



Diana Kolakowski

August 28, 1943 - June 30, 2009

Diana Kolakowski passed away on June 30, 2009 at St. John Oakland Macomb Hospital Macomb Campus at age 65. She was born August 28, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Leo and Genevieve Zyskowski. Beloved wife of the late William Jr. Dear mother of William III (Jodi) Kolakowski and John (Jill) Kolakowski. Dear grandmother of Michael, Emma, Lily, Jane, and Graham. Dear sister of Susan (Michael) Hein. Also survived by many loving friends, cousins and other extended family members.

Diana was a 1965 University of Detroit graduate with a B.S. in chemistry. Her life time career history included being a research chemist at Detroit Institute of Cancer Research & Michigan Cancer Foundation, Substitute Teacher for Warren Consolidated and Utica School Districts, and was the Macomb County Commissioner from 1983-2006 (She was the first female chairman of the Board) and the Economic Development Director for the City of Warren. She was a lector and a member of the choir at St. Anne Church, member of Warren Community Chorus and served on many different community boards and organizations.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anne
32000 Mound Road
Warren, Mi

Tribute Wall



“ We are sharing in your grief at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

John and Cyndi Villella##imported-begin##John & Cynthia
Villella##imported-end##

July 17, 2009 at 04:35 PM



“ To the family of Diana Kolakowski, I want to extend my deepest and heartfelt condolences to you. I am an employee of the Macomb County Planning & Economic Development Dept. I had the pleasure of meeting Diana while she was a Macomb County Commissioner, but got to know her better when she was a committee member of Focus Macomb. I also attended meetings and joint visits to companies with Diana, and she was a true and dedicated public servant. Very smart, and to the point, always had the communities best interest in mind. I will miss working with Diana and my prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Lauren Royston##imported-end##

July 07, 2009 at 10:32 AM



“ I could not be there for Diana and I will be always so sorry I was not able to say a final goodbye. My son got married in Chicago on July 4th. I was a member of the book club and a neighbor. She will always be remembered by her friends as a real inspiration to others We loved you Diana.

love, Ginger##imported-begin##Ginger McAvoy##imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 11:08 PM



“ Dear Kolakowski Family: My deepest sympathy on the passing of your mother and grandmother. I am one of your mom's many cousins. During the time I knew Diana she always had a smile and was genuinely interested in how we were doing. She will be missed. Always keep the good times in your hearts!##imported-begin##Kathy Korreck##imported-end##

July 04, 2009 at 09:31 AM



“ It was my privilege to attend De La Salle with Diana's son, John. To me, the name "Kolakowski" has always signified all-around excellence. It's clear that Diana was a strong foundation and shining example to her sons. My thoughts and prayers are with John, Bill, and their families.##imported-begin##Andrew Knechtl##imported-end##

July 04, 2009 at 08:41 AM



“ I have known Diana since her son, John, and our daughter, Sheryl, were in the first grade at St. Anne. Diana was a woman her sons should be so proud of. She was not only a caring and a smart woman, she was, without a doubt, a truly honest woman. Whenever I did run into Diana, you knew she was genuinely glad to see you. I guess when you're a St. Anne mom, you make friends for life. It was a privilege to know Diana and her passing is a tremendous loss to everyone who knew her. God's blessing to her sons and their families.##imported-begin##Pamela & Robert Burns##imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 11:12 PM



“ With deepest sympathy we express our condolences to the family and friends of this beloved woman, Diana.##imported-begin##Derek and Katy Peters##imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 06:18 PM



“ Dear Kolakowski family, I am so sorry for the loss of your dear loved one, Diana. At such a time it is encouraging to have the loving support of family members and close friends. It is also very comforting to turn to "...the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulations." His son Jesus Christ said at JOHN 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me even though he dies will come to life." I hope that these few Scriptural verses will bring you some measure of solace at this very difficult time. For more comfort from the Scriptures please feel free to visit our website at www.watchtower.org, With warm sympathy, Celia##imported-begin##Celia J. Russell##imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 04:13 PM



“ Bill, John: It is with sadness that I have learned of the passing of your Mother. My family and I extend our deepest condolences to you and yours.##imported-begin##John J. LoPorto##imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 07:16 AM



“ To the Kolakowski family:

I'm so sorry for your loss but, more than that, I wanted to share with you a few of my comments about Diana.

I am a reporter for The Macomb Daily and I have covered the county board for 24 years. I can say, immodestly, that I know more about the recent history of the county board than virtually anyone alive.

What I wanted to tell you is that, in all that time, among all the hundreds (literaly) of commissioners I have covered as a journalist - day in, and day out -- Diana was the best commissioner I have ever experienced.

She was smart, unpretentious and productive -- a rarity in politics. Diana always did her homework, asked smart questions and provided quality suggestions. She was an ideal public servant who, inconveniently, had to endure many hard-fought re-election campaigns in order to continue her service to the county.

Unfortunately, there are not many people left who remember her value to the county board. Those of us who do know that she will always stand out in the history of Macomb County.

God bless you all,

Chad Selweski###imported-begin##Chad Selweski###imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 03:17 PM



“ *Dear John and Family,
It looks like Diana had a very active life with the research and teaching that she did as well as activities at church. I will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Judy##imported-begin##Judy Parker##imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 03:12 PM



“ *Dear John and Jill
The thoughts and prayers of my family are with you and your family at this very difficult time.*

May the Lord send you peace and comfort.##imported-begin##Mia Queen & Family##imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 12:39 PM



“ *Bill and John,*

Our family sends our sympathy and sadness with the loss of your Mother. We moved from Sterling Hgts, 12 years ago, but never forget the friends we knew through St. Annes school and church. The soccer games, baseballs, games and the Festival each year, the memories still come back. I was proud to work with your Mother on so many things through the two schools, and the church. My heart always will have warmth and love for St. Anne.

God be with you through this time, and our prayers are with you also.

*Love and peace through Jesus,
Mel, Mary Jo, Noelle Powell, and Darrin Ulfing##imported-
begin##Mel and Mary Jo Ulfing##imported-end##*

July 02, 2009 at 11:25 AM



“ *Dear Jerry. May the memories of your Dad live forever in your heart. You have my sincere condolences.*

PS. I was the dispatcher at IBM Southfield with the Scottish/English accent!##imported-begin##Anne##imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 09:51 AM



“ *To Diana's family... You don't know me. I am a parishioner at St. Anne's. Although, I didn't know her personally, I knew of her through her being a lector at the 5 o'clock mass. She always had a smile. She will be missed at St. Annes. I am sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Suzanne Pawlowski##imported-end##*

July 02, 2009 at 08:57 AM



“ Please accept my deepest and heartfelt sympathy on your mother's passing. I have known her for many years while I was a parishioner at St. Anne. We were involved in many school activities together and she was a great support to me when my husband passed away. She is now at peace in the arms of our Lord. Rest in peace, Diana.##imported-begin##Diane Wezner##imported-end##

July 01, 2009 at 10:41 PM



“ It is with much sadness that we hear of a dear cousin's passing. In our extended Bos' family, you were always a star. I think it is true that the good die too young. You were a sweet, loving person. You came into this world and left it a better place. Your devotion to your family and your many contributions to your community will be remembered and admired by all of us.##imported-begin##Laura Bosh Wrathall##imported-end##

July 01, 2009 at 07:27 PM



“ Our hearts are filled with sadness by your sudden loss. You were a blessing to our families (Kolakowski/Holdinski) clan and we always enjoyed your presence. A gentle lady with so much to give to everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill, John and their families as well as with sister Sue and hers. God rest your soul with Cousin Bill, Cousin Dorothy, Aunt Sophie, and Uncle Bill.##imported-begin##Mary Ann Chadwick##imported-end##

July 01, 2009 at 04:11 PM



“ *There are no right words to describe our sadness. So sudden, too soon. We love you Diana. We'll miss you dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with your boys, their wives, your grandchildren, Sue and Mike and their kids.*

Love Always,

Cousin Terri (Zyskowski)

xo###imported-begin##Terri Zyskowski###imported-end##

July 01, 2009 at 01:49 PM