



Dianne Flanagan Phillips

April 23, 1962 - April 6, 2019

Dianne Flanagan Phillips, 56, passed away surrounded by her loving family Saturday, April 6, 2019, at her residence in Louisville, Mississippi. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, 2019, in the Nowell Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Hubert Yates officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service from 1 p.m. until service time at Nowell Massey Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Dianne, along with her twin sister Denise, were born April 23, 1962, to Dewey Patrick and Anne Goforth Flanagan in Mobile, Alabama. Dianne graduated with honors from Louisville High School in 1980, fifth in her class of 196. She attended Mississippi State University until 1983 when she and her husband, Glen, began their family. At that point, being a wife and mother, while also helping to provide for her family, became Dianne's most important responsibilities for the next 21 years.

Despite becoming widowed in 2009, working extremely hard and attending classes, Dianne graduated Cum Laude from Mississippi State University with double bachelor degrees in Accountancy and Business Administration. Dianne has devoted the past fifteen years of her career to Mississippi State University. Most recently as Business Manager in the College of Mechanical Engineering, Dianne was nominated by the head of the Mechanical Engineering department, Dr. Pedro Mago, for the Professional Administrative

Staff Award for her role as Business Manager of the College of Mechanical Engineering. She was awarded this honor in 2018. Last year, Dianne was also awarded the Zacharias Award for her 15 years of dedicated service to Mississippi State University.

Of all Dianne's achievements, being "Nano" to her grandchildren was her highest accomplishment. She found great joy and fulfillment in being surrounded by all 14 of them. If she was not with them, her greatest passion was spending time in her yard. Whether planting flowers or cutting grass for hours, in the dark, she was relaxed and happy, especially when she and her sister, Denise, planned their crazy marathon gardening weekends together.

The Lord equipped Dianne with an unexplainable strength and peace to endure some of life's toughest challenges which she did with enormous dignity and faith until her death. She has touched the lives of many children as their Sunday school teacher and as a mentor, adviser and supporter to many in her MSU family; but, her immeasurable love and dedication to her family and faith in the Lord will be her lasting legacy.

Dianne is survived by her daughter Carmen Phillips Matzek and husband Jeremy of Louisville; two sons Chad Phillips and wife Jessi of Starkville, Mississippi; and J. P. Phillips and wife Diana also of Louisville; her twin sister Denise Flanagan Streety and husband Eddie of Jackson, Mississippi; and her best friend and companion Neal Goodin. One of her greatest joys was being "Nano" to her 14 grandchildren: Hunter Nycole Phillips; Cassie Claire Phillips; Baleigh Brooke Crowson; Gabriella Phillips; Lana Jade Matzek; Ada Lynn Matzek; Mamie Jewel Phillips; Layla Jade Cockrell; Lillie Grace Cockrell; Logan Joy Cockrell; Robert Van Cockrell; Allie Michelle Phillips; Aubrey Mae Phillips; and Grayson James Phillips. She is preceded in death by her husband Glen Phillips; son Nathan Phillips; and grandson Levi Matzek.

Serving as pallbearers are Paul Halfacre, Josh Kelley, Thomas “Pup” Kelley, Thomas Peterson, Tim Sloan, and Isaac Triplett. Memorial contributions in honor of Dianne may be given to Diabetes Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

Services are under the direction of Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Cemetery

18075 East John C. Stennis Drive
Louisville, MS 39339

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 773-3501
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

Service

APR 10. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dianne Flanagan Phillips*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear. I worked with Dianne for years on campus at Facilities Mngt. Such a sweet lady who will be missed by many. Prayers for the family.*

John Brown - April 10, 2019 at 03:06 PM



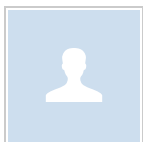
“ *James and I are praying for the whole family. Please remember that we are just a phone call away. Our heart goes out to all of yall!! JAY said that he is thinking of yall also.*

James, Teresa and Jay Carter - April 10, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ *Oh my so sorry to hear of the passing of my sweet friend Dianne we worked together at MSU Physical Plant Department. Keeping the family lifted in my prayers.*

Shabrina Williams - April 10, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Dianne Flanagan Phillips.*



April 10, 2019 at 08:41 AM

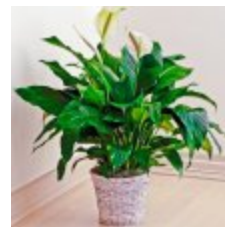
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“ I know Dianne and Denise share a love of gardening. My gracious neighbors would share their amazing garden with us, and Dianne would head back home with the back of her car loaded with daylillies. We had several long, hot afternoons we were able to share. I hope she enjoyed watching her garden bloom these last several years. She and her sister Denise are both amazing women and I'm glad I got to know her through a shared past time. Prayers for comfort for all who will miss her.

Marty Douglass - April 09, 2019 at 06:11 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dianne Flanagan Phillips.



April 09, 2019 at 06:07 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Dianne Flanagan Phillips.



April 09, 2019 at 05:26 PM

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“ Ronald Hurt, Heather Sammons, Jimmy Metts, Doug Crowell purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Dianne Flanagan Phillips.



Ronald Hurt, Heather Sammons, Jimmy Metts, Doug Crowell
- April 09, 2019 at 02:08 PM

DJ

“ I pray that the peace and comfort of God strengthen the family during this difficult time.

Elder Dave Jernigan
C/O 1980

Dave Jernigan - April 09, 2019 at 12:25 AM

JG

“ God's blessings to your family during this time. My prayers are with you.

Jennell Greer (Class of 1980)

Jennell Greer - April 08, 2019 at 11:29 PM

PT

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for y'all.

Pamela D Thomas - April 08, 2019 at 07:22 PM

SM

“ *Prayers for the family*



Somone McCullouch - April 08, 2019 at 10:02 AM