



Diana Montalbano

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MONTALBANO, Diana P. , 68 of Tampa, born Halloween 1944, was called to heaven on September 18, 2013 as one of God's newest angels after a valiant battle with cancer. Born and raised in Tampa with never a loss for a story about Ybor City, "Mama" graduated from Jefferson High School and the University of South Florida. A former teacher, she later moved to Miami where she lived over 20 years before returning to her native Tampa. Diana is survived by her soul mate and loving husband of 47 years, Richard; son, Rich, daughter, Lisa Tannebaum (Brian); the loves of her life - granddaughters, Alexa and Marissa, as well as many other relatives and special friends all who remember Diana's love of life, family, travel, Broadway, and especially, Christmas. The family suggests that donations may be made to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. The family will receive friends on Monday from 6-8 pm at the Boza & Roel Funeral Home located at 4730 N Armenia Avenue. Funeral services will be held 11 am Tuesday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Entombment will be in Doral Florida on Thursday.



Tribute Wall

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RA

Robyn Ajamil posted:

Thank you, Diana, for the lessons you have taught me...you faced each day with gusto, enthusiasm and a big, beautiful smile. I learned what a loving, supportive mother/grandmother looks like and a wife devoted to her husband. There are so many memories we've shared over the past 30 years - so many trips filled with laughter - one of the many gifts you freely gave to all your friends and family. Luis and I will forever be the better for having known you. Robyn and Luis Ajamil

September 30 at 2:04 PM

BK

Brian And Susan Keeley posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult times With sincere sympathies Brian and Susan

September 30 at 12:49 AM

MS

Michael And Mimi Stein posted:

Our thoughts are with you and the family. Diana is in a better world and will be praying for all of us. Michael, Mimi, Caroline and Freddy Stein

September 26 at 8:23 AM

LU

Lucille & Ian posted:

Dear Dick, Our sincere condolences on your sad loss, our thoughts are with you. Kind regards Lucille & Ian

September 25 at 3:26 AM

HF

Helen Feinberg posted:

My husband David and I relay our deepest sympathy to Dick and the family. May you be comforted by the support of friends and family and the fond memories of your wonderful life with Diana. Our thoughts are with you, Helen Feinberg

September 24 at 9:00 AM



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RA

Renita Kaplan-Austin posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss uncle Dickey. My condolences. With all my heart.

September 24 at 5:29 AM

GT

Gloria & Thomas Feo posted:

Our Deepest Sympathy

September 23 at 3:52 PM

DK

David Kaye posted:

Dick, Our sympathies at this time. David Kaye

September 23 at 3:34 PM

LG

Liz Gonzalez posted:

Dear Dick, Lisa, Brian, & Rich: Thinking of each of you, & praying for all of your family during this painful time. We hold you close to our hearts & hope that you find peace. Liz, Charlie, & Mario Gonzalez

September 23 at 2:22 PM

KG

Kent Gonzalez posted:

Dear Dick and family, Our deepest sympathy on your loss of such a tremendous Mother, Wife, and Friend. We will keep you and your family in our hearts and prayers. Diana smiles down you now from a much better place. 1 Corinthians 15:22 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"-

September 23 at 5:39 AM

TF

The Carlson Family posted:

Dick, we will all miss Diana so very much. Her spirit and love of life will be carried forward in all those that she touched - especially in your son, daughter, and grandkids. Thank you and Diana for the terrific examples you've set. God bless. Tom, Michelle, Trent, and Brooke

September 23 at 5:17 AM



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KT

Karen Delong Tickner posted:

Richard -So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.Karen

September 22 at 2:29 PM

MB

Mayra S. Bustamante posted:

Dear Dick: My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. My the Lord give you all the strength needed in these terrible times. God Bless, MAYRA

September 22 at 9:21 AM

MT

Mark Troy posted:

Dick, I'm so sorry for your tragic loss...I will always remember Diana for her warmth and laughter and the joy she exuded. My deepest thoughts and prayers are with you and the family! Love,Mark

September 22 at 4:48 AM

DP

Deborah & Charles Purvis posted:

Dear Dick and family, Our deepest sympathy on your great loss. Diana was a warm, loving, kind, and gracious woman. I have fond memories of the Christmas room at your home. We will keep you and the kids in our prayers and we know she is resting in Heaven Love, Deb & Charlie

September 21 at 5:26 PM

MS

Mark Smith posted:

Richard,My family and I are very sorry for your loss, she sounds like a wonderful mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mark SmithBDG Architects

September 21 at 2:17 PM

CP

Carole Pracitto posted:

My beautiful friend...Nothing but wonderful memories ...what an amazing person ... I love you

September 20 at 1:13 PM



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MH

Michael Hole posted:

I will always remember Diana's warm beautiful smile.

September 20 at 12:43 PM

PC

Paula Brant Cooper posted:

Richard my thoughts and prayers with you and your family. Paula

September 20 at 12:27 PM

CS

Carol Blake Singleton posted:

Richard, My heart goes out to you and yours! Carol

September 20 at 12:15 PM

CM

Chuck Mcgee posted:

Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss. Our family will add yours to our prayers.

September 20 at 11:49 AM

Jl

John Incorvaia posted:

The few times I met Diana were great. You could tell that she was a very strong and wonderful person, and loving wife and mother. I extend my condolences to you, her family, and pray for the strength to help you deal with this great loss and celebrate her life.

September 20 at 9:56 AM

CG

Charles Gonzalez posted:

Diana was truly one of the kindest persons that I have ever known. We will all miss her warm smile and her zest for life. Let the angels sing as Diana joins them in God's Kingdom.

September 20 at 3:07 AM



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CC

Cindy Herrera-Crawford posted:

Dick & Family, My thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time. Memories & stories of her will keep her in your hearts forever. I have many childhood memories of Friday night family gatherings at her home in Ybor City. I remember thinking my cousin Diana & her boyfriend Dick were so "cool" She will be missed by many. Love & Hugs God Bless Cindy Herrera-Crawford

September 19 at 11:32 PM

DD

Debra Dangler posted:

Dear Dick, Doug & I cannot begin to understand what you must be going through right now, but we send our love, and we promise to keep you and your entire family in our prayers. Warmest Regards, Debra "A Symbol of Hope" A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam And for a brief moment its glory and beauty belong to our world But then it flies again And though we wish it could have stayed... We feel lucky to have seen it.

September 19 at 8:53 AM

DK

David M. Korman posted:

So very saddened by this news. I have very fond memories of summers in Tampa. I very much appreciated the hospitality of Diana, Dick, Walter and Yolanda a few years ago upon our return from a cruise. May memories of better times bring some solace to the family and friends during this very difficult time.

September 19 at 6:21 AM

WR

William S. Reed posted:

On behalf of the entire staff of Boza and Roel Funeral Home please accept our sincere condolences.

September 18 at 12:49 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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