made me feel like I wanted to be the best version of myself possible. She'll be missed dearly.

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**David** - August 05, 2025 at 06:10 PM

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*I'd need to write a book to share the many ways you touched my life. 54 years of friendship. When you moved to Kaskaska, the miles never separated us. Hours and hours of phone calls. Many visits. We shared good times and difficult times together. We laughed and cried and PRAYED. I will miss you dearly my friend. Until we are together again... "OH...FOR THE LOVE..."*

*Pat* ❤️

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**Patricia A Nehra** - August 07, 2025 at 08:38 AM

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“*Diane was such a kind , caring individual who helped instill such great values in the children she worked with at KPS. My prayers & thoughts go to her family & friends at this time. Sharon Underhill*

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**Sharon** - August 05, 2025 at 04:39 PM