



Dr. Diana Mark Malchoff

June 19, 1950 - April 5, 2025

Diana Mark Malchoff, 74 years old, of West Hartford, CT, peacefully passed away on April 5, 2025 surrounded by loved ones after a difficult battle with cancer.

Diana was born on June 19, 1950 to Eugene and Gladys Mark in Philadelphia, PA. She graduated from Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield, PA in 1968, received her BA in Chemistry at Villanova University in 1972, and PhD in biochemistry at The University of Rochester in 1978.

Following postdoctoral positions at the University of Virginia, Diana joined the faculty at UConn Health in Farmington, CT. She was an early adopter of DNA sequencing and applied this technology to unraveling the mysteries of both inherited and acquired disorders. Subsequently, she found her greatest enjoyment and fulfillment, when she transitioned to teaching chemistry and biology as Chairman of the Science Department at Avon Old Farms School. Although few of her students will remember the gas laws, all will remember that success comes from hard work. She helped many to identify direction in their lives and all to pursue their goals with empathy, honesty and integrity.

Diana met Carl Malchoff at the University of Rochester. The two married in 1976 and had three children, Melisa, Pamela, and Brian. Diana retired in 2020 and delighted in spending time with her four beloved grandchildren. She took

pride in completing the New York Times Sunday crossword puzzle in ink. She enjoyed cooking, excelled in baking pies, and maintained a continuing interest in all aspects of science.

Diana is predeceased by her father, Eugene Mark and her granddaughter, Hattie Polazzi. She is survived by her mother, Gladys Mark; her husband, Carl Malchoff; and her brothers, Eugene and Andrew Mark. She is also survived by her children Melisa Malchoff Polazzi and her husband David (parents of Macnamara and Tess); Pamela Malchoff and her fiancé J. Matthew Kowalchick; as well as Brian Malchoff and his wife Katherine (parents of Cameron and Charlie). In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Avon Old Farms School or to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

A celebration of life for Diana will be held at the Avon Old Farms School Chapel in Avon, CT on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 3 pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 31. 3:00 PM (ET)

Avon Old Farms School Chapel
500 Old Farms Road
Avon, CT 06001

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Carl and Family - I met Diana Many years ago but still remember her vibrant personality- my condolences for your loss and sad for the world to lose such a pleasant person - joe aloï

Joe Aloï - June 06, 2025 at 10:17 AM

AF

“ My dearest Carl, Mel, Pam and Brian,
As saddened as we are, we can only think of all the great and happy moments we shared with Dee, and, in this celebration of life we wish you keep all your special moments with Dee in your heart, always.
Love you
Tim and Lu

Arlindo Alves Filho - May 30, 2025 at 03:41 PM

TF

“ The Babu family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Diana Mark Malchoff.



The Babu family - May 29, 2025 at 11:40 PM

LP

“ Love, Jannine & Rich Panek purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Diana Mark Malchoff.



Love, Jannine & Rich Panek - May 25, 2025 at 03:31 PM

LP

“ Love, Jannine & Rich Panek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Diana Mark Malchoff.

Love, Jannine & Rich Panek - May 25, 2025 at 03:31 PM

AK

“ Hi Brian and family ~ I am overwhelmed at the news of your mom's passing. I have just learned of her cancer battle through the AOF online newsletter and apologize for this very late note of condolence. What a wonderful colleague she was when I worked at Avon. There were so few women in the ranks that it was wonderful to have such a fun, lovely, bright female colleague. I will miss her very very much. Allison Kimmerle

Allison Kimmerle - May 22, 2025 at 02:29 PM

SF

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. A lot of great memories in the Hockey World . God Bless you and your families 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Steve Frechette - April 30, 2025 at 02:12 PM

BC

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Diana was a great teacher, devoted to science, and had a wonderful sense of humor. She will be greatly missed.

Bob Clark

Bob Clark - April 27, 2025 at 05:19 PM

PL

“ Pam and Nate Lassman purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dr. Diana Mark Malchoff.



Pam and Nate Lassman - April 27, 2025 at 12:50 PM

BK

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom produced terrific students and more importantly wonderful children. May she rest in peace... Brian Kelly

Brian Kelly - April 27, 2025 at 10:47 AM