

Catherine "Diane" Wassmann

March 19, 1932 - January 30, 2018

Catherine "Diane" Wassmann passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 30, 2018. Born in Stockton, CA, in 1932 she was a resident of Benicia for most of her life. After high school, she joined the Dominican Sister's in San Rafael for about 4 years before leaving. Diane obtained a Master's Degree from Holy Names College and became a school teacher. She taught in Emeryville for several years before marrying Harold Wassmann, her beloved husband of 53 years. She worked as a stay-at-home mom for many years while her children were young. A loving mother and grandmother, Diane approached everything in life with love, compassion, and generosity. Diane was very active in the community. She shared her passion for reading at children's story hour when the library was still on East G Street, and taught music at St. Dominic's School. She was a teacher at Robert Semple School for many years, where students and parents appreciated her work in the classroom. In her retirement years, she volunteered her time for Friends of the Library and Families in Transition.

Diane is survived by her brother Douglas Johnston, of McKinney, TX, son Greg Wassmann (David Gray) of San Jose, CA, daughter Catherine Joyner (Scott) of Helena, MT, and granddaughter Hannah Dreesbach of Helena, MT. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Wassmann. She will always be our beloved mother and grandmother and is dearly missed.

A vigil will be held at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel on Sunday, March 4, at 7 PM. A funeral mass will be held at St. Dominic's church on Monday, March 5,

at 10:00a.m. followed by interment at St. Dominic's Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Camel Barn Museum

Previous Events

Vigil

MAR 4. 7:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel
901 W Second Street
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 745-3130
info@passalacquafuneralchapel.com
<https://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Dominic's Church
475 East I Street
Benicia, CA

Tribute Wall



“ Catherine "Diane" Wassmann

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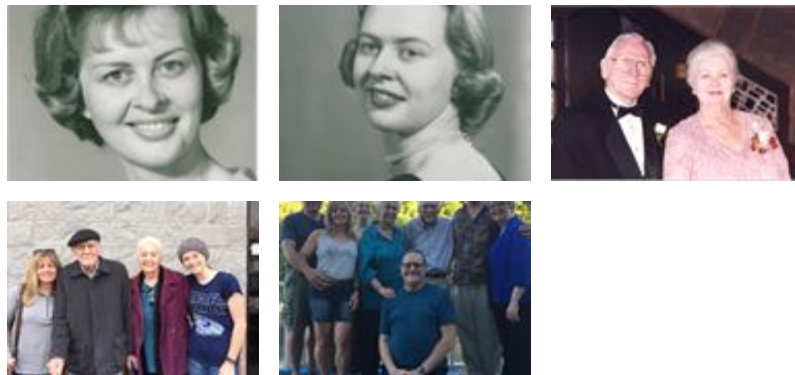


“ Diane was such a beautiful person inside and out. I loved our discussions about education, politics, Benicia, Bunco, Cache Creek, history, religion, grammar, treatment of people, etc. Diane's acceptance of all people, her willingness to help others, her humor, her love for her family and Benicia will all be missed. Her absolute joy of Catherine finding her "family" and that family now being part of the Wassmann family and what all had in common was delightful to hear about. Hopefully Hannah will remember all of the stories and the great love your Grandparents had for you. Greg and David...she was so proud of you. I love you Diane and I will truly miss you. Thanks for the years of friendship, mentoring, and humor.

Sue Kinder - March 04, 2018 at 03:18 PM



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Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - March 04, 2018 at 01:38 PM

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“ *Diane was such a wonderful lady and the wife of a man I admired and worked with at the museum. When I made my weekly visits to their home, Diane would sometimes be talking on the phone to Catherine or Greg. After the call, she would talk about their son and daughter and their spouses with such pride and happiness. She was blessed with a wonderful husband and children who loved her. Diane took care of Harry and Harry took care of Diane. I miss going to their beautiful historic home and chatting about everything under the sun. The photo attached is at Harry's*

Beverly Phelan

Beverly Phelan - March 03, 2018 at 03:10 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Catherine "Diane" Wassmann.*



March 02, 2018 at 04:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine "Diane" Wassmann.*



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“ Catherine was so kind and loving. She was in a class all by herself. We will miss her and her caring ways. She was truly a blessing to us all. Sincerely, Kate McNamara and Larry Fullington

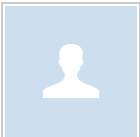
Kate McNamara - February 26, 2018 at 08:57 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Catherine "Diane" Wassmann.



February 25, 2018 at 10:47 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Catherine "Diane" Wassmann.



February 25, 2018 at 10:44 PM

CJ

“ We love you and miss you Mama. The pain of no longer having you and dad in my life is fierce. I take comfort in knowing that you are together with Auntie Cats and Uncle Paul, Jim, Merilee, and all the others who went before you. Thank you for teaching me how to believe and that God is always at my side. These are valuable things that I have carried with me through my life. I think you are an angel watching over me now... you and dad both! I miss you both so much!

Love now and forever,

Catherine

Catherine Joyner - February 25, 2018 at 10:39 PM

ME

“ It is too soon after losing Harry to say farewell to Diane. They were always "together" in their love for Benicia, its history and its people and friends of all forever. This is a big loss to the community. To her family we send our loving thoughts and prayers and hope your very special memories will see you through the sad moments to come. Together we all rejoice that they are once again reunited and no doubt with the many loved ones and friends that they lost. What a happy reunion that must be!

Marie Earp

MARIE EARP - February 25, 2018 at 04:13 PM