



Diane Marcil

April 16, 1937 - December 9, 2023

Slingerlands - Diane Marcil, 86, died on Saturday, December 9, 2023, after a brief illness. Born on April 16, 1937, in Lowell, MA to William and Helene Crowther, she moved with her family to Waterford, NY when she was a young child and remained in the Capital District through most of her life.

Diane graduated from Catholic Central High School and Russell Sage College, and taught physical education for nearly 20 years at Bishop Scully High School in Amsterdam, NY and, after its closing, at Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons High School in Schenectady, NY until she retired.

Diane married her beloved husband, Edward A. Marcil in 1960. They moved briefly to Melrose, MA and then to Amsterdam, NY in 1962, where they raised their children and made life-long friends. Both Diane and Ed were teachers, and their marriage was marked by a deep love and friendship, much laughter and celebration, and daily tennis games during the summer months. They enjoyed many happy years until Ed's death in 2008.

In 2010, Diane moved to Slingerlands to live closer to her daughter. Diane was always curious and loved learning - from math and science to art and architecture to politics and poetry; her interests were vast. Her deep and seeking faith was central to her life and she was actively engaged in reading, reflection and discussion about theological and religious diversity. She studied

theology twice at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA and spent a spring semester at An Tairseach in Wicklow, Ireland. She traveled extensively throughout the United States and in Europe with groups led by Fr. Richard Rohr and Bro. Mickey McGrath. During her travels, she made and sustained friendships with people all over the world.

At home, she served as an Eucharistic Minister in her home parishes. She was a former member of the Diocesan Commission for Peace and Justice and worked extensively on many social issues. Close to heart were issues of food insecurity. She was instrumental in developing a summer food program for children in Amsterdam and worked at food pantries in Amsterdam and Albany.

Diane was predeceased by her parents; her brothers and sisters-in-law: William Dooley, Robert Dooley (Barbara) and Dr. Daniel Crowther (Elaine); her sister and brother-in-law, Patricia (Charles) Liotta; her brother-in-law, Richard Marcil; and her niece, Kelley Crowther Durkee.

She is survived by her children: Ellen (Laura Barry), Chris (Julia Johnson), and Peter (Suzi Hindin Marcil); her grandchildren: William, Coco (Dan Packer), Charlotte, Theo, and Tessa; her sisters-in-law: Sheila Marcil and Sandy Ries; her sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Jerry Fryling; her nieces and their families, Lynne, Kathy, Carol, Barbara, Jackie, Candy, Heather, Beth, Wendy and Meg; her nephews and their families, Dan and John. She is also survived by many dear and loving friends.

We will all remember her for her warmth, kind and gentle manner, her wisdom and strong wit, her creativity, and her unabashed joie de vivre. Even during her recent health issues, she persevered with hope and cheer, always looking forward to another day. We will work to carry on all we have learned through her example and our relationships to her.

Diane's family expresses deep gratitude to all her medical providers and, most especially to the staff at St. Peter's Hospital, who provided much compassionate care during her recent hospital stay.

A memorial celebration is being planned for some time in the New Year. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Food Pantries of the Capital District, 32 Essex Street, Albany, NY 12206, or at thefoodpantries.org

To leave Diane's family a message on their guestbook, please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

PF

“ Dear Chris, Ellen, and Peter,

I am very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My heartfelt condolences to you all. The memory of Diane's warmth, generosity, and kindness will stay with me.

Paul Fabozzi

Paul Fabozzi - January 04, 2024 at 09:17 AM

JG

“ Chris, Ellen and Peter: I am so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. She was a wonderful friend, ally and colleague. My mass today will be for Diane.

*With sympathy,
+Jonathan Gray*

JONATHAN E GRAY - December 17, 2023 at 07:57 AM

PM

“ May the peace and strength of Jesus comfort you at this time of grief. My deepest sympathies to all.

Peter Marotta - December 16, 2023 at 07:57 PM

DC

“ I remember Mrs. Marcil fondly as my physical education teacher at Scully. Prayers to you at this difficult time

Denise Donohue Cook - December 16, 2023 at 12:03 PM

KM

“ *Ellen, Chris, and Peter...I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing, she was such an influential person in my life, I will be forever grateful, sincerely, Kelli Martin*

Kelli A Martin - December 16, 2023 at 11:24 AM

JT

“ *Ellen, Chris and Peter,
So sorry to hear of your mother's passing.
I have many fond memories of your parents from all the celebrations. In particular, your mother and I shared a few giggles at one of the more recent gatherings.
Condolences to the entire family.
God Bless.
Jim Toomey*

Jim Toomey - December 14, 2023 at 02:51 PM