



Dianne Horton

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Dianne Blakeney Horton, 77, of St. Petersburg, FL passed away peacefully on November 30, 2021 at the Pinellas Mid-County Hospice Care Center surrounded by friend Judy Taylor and daughter Holly. Dianne was born in Crystal Springs, Mississippi to Lionel and Dorothy Blakeney on April 6, 1944 and they later moved to St. Petersburg. She has a younger brother, Norman “Kenneth” Blakeney. Dianne attended Glen Oak Elementary School, Southside Junior High, and graduated from St. Petersburg High School in 1962. Soon after she enrolled in the newly founded Mound Park School of X-ray Technology where she received her certification.

In her late 20’s Dianne married O. Chuck Horton, a professional stagehand and electrician, and in 1971 Holly was born. Dianne and Chuck were both avid pet lovers having had numerous dogs and cats.

Dianne was employed by Dr. Joseph C. Rush for 30-years as a radiology technologist. Upon Dr. Rush’s retirement, she was employed by Edward White Hospital as a medical transcriptionist. In 1991 Dianne started her own transcription service, Pro-Typing Services, Inc., from which she retired in 2012.

Husband Chuck passed away on April 20, 2013. After his passing, she continued to summer at their Cedar Mountain, North Carolina home and enjoyed sitting on the front porch reading books, talking with friends, and watching the wildlife stroll by. She loved spending her summers in North Carolina home and all of her friends and neighbors up there.

Dianne is survived by her daughter Holly McKelvey and husband Michael, her brother Norman Blakeney and his wife Chris, niece Kimberly B. Covher and husband Brett, and cousin Ann Kent and husband Alister, and special dogs Molly and Gracie.

Dianne was appreciative to Dr. Rush and the Rush family as he emphasized the



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importance of a family life and this allowed her, Chuck, and Holly to travel during the summer. Dianne also wanted to thank Price, Hoffman, Stone and Associates for believing in her and supporting her in starting her own transcription company. She worked hard but was able to have a good retirement and cherished all of her friendships with the radiologists, doctors, and friends she met along the way. There will be a graveside service at 1 pm on Wednesday, December 8, at Memorial Park Cemetery, 5750 49th St N, St. Petersburg, FL 33709. In lieu of flowers, donations to Suncoast Hospice are requested.



Events


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Graveside Service


 **Wednesday**, December 8, 2021


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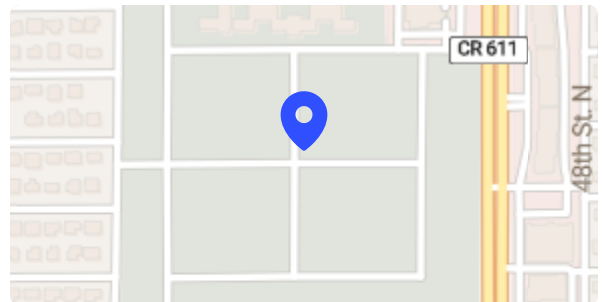
 **Memorial Park Cemetery**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



Cemetery Details

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 **(727) 369-8228**





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Julie Ann Aitken posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Dianne's passing. As part of the Graham clan, we have known Dianne, Chuck and Holly since the early 80's. Dianne was a lovely soul, always smiling, and welcoming to all. I will miss her Jacquie Lawson e-cards on the major holidays and hearing all about Holly and Mike. We are always a call or message away Holly. Julie Aitken Alberta, Canada

December 15 at 1:31 PM



Judy Thomas And Michelle Gironda sent a Basket of Memories to the Horton family.



December 5 at 2:23 PM



Judy Thomas posted:

Dianne has been a part of my life for over 64 years starting in junior high school. I have always felt like a part of the Blakeney Family so feel like I've lost a sister. Had surgery the day she passed and know we would be on the phone if she were here, but likewise know, she is watching over me. She has meant the world to me for so long and I look forward to the day we will meet again. My thoughts and prayers are with Holly, Mike, Norm and other friends and family!

December 5 at 2:16 PM



Sally Carson lit a candle in honor of Dianne.

I first met Dianne in 3rd grade at Glenoak elementary school. We became fast friends and lived close to each other. We were neighborhood playmates and along with my sister and her brother hung around and played together. We went on to graduate high school together. Dianne was a friend to me all these years. I will miss having her in my life. She was a fun and caring person and always had time to talk and help you through problems. I will miss her greatly. May God bless her family and watch over Dianne. Sally Carson



December 5 at 1:49 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Horton family.



December 3 at 7:11 PM



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Lois Carrig posted:

How do you put a 51year relationship into a few words? The answer, of course, is that it can't be done. Dianne was the most optimistic person I have ever known...right up to the end. The last time I talked to her was on Thanksgiving morning when she told me she was dying. Then she asked how I was doing; what was I doing with my day. To Dianne, friendship meant everything. I am one of the people in her life that soon left the St. Petersburg area; yet we remained friends over the years in spite of the distance. Holly asked me today how I felt...strange, since we talked on our cells every day, and now...it's tough to deal with the silence. I'd like to have known her IQ. I never had to use Alexis or Google. I had Dianne on the other end with the answer. I can tell you that she told me many times in her life that her happiest day was Holly's wedding day. That was one of her favorite topics of conversation. Dianne made many friends through her professions. I met her in a more unique way...I became her piano teacher years ago. To this day, I don't know how she got my name, but the stars were aligned, and we were destined to meet. Diane always wanted to see Chuck and her parents after she died. I see her at a round table with her family members, and excited to meet Dr. Rush's daughter and others who have made that same final trip. As the years go by, she will be with all her friends again. Diane was very tired at the end of her life, and sleeping a lot. I told her to sleep her way into paradise. Can't you see it? Dianne with friends, relatives, and her pets who have gone before her? I feel privileged to have known Dianne, and I know that she is already busy in a better place for her, free from disease and poor health.

December 3 at 4:03 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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