



## Diane Mary Lewis

August 2, 1950 - August 4, 2022

Diane Mary Hewitt Lewis, 72, of Lynch Station died Thursday, August 4, 2022 at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the wife of Richard Heath Lewis, Sr. for 49 years.

She was born August 2, 1950 in Saint Paul, Minnesota, a daughter of the late Donald Fairbanks Hewitt and Bette Jean Hetfield Hewitt.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, R. Heath Lewis, Jr. and his wife, Sarah of Lynch Station and Jason Fairbanks Lewis; One grandson Kalen Fairbanks Lewis; one brother, Thomas Charles Hewitt and his wife, Cheryl of Arizona; and two sisters, Mary Ann Grafton and her husband, Larry of Lynch Station and Judy Marie Cofone of West Virginia; and Numerous Nieces, Nephews.

Diane's greatest joy was when she moved to Virginia this last year to be with her sisters and their families. She so looked forward to seeing them all as often as she could and made sure every one of the kids got a Special Birthday Card with her signature Two Dollar Bill for good luck. Diane was so excited about building a new home with her husband Rick on Leesville Lake. She called it her "Dream Home" because her dream of living on a lake was finally coming true after 50 years.

We are all blessed with such wonderful memories of our Diane / Dizzer ...  
Memories that will feed us and nourish us, reminding us continually of God's  
Great love ... For that is what Diane would want ... Above all she loved God,  
above all she spoke God, above all she wanted others to know the love of  
Christ ... And it's because of this deep love that she had for our Lord and  
Savior that she was able to love beyond measure ... And we all are recipients  
of her gentle and loving way ...

Grief never ends ... But it changes  
It's a passage ... Not a place to stay  
Grief is not a sign of weakness  
Nor a lack of faith  
It is the price of Love

Love You BabyGirl

Diane so loved her church and Pastor Bobby ... If you would like to Honor  
Diane we request that you make a donation to New Beginnings Baptist  
Church, 1874 Lynch Mill Rd., Altavista, Va. 24571

Diane was cremated and there will be a private family "Celebration of Life"  
sometime in the coming months.

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of  
arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ Sweet Diane I was blessed to know you and call friend. We shared many good times together with our husbands. Dinners, dancing, talking just having pure joy fun. I was so sad when they told us they were moving to the mainland. My sincere condolences to Rick and the family she will be dearly missed. May she rest in love.

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**Liz Morales May** - September 07, 2022 at 11:37 AM

CS

“ Praise the Lord for bringing Dizzer (although I loved to call her Di) to our community and to our women's Bible Study. Her joy and love for the Lord overflowed, and her knowledge of scripture was valuable. It was easy to see that she was a sister to Mary Ann who has that same joy. Even though we knew each other for such a short time, I was blessed by her big hugs and laughter. Praying for Rick and the rest of the family that they will be comforted by the knowledge that she is in Heaven rejoicing with the rest of the saints.

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**Carol Skeen** - August 18, 2022 at 07:20 AM

MG

“ So grateful for my sister, Dizzer. She was my birthday present when I was two and she was the gift that kept on giving. She led me to Jesus my Sweet Jesus when I was I was twenty three. The greatest gift of all, knowing Jesus. She told me several times that she never felt closer to her Savior than she did as she battled cancer. Her race is won her battle over and she is with Jesus, who she has walked with since she was five. So loved being your big sister. Love you Di!!!

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**Mary Ann Grafton** - August 17, 2022 at 07:09 AM

TB

*Diane, you were such an inspiration to all of us and your love for Jesus so contagious. Looking forward to seeing you when "we all get to heaven." Hugs and prayers to your husband and others of your family left behind. What a joy you are and I know that heaven is a brighter place because of you @*

**Teresa A Brodek** - October 15, 2022 at 01:33 PM

CC

“ *Our sovereign God has taken DIANNE home to heaven. I miss her and keep her texts on my phone. We taught Bible study together and met when our kids were small. She was a great cook. She made the best key lime pie ever. She loved lunch on edgewater deck: pecan crusted chicken salad with extra dressing. Love Chris*

**Chris Crossingham** - August 16, 2022 at 10:32 PM

KL

“ *I met Dizzer almost a year ago when she and Rick moved to Virginia to be near her sister and my dear friend Mary Ann. Getting to know Dizzer was easy. She was open and warm and loving. She shared easily about her close relationship with the Lord and I loved being able to pray with her. She handled her illness with grace and hope and trusted God for the outcome. We wish the outcome would have been different but rejoice that she is out of pain and with her Savior. Rick and family, we love you and are praying for you!*

**kathy Lanata** - August 16, 2022 at 07:13 PM

TT

“ Our Sweet Dizzer. It's not surprising that we met thru our love of Jesus, just a little surprising that we became such good friends so quickly. I was in awe of your color coded bible and your scriptural knowledge. 🙏 Then we became friends outside of bible study and I taught you to play mahjong. There's something significant that you used to do with discarded like tile. You put like tiles together, I guess so they wouldn't be lonely. 😊 After you moved from Prescott we occasionally do that as well and always mention you. Now we will do so in your memory. I feel like your work on this earth wasn't finished. Maybe that's to be our incentive to continue your good works. Much love to your family. ❤️ Tylene and Marty Trout

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**Tylene Trout** - August 16, 2022 at 05:46 PM

CC

“ God's appointed time for Dianne was not expected. God is sovereign and in control. I have not erased any texts from her; I miss her. Comforting to know she is in the arms of JESUS! I'd say Dianne was a foodie. She made the best piece of key lim pie I ever ate. She loved Idaho summer on the deck: order was "pecan crusted chicken salad WITH extra dressing !!! Sending love Chris

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**Chris Crossingham** - August 16, 2022 at 05:05 PM

DG

“ You are well loved Auntie Dizzer, and you loved well! You trusted in Jesus, now we trust we will be reunited through Him. I miss you, we miss you — your wit and smile, your hugs and gentle kindness to the kiddos. You made each of us feel special... loved. We pray for peace, comfort, healing, and hope where hearts ache without you.

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**David Grafton** - August 16, 2022 at 04:07 PM

KG

*Miss you aunt Dizzer! So thankful for the past year with you! You gave the best hugs and always made us feel special! I love you!*

**Keli Grafton** - August 16, 2022 at 04:15 PM

SD

*I was fortunate enough to live live next door to Diane while she and Rick lived in Arizona and we very quickly became friends. I had just lost my mom and Diane was like a surrogate for me! We enjoyed going to lunch together or just visiting and chatting. Our mutual love for our God was a frequent topic of conversation. She always made me feel so special, her gentleness and optimism lifted me. In Diane's last weeks we spoke through text and I informed her that I, too was fighting cancer and receiving extensive treatment. She checked in on me often and we shared some prayer and loving words. Never once did she complain or question why she was going through this illness. She just assured me that we needed to trust in Jesus and ask for healing. I prayed for her many times each day and I know she did the same for me.*

*I missed her after she and Rick moved to Virginia, but I knew she was where she wanted to be. She was so excited for that move to be close to her beloved family! Now I will miss her until I see her again in Heaven!*

*Thank you Diane for being YOU! You will never be forgotten. I love you*

**Shawn Draper** - August 16, 2022 at 10:41 PM

BB

*“ Diane was such a special person. When she would come into the church she was always smiling even when she didn't feel good. She had such a sweet spirit and she showed it. I was honored to be her Pastor even though it was for a short period. We as a church miss her so much!! One day we will unite again, never to say goodbye again! Please continue to pray for her dear family each day!! Diane, we love you!! Pastor Bobby, New Beginnings Baptist Church.*



**Bobby Brumfield** - August 16, 2022 at 02:47 PM

LL

*Diane you will be missed by your whole church family. Praying for the family at this time. God gained another angel. Linda Langford*

**Linda Langford** - August 16, 2022 at 03:18 PM

MG

*Love you always my sweet Aunt Di.*

**Michael Grafton** - August 16, 2022 at 03:53 PM

CB

*Diane was such a kind and loving friend. She always focused on the saving grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I know she is now home with all the love, joy and comfort of our Lord. I will surely miss Diane as I know all her family will as well. She is and will always be loved.*

**Ciindy Brannan** - August 16, 2022 at 05:07 PM

JL

*Dizzer love you dearly and your love of life and God shined through you always! You will be missed but grateful that we will meet in heaven someday!*

**Janis Lewis sister in law** - August 16, 2022 at 08:53 PM

CH

*Diane you will be sadly missed by the whole church. But you are in God's loving presence now. Carol Haskins*

**Carol Haskins** - August 17, 2022 at 07:25 AM