



Diane Chase

January 3, 1948 - May 7, 2022

Diane Marie Chase, 74, of Vancouver, Washington, peacefully passed away on May 7, 2022, in her home surrounded by her family. She was born in La Jolla, California, on January 3, 1948 to Appollonia (née Leckteig) and Leonard Chase.

Diane is survived by her husband of 47 years, Arthur Chase; her sons Daniel (Rebecca), Matthew (Kathryn), and Luke (Amanda) Chase; grandchildren Madeline, Lilah, Samuel, Chloe, Carter, Claire, Wyatt, and Levi; brother Paul Chase (Mary Angerman); sister-in-law Phyllis Robertson (Terry) and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Appollonia, and brothers Leonard Chase and Charles Chase.

Many of Diane's childhood memories were from the time her family lived in Austin, Minnesota. She enjoyed the snow, building ice forts with her brothers and ice skating at the neighborhood rink. She's always loved being surrounded by family. In 1960, her family relocated to Portland, Oregon, to pursue job opportunities for her father. Diane graduated from Grant High School in 1966, after which she attended Western Washington University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education with a major in Math. She was hired as an 8th grade Math teacher in Stanwood, Washington, where she taught for two years before relocating to Vancouver to

be near her family.

When Diane, then Miss Chase, began teaching math in Evergreen School District in 1973, she shared a classroom with Mr. Arthur Chase. They began dating that very night and were instantly inseparable. They were married on June 15, 1974, and a few years later they built their house on ten acres where they would raise their three boys and enjoy living for the rest of their lives. When she was a little girl, she didn't want to get married because she didn't want to change her name. She loved that each of her names had five letters in them and sounded perfect together. She was thrilled that her name remained Chase after she was married - although she insists she took her husband's name.

Diane was a natural teacher. Her students describe her as having high expectations while teaching compassion by example. Students remember singing Christmas songs every December during math class and making six-sided snowflakes. She taught at Covington Middle School, Pacific Middle School, Frontier Middle School, and Evergreen High School. She was often recognized around Vancouver by former students who had nothing but glowing compliments for her.

A devout Catholic throughout her life, she was proud of her faith. She regularly attended bible study and was constantly learning more about her faith. She found comfort in her faith and in saying the rosary. Her father's rosary was still in her hand when she passed.

Diane loved traveling with her family. Every year for over 40 years, they took a trip to their family favorite, Yellowstone National Park. When she and Art retired, they traveled for over 100 days. She enjoyed many cruises with friends and family, family trips to Disneyland, and visited the Holy Land.

Diane's greatest joy was raising her children. Daniel was born in 1976, followed by Matthew seventeen months later in 1978. Their family was complete with the arrival of Luke in 1982. Diane loved being a mother. She spent years on the bleachers cheering on her sons in football, wrestling, and baseball. Diane had a signature cheer she would use to root them on so they always knew she was there. Even in their adult years, Diane would come to the events they were coaching or refereeing to show her support.

Diane also loved spending time with her grandchildren. Watching them play in their apple orchard, teaching them to sew, playing with her American Girl dolls, and watching movies were among her favorite pastimes. She had a special relationship with each grandchild. Her wish was to spend her final days with her grandkids playing in the house. She described this as "music to her ears."

A viewing will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at Evergreen Memorial Gardens from 4:00-6:00 with a rosary at 5:30 pm. Her funeral will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 11:00 am on Monday, May 16, 2022 followed by a reception in Marian Hall. The burial will be at 3:15 at Mt. Calvary Cemetary in Portland, Oregon. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please make memorial donations to Doernbecher's Children's Hospital's Pediatric Cancer Care and Research fund. Visit <https://www.ohsu.edu/doernbecher/how-help-doernbecher-childrens-hospital> and click "Make a Gift," or call 503-228-1730.

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Diane was such a special lady. To know her was to smile with her. Her love for her family was absolute! We have made a gift in her name to Boys Town, Father Flanagan's support of children and families.*

Tom and Joanne Schultz - May 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Cousin and dear friend. So many days we talked, laughed, cried, and hugged. I will miss you till we meet again. Love you as much alive as in death. I will never forget you. Your friend always Mary (Chase) Shernicoff*

mary Shernicoff - May 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Thinking of all of you! This tree is in loving memory of Diane who was full of love and grace. Lots of love, Chris, Tracy and Abby Schuster*

Chris, Tracy and Abby Schuster - May 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *I know Diane will rest In peace for all She taught to and all She loved the future generations. I wish we could have met in person. I am so happy she reached out in her final days. It takes courage to face cancer, courage to seek support and courage to live life as fully as possible to the end*

Kathi Puyleart - May 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you.*



Tribute Store - May 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Diane made a significant impact on the community and her family. She will be missed.*

Rick and Frances Taylor - May 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Enjoy all the wonderful memories of Diane with your beautiful families. We love and miss you all. Hugs to everyone.*



John and Tricia Reeves and family - May 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Jane Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Diane Chase*



Jane Erckenbrack - May 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Diane Chase - May 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM