



## Dorian Baker Mickey Hawkins

February 17, 1953 - April 27, 2020

Dorian Baker Mickey Hawkins, a woman with a big heart who loved to make others laugh, died Monday April 27, 2020 in Charlotte, MI at the age of 67. Born February 17, 1953 in Manhattan to Ralph Edward and J. Gigi (Luciano) Mickey, Dorian grew up in the cities of Passaic and Nutley, New Jersey. After high school she attended Drew University in Madison, NJ where she met her husband, Daniel Hawkins, and graduated with a degree in Political Science. They moved several times following Daniel's employment, ending up in Grand Ledge, Michigan for several years. Dorian moved to Charlotte after their divorce to be closer to her work with CASA for Kids of Eaton County.

Dorian will be remembered by many as a great conversationalist. Her speech was often peppered with Yiddish words and phrases she learned as a child from neighbors and school friends in New Jersey. Friends, family and coworkers loved her ability to tell a story. Whether it was about something that had happened long ago, or something she learned through her interest in current events and varied cultures, or an idea she had read about, her stories were always entertaining and often coaxed a smile or laughter from others.

Always sensitive to others, she volunteered for many non-profits including: United Way, WIC, and local hospitals in the various communities she lived over the years. She had such a generous heart, and gave all she had in her position as the Volunteer Coordinator for Court Appointed Special Advocates

(CASA) for Kids of Eaton and Barry Counties. Dorian's service to her community also extended to helping as a campaign volunteer for Judge Rosemarie Aquilina in Lansing.

Museums were one of her favorite places to visit, especially the Smithsonian in Washington DC, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Natural History Museum in New York City. Dorian's family and friends will remember her for her wonderful smile that she shared with everyone. Her daughter, Julia, fondly remembers how Dorian loved to make her own bows for gifts they would wrap together leading up to Christmas.

Dorian is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Julia Hawkins and Paulo Arruda of Warwick, Bermuda; her brother, Douglas Mickey of Georgia; and her aunt, Joan (Mickey) Mohan of New Jersey.

A family memorial service will be held in New Jersey at a date to be determined. Please support the family by leaving your condolences and memories of Dorian on her Tribute Page found at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ It is with great sadness i see that Dorian has passed. I knew her from singing together in Sing Out Nutley,when we were in high school. She was always a bright light and cheerful soul, providing both light and cheer to those around her. I am sure the lives of those she touched also found her to be that way. She was an example of how to do good while we are here.

*Michael Jaworek*

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**Michael Jaworek** - May 27, 2020 at 02:57 PM

JR

“ I am saddened by the news of Dorian passing. She was truly one of a kind and an advocate for all who had no voice. Rest easy dear friend! Thinking of you Julia and family.

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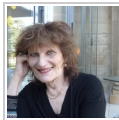
**Joni Risner** - April 30, 2020 at 12:04 PM

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*May she sleep in sweet peace I am blessed to have met her she was a joy to sit and talk with. Our love to you Julia and family.*

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**leisha Tucker -Minors And family** - May 07, 2020 at 11:04 AM



*As an older cousin, and an expat, I knew the adult Dorian very little - we met with our families once in Paris - but it was a pleasure to follow her doings and sayings in the lengthy chronicles she sent to family and friends for a number of years. Always alert, always blessed with a gift for self expression and description, always open to the charm of the quirky side of things, Dorian was an original and sprightly literary presence in the extended family circle. Her beloved daughter Julia is a living tribute to Dorian's life. May her memory be a blessing.*

*Trudy Hoffmann (my mother was Anna Luciano, older sister of Gigi Luciano, Dorian's mother)*

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**Trudy Bolter** - August 07, 2021 at 04:51 AM

JD

*Dorian was the most adorable little child. Ten years younger, she was the first toddler I got to take care of. Our aunt Gigi (Dorian's wonderful mother) would ask me to babysit while she was working with her sister (our mother Anna Hoffmann) in the office of the Hoffmann School. Dorian was smart and sweet and had a magic about her which is why I think we called her Poofie-a nickname she understandably lost as she got older. What my sister wrote above is spot on-Dorian's love of writing, sharing, and joyful energy is what we will remember. She maintained a childlike sense of wonder about the world even as she assumed such mature responsibility for others. My family sends loving wishes of condolence to Julia. I am sure your mother's imprint on your spirit and vision is a source of comfort and joyfulness. Jessica Hoffmann Davis*

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**Jessica Davis** - August 07, 2021 at 09:17 AM