



# Diane Wilroy

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## **Diane Wilroy**

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**D**iane M. Wilroy, 83, of St. Petersburg, received the final gift of a peaceful passing on June 17, 2021. She was born August 10, 1937, in Washington, DC to John William Miller and Cecilia Lloyd Miller. Most of you reading this do not know our mom, so we want to brag about her a little bit. Diane worked as a microbiologist for over 40 years. She loved the outdoors and was always up for adventure. In fact, her email was “outdoorgirl.” She had a true zest for life! She introduced her adult children to orienteering and loved kayaking, boating and anything else that kept her outside. She taught her kids how to refinish furniture the old-fashioned way. In her younger years, she was an avid tennis player and a Yogi long before it was cool. She was very active in her 70’s, swimming a mile a day, taking classes at St. Pete College, climbing Machu Picchu in Peru with her much younger boyfriend, zip lining in the Costa Rican rainforest and tubing, not lazily down a river, but by being pulled behind her son-in-law’s boat giving the thumbs up to go faster. She worked hard her entire life and loved to travel. When she wanted to take a vacation that she could not afford, she would get a second job. She had such a good work ethic, that once she returned from her vacation, she often kept the second job. When she was worried the hospital where she was working might close, she got a night job at St. Anthony’s Hospital and continued working there even when it was determined her day job was secure. What impressed her kids the most is, despite having a close relationship with her kids and grandkids, she also had a life of her own. She loved the theater, museums, going to movies and dancing. She loved ice cream and it did not matter what flavor, hand spun, homemade or Amish ice cream. She loved them all and never had a brain freeze! She volunteered at American Stage and was a weekly church goer. She loved baseball and watching the Rays play. She sewed a lot of her kids clothing when they were young. She knitted, crocheted, and cross-stitched and was frequently called Tailor Smurf and the Stainmaster by her kids. Diane lived her life and was blissfully



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unaware of any limitations. She took up tap dancing when she was 44 years old. Although there were mostly 6 and 7 year-olds in her class, mom still enjoyed herself. Diane laughed at the most inappropriate times but that was another reason we loved her. Diane will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Until we meet again. Diane is survived by her children Lynn (Sunny) Nelson, Gregg Wilroy, Susan Rountree, Christina (Matthew) Wells, six grandsons, seven grandcats and two granddogs. She is predeceased by her brother, Billy Miller and her sister, Janet Miller. It brings her family joy that Diane is now resting in heaven with her mom, dad, brother and sister. The family would especially like to thank all the caregivers that lovingly took care of our mom right up until the end. Donations can be made to Pet Pal Animal Shelter, 405-22nd Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712. The ceremony will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg, Saturday, June 26th. Visitation is at 4:00 p.m. The funeral service is at 5:00 p.m., with a reception afterwards, where we will continue to brag about our sweet “Mommy Talami.”

This service will be live streaming starting at 5PM on Saturday, June 26, 2021. You may watch the service by clicking on the link below.

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/northstar/56001/>




# Events


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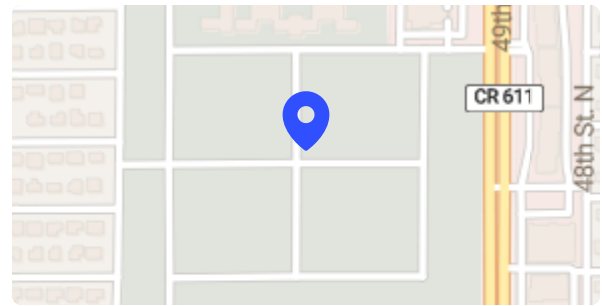
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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, June 26, 2021


 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET


 **Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory**  
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

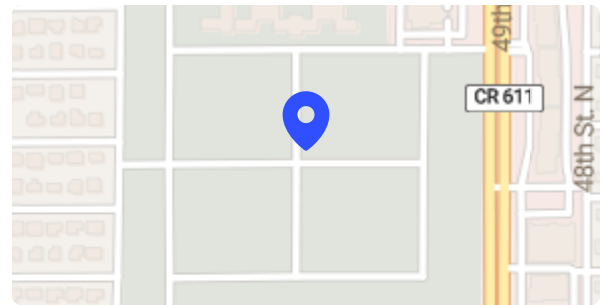


## Funeral Service

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 5:00 PM ET

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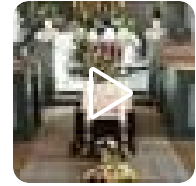
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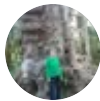
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**Memorial Park Funeral Home** shared a **Webcast Video**.



June 21 at 12:42 PM



**Marty Snapp** posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Diane about five years at St Pete General. She was so kind and I always enjoyed hearing of her adventures. She was a person I truly admired. Marty Snapp

June 27 at 10:26 AM



MW

**Mary Weaver** posted:

I remember Diane as a beautiful woman, mother and friend. I am Mary McCauley Weaver. I used to babysit for the Wilroy's when I was about 12 or 13 and got to know her as an adult when I moved back into the neighborhood as an adult. She had such a sweet smile and talking to her always made me happy. She was one of those rare people that always looked on the positive side of life. She enriched my life for knowing her. My sympathies to Her loving family. Mary

June 27 at 5:46 AM



LS

**Laurie Sapp** posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Diane for several years at St. Petersburg Hospital. She was always involved in some craft activity or home project. I admired how many things she was involved with. I will always remember stories from her vacation adventures. Most of all she loved her family. Sincere condolences.

June 26 at 2:02 PM



MP

**Mary Parker** posted:

I have so many wonderful memories of Diane. From vacations to Vero Beach and Calloway Gardens, to simply visiting on the back patio by the huge avocado tree. I loved Diane so much! Always cheerful with a ready laugh and chuckle. Rest In Peace. You are missed, and much loved. - Mary Parker (née Cunniff)

June 26 at 4:15 AM



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**George Nelson** posted:

I have a memory that I would like to share. When I first met Diane and engaged in conversation with her, I noticed that she had a very familiar accent but, I just couldn't figure out where it was from. The next time we talked, it hit me, that was a Southern Maryland accent, no doubt about it. Well, that led to many conversations with her about Maryland and reminiscing about the same foods and places we both had been to. One thing for sure she enjoyed the famous Maryland Blue Crab with Old Bay Seasoning. Rest In Peace Diane George "Sunny" Nelson

June 25 at 7:27 PM



**Lynn Nelson** shared a photo to the **Diane photos** album.



June 25 at 6:06 PM



**Lynn Nelson** posted:

I have a memory that I would like to share. The first time I met Diane I noticed that she had a very familiar accent but, I wasn't sure where it was from. The second time I talked with her it hit me, that was the Southern Maryland accent that my father and friends had when I lived there as a child. After that, every time I met with here at family gatherings we would talk at great length reminiscing about Southern Maryland. I also learned rather quickly that we shared a passion for the delicious Maryland Blue Crab. Rest in Peace Diane George "Sunny" Nelson

June 25 at 6:03 PM



**The Cunniffs** sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Wilroy family.



June 25 at 5:43 PM



**Sunny, Lynn, Johnny, Aaron, Steven, Casey And Lexi** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Wilroy family.



June 25 at 5:41 PM



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**Sunny Nelson** posted:

I had a few things in common with Diane that I would like to share. I remember when I first met Diane and struck up conversation with her. The first thing I noticed was that she had an accent that was familiar to me but I wasn't quite sure what it was. Soon I discovered that it was a Southern Maryland accent and we had been to many of the same places. I learned real quick that she was a lover of the popular Maryland Blue Crab, and so was I. Many conversations with her after that usually started with reminiscing of southern Maryland. Rest in peace Diane George "Sunny" Nelson

June 25 at 5:36 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Wilroy family.



June 25 at 9:58 AM



**Christina Wells** shared an album called **Diane photos**.



June 22 at 1:18 PM



**Mary Ellen Heinicke** posted:

I worked with Diane for many, many years at St. Petersburg General Hospital. One of my favorite memories was taking a walk down the ditch behind the hospital together during our morning break. One day, Diane almost stepped on a turtle coming up from the ditch to lay her eggs. On another day, we were both surprised and frightened by a huge water moccasin. Mostly, we just enjoyed the exercise and sharing stories about our families. I have missed those times and will always consider Diane to be one of my closest friends. I am glad that she is finally at peace and enjoying her much deserved heavenly reward. My condolences to her family.

June 23 at 10:00 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Wilroy family.



June 23 at 7:49 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Wilroy family.



June 22 at 5:00 PM



**Beth Kappus** posted:

I loved sharing our experiences in the lab and I appreciated her encouragement and support. I will always remember her spirit and kindness. Much love Beth

June 22 at 4:55 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Wilroy family.



June 22 at 4:18 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Wilroy family.



June 22 at 1:18 PM



# Media

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**Christina Wells** shared 5 photos to the **Diane photos** album.

June 23 at 4:51 PM





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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Diane by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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