



## Dianne Kay Piepkow

July 4, 1948 - October 19, 2020

Dianne Piepkow, 72, of Olivet died unexpectedly on Monday, October 19, 2020 in Lansing, MI. Dianne was born on the Fourth of July in 1948 to Alton and Kathryn (Rogers) Hodgman in Charlotte. She graduated in 1966 from Olivet Community Schools, where she met her future husband Paul Piepkow. They were married in Olivet on June 17, 1967. They made their home on the family farm in Olivet where they raised their two daughters, Angela and Lori.

Dianne was a vibrant member of her community even though she worked full time for the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission for 40 years until her retirement in 2008 as a Department Analyst. She was an active member of Lee Center United Methodist Church, holding the position of Treasurer for the church for 40 years. In her personal time Dianne loved to trace her family's genealogy. She would always enjoy the challenge of discovering their connections with people throughout the country. Scrapbooking and photography were two of her creative hobbies. She loved capturing moments of everyday life and travel in photos and then arranging those in meaningful scrapbooks that told the story of her experiences. She and Paul enjoyed travel, most notably celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in Jamaica with their entire family. They travelled throughout the Caribbean and in Italy, where Dianne was known to fall behind as she photo documented the adventures. The gardens surrounding her home were also a source of pride as she would care for and enjoyed the many flowers and foliage that she nursed there. On the day before she was stricken and rushed to the hospital, she and Paul had planted new tulip bulbs that she looked forward to seeing sprout next spring. Her family will witness their growth next spring with bittersweet memories.

Many will remember Dianne as the rock of her family, and an amazing listener. She immediately became one's best friend upon meeting her. She always maintained a comforting warm home, and would welcome all visitors with her elegance and class. Her animated personality and stories will be cherished and missed by many. Above all, Dianne loved her family, especially her grandchildren who affectionately called her Mimi.

Dianne is survived by her husband Paul Piepkow, their two daughters Angela (Jesse) Worden of Mason, and Lori (Chris) Schrader of Charlotte; grandchildren, Payton, Baileigh, Kaycie, Christian "Buck" Schrader, and Alyssa and Conner Worden. She was predeceased by her parents, her sister Phyllis Collins, and her brother Roger Hodgman.

Friends are encouraged to support Dianne's family. Funeral services are at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 23, 2020, at Pray Funeral Home Gardens in Charlotte with Rev. Jim Gysel officiating. Visitation is Thursday, October 22, 4-8 PM in the funeral home. Mask, group capacity, and distancing guidelines will be practiced. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to <http://www.prayfuneral.com>, click on Dianne's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Just prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear on this page to watch the webcast.

If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Lee Center United Methodist Church. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Dianne on her Tribute Page at <http://www.PrayFuneral.com>. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery

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## Bosworth Cemetery

6933 South Stine Road  
Olivet, MI, 49076

# Events

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**OCT** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Pray Funeral Home

401 W. Seminary St., Charlotte, MI, US, 48813

**OCT** **Funeral Ceremony** 11:00AM

**23**

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Pray Funeral Home Gardens

401 W. Seminary St., Charlotte, MI, US, 48813

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 23, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ Thank you so much for this webcast. Dianne was one of my first dance students and I thought the world of her. May she rest in peace. Wilma Campbell

**Wilma Campbell** - October 23, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ It was such a beautiful service and tribute to Dianne's life! Continued prayers for comfort, strength and peace going out to Lori, Angie, Paul and the entire Piepkow family. God Bless you all!

**Heather Andreas-Kreiner** - October 23, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ Beautiful tribute from Chris to his mother in law. She will be missed by many she was a beautiful lady inside and out

**morris family** - October 23, 2020 at 03:52 PM

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 21, 2020 at 09:48 PM



“ So sorry for your loss . She was fun at all the games cheering the boys and girls on. She will be missed. Prayers coming your way hold on to the wonderful memories you have of her.

**Amy Morris** - October 22, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Love this

**Julie Symons** - October 22, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ Beautiful lady, she will be missed by many. An angel in heaven! Hold on to all the sweet memories

**Mary Fountain** - October 22, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I can tell she had a beautiful spirit -- one that will be greatly missed by those who knew her. My thoughts are with you.

**Scott Davis** - October 22, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ So sad to hear of Dianne's passing. Will always remember her wonderful laugh and beautiful smile!

**Diane Marquardt Porter** - October 23, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ What an honor and joy it was to have worked with Dianne and also have some hilarious social times together. She was such fun. What a beautiful, great friend. Heaven must be a little brighter with her there.

**Linda Gates** - October 23, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ I was so blessed to be a part of Dianne’s work family for many years. Her quick wit, humor and funny stories always brought a laugh and smile and we eagerly looked forward to hearing about her many adventures. What was most evident from Dianne was her true love and commitment to her family. She was most proud of them and their achievements. She was the wife, mom and mimi we should all strive to be. My heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to Paul, Angie, Lori and her precious grandchildren.

**Sharon Martin** - October 23, 2020 at 09:18 AM

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“ Paul, we were shocked and saddened to learn of Dianne's unexpected death. She was like a shiny star, and a light has gone out here on earth as she passed from this world to the next. Certainly, Earth's loss is Heaven's gain! Your love for Dianne that began well over 50 years ago will live in your heart and mind forever as well as through the lives of your children and grandchildren for years to come. Dianne brought much joy and beauty to all of your lives. May her treasured scrapbooks bring you comfort as you remember all the good times. We always enjoyed our visits with you and Dianne at class reunions over the years. She will be greatly missed. God bless you! Neal and Mickey Harris

**Mickey Harris** - October 22, 2020 at 10:51 PM



“ I was so heartbroken to just find out Dianne’s passing. We worked together for many years and she warmed all of our hearts with her her humor and kindness. I will always treasure the memories of her coming into my office and regaling me with fascinating discoveries about her ancestors. Even her dreams were intriguing. She was the sunlight outshining the shadows, the delightful gift in our midst, the glorious little blond with the biggest heart. My heart goes out to Paul, dear Lori, Angie, and her grandchildren, whom she dearly loved and included in her colorful stories. I shall always miss her. Godspeed and may her memory bring you comfort and peace.

**Nancy Bloch** - October 23, 2020 at 11:19 PM

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“ She was a great class mate. She will be missed.

**Neal Harris** - October 22, 2020 at 09:15 PM

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“ She was the kindest, happiest, and most beautiful member of the Olivet High School class of 1966, and those qualities continued throughout her life. There is just no way to say how much she will be missed.  
Brian

**Brian Campbell** - October 22, 2020 at 10:01 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dianne Kay Piepkow.



October 22, 2020 at 10:01 AM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Lori. My thoughts are with you. Amy Allen

**Amy Allen** - October 22, 2020 at 09:22 AM

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“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to Rev. Paul, Angie, and Lori. I was lucky to have had a chance to know Dianne's parents before I got to know her, which gave me an inside track as to why Dianne was who she was. There was never a dull moment when you got her wound up for fun. which didn't seem to take a lot of work. I will cherish the time I got to know her and have very fond memories. RIP Dianne, I'm sure the reunion at the pearly gates is still going on.

Aaron Maurer

**Aaron Maurer** - October 21, 2020 at 10:56 PM

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“ 58 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 21, 2020 at 09:45 PM

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“ Dianne's kindness was so evident. I have some great memories, including "disco dancing"! I hope that memory will bring a smile to the faces for all that were there. I do believe it was Dianne's idea for the family to learn to disco. She will be missed but always treasured.

Susie Jaquette

Susie Jaquette - October 21, 2020 at 07:27 PM

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“ From: MDHHS Communications Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dianne Kay Piepkow.



From: MDHHS Communications Team - October 21, 2020 at 05:39 PM

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“ We are so sorry to lose a wonderful friend and neighbor she definitely will be missed. Dianne. She had a great smile and was a gift to all who knew her. She lived life to the fullest for sure.

Esther Shrontz - October 21, 2020 at 01:46 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dianne Kay Piepkow.



October 21, 2020 at 12:14 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dianne Kay Piepkow.



October 21, 2020 at 12:11 PM

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“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dianne Kay Piepkow.



October 21, 2020 at 10:40 AM

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“ Aunt Judy and Family purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Dianne Kay Piepkow.



**Aunt Judy and Family** - October 21, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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Paul & family,

We are shocked and deeply saddened by Dianne's sudden passing. A lifetime together is never long enough with someone you love deeply. Cherish the memories that will keep her close to you always. I have fond memories of Dianne, fun to be around....quick with a smile and a laugh. May God bless you and your family and bring you strength and courage as you cope with this profound loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Craig & Glee (Bradley) Gates

**Glee Gates** - October 21, 2020 at 05:45 AM

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Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dianne Kay Piepkow.



October 21, 2020 at 01:52 AM

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Jody and Kent Laubhan purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Dianne Kay Piepkow.



**Jody and Kent Laubhan** - October 20, 2020 at 08:18 PM

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“ Aunt Dianne,  
I will miss you so much. I will always remember your smile your laugh and you're funny ways. people always gathered around to listen to you talk you are just that type of a person. I have many memories of you and us. from the time I was a little girl and come spend the night with you and you wanted to teach me how to decorate cakes but I wanted to go to the barn with uncle Paul. lol . To you having a great time at my daughters wedding. lol  
to our talks over the phone I will deeply deeply miss that.  
I Love you forever!



**Janine Dicus** - October 20, 2020 at 07:56 PM

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“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dianne Kay Piepkow.



October 20, 2020 at 07:45 PM

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“ Mickey and Sue Collins and Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dianne Kay Piepkow.



**Mickey and Sue Collins and Family** - October 20, 2020 at 07:30 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to you, Paul and your family on the loss of your beloved life partner, Dianne. I will remember her best for her quick smile and eyes that sparkled when she laughed. I remember fondly Dianne was always invited to our birthday parties as kids since we were "neighbors". I still have group photos and old home movies of her celebrating with us.  
May God's love and the love of all your family and friends comfort you and give you strength to deal with your profound sorrow.

**Gay Bradley Cash** - October 20, 2020 at 06:18 PM

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“ So sorry for the family's loss of such a neat lady. You haven't enjoyed life until you heard Diane tell a story. Luckily she never had to tell one with her hands tied.

**Walter R. Keck** - October 20, 2020 at 05:55 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dianne Kay Piepkow.



October 20, 2020 at 05:49 PM

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“ With heartfelt condolences in your time of sorrow. Dianne will always be with us in the lessons she gave through her wonderful stories, the life she shared, and the laughter and love she showed. May all your beautiful memories of Dianne comfort you. Peace, prayers, and blessings to Paul Lori, Angie, and your families.

**Julie Wendt** - October 20, 2020 at 05:42 PM



“ So sorry to here this. She was such a special wonderful person. Our prayers are with all her family.

**John and Barbsra Henry** - October 20, 2020 at 07:11 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dianne Kay Piepkow.



October 20, 2020 at 04:59 PM

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“ To Paul and Family,

So sorry for your loss. May God keep you all in his hands and dry your tears during this time.

Shirley & Butch Saunders

**Shirley Saunders** - October 20, 2020 at 04:56 PM

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“ I don't think Dianne ever met a stranger; she made friends wherever she went and there was always laughter involved with her adventures. The world and those of us who were fortunate enough to know you, will miss your spirit. You and Paul created such a beautiful life with your girls. My love and sympathy to Paul, Angie and Lori and family.

**Coral Fish** - October 20, 2020 at 04:04 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dianne Kay Piepkow.



October 20, 2020 at 03:52 PM

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“ Words cannot begin to express my deep sadness and disbelief that's I've lost such a wonderful friend of 40 plus years. The day we met at Liquor Control we clicked and we were friends for life, inside and outside of work. She called some weeks ago, we talked for our usual 3 hours until our phones gave out. To think I'll never hear her voice and stories again breaks my heart and brings tears. She was so very special. My prayers go out to Paul, Lori, Angie and family.

**Audie Cassel** - October 20, 2020 at 03:07 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy, love and prayers for Paul, Angie, Lori and their families. Dianne was a strong, courageous, loving and beautiful woman - dedicated to her family and whatever she committed to. Although a bright, sparkling light has gone out for us, others are rejoicing and welcoming her home. God is walking with you, Dianne. Deb Moore and daughters, Kelly and Leigh.

**Deb Moore** - October 20, 2020 at 02:32 PM