



Diane Estrela-Cwikla

June 28, 1961 - December 29, 2024

Diane Estrela-Cwikla, 63, passed away unexpectedly due to natural causes on December 29, 2024, in Windsor Locks. Diane leaves behind a legacy of love and will be fondly remembered for her kindness, heart of forgiveness, and belief that life is meant to be explored and celebrated. Diane was born on June 28, 1961, daughter of the late Anastacio and Laudalina (Rezendes) Estrela. She grew up in West Hartford, where she graduated from Hall High School. For the last 35 years Diane resided in Windsor Locks, in the same home where she raised her three children and built countless memories with lifelong friends.

Diane spent the majority of her career in the travel industry, encouraging people to explore the world as she loved to do. Whether traveling locally or abroad, Diane relished new experiences, and was drawn to scenic locations or a great beach. She found peace and joy by the water, and often spent hours soaking up the sun, savoring the sound of the waves, or lounging by the pool. She loved to take trips with her sister. Her happiest moments were those shared with her family and friends, enjoying a well-cooked meal, gathering to celebrate an occasion, or laughing with her children and grandchildren. Diane enjoyed meaningful conversations with her loved ones, especially her sister MaryJean and dear friend, Stanley Nieman.

Fiercely independent and full of life, Diane cherished the freedom to live on

her own terms, but did not miss an opportunity to be with her family. Nothing brought a smile to her face more than a video call or visit with her grandbabies.

Diane is survived by her three children, Kyle D. Cwikla, Sabrina A. Zimmerman and her husband Patrick Zimmerman, and Heather F. Cwikla; her sister, MaryJean Estrela; and her three cherished grandchildren, Aubrey, Sebastian, and Avery. She also leaves behind two aunts, Judy Rezendes and Aunt Nubelia Cabral, and many dear friends and cousins. Her family is immensely thankful for the kindness, support, and love shown by her close friends and neighbors throughout the years. Diane will be immeasurably missed by all who were close to her.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Diane's family on Thursday, January 2nd from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, and to a Celebration of Life at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Entombment will follow in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield.

Cemetery Details

Mount Saint Benedict

1 Cottage Grove Road
Bloomfield, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT
(860) 233-8269

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Mary Jean,
I am so sorry to hear of Diane’s passing. I remember what a free spirit she was with her big, bright smile! She always kept me entertained and made me laugh. She was blessed to have you as her Sister, always having her back and being that solid, guiding and loving support that she needed.
May she rest in peace~
Love, Deirdre*

Deirdre Salha - January 16, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Diane Estrela-Cwikla.*



January 02, 2025 at 12:23 PM

LB

“ *MaryJean, my heart breaks for you. I will always remember the nice day we two sets of sisters had at the beach. I enjoyed meeting Diane and spending that time with her.
Diane, the Lord bless and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*



Lynn Maher Baker - January 02, 2025 at 08:09 AM

RN

“ Rosemary & Anthony & Aunt Nubelia purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Diane Estrela-Cwikla.



Rosemary & Anthony & Aunt Nubelia - January 01, 2025 at 03:00 PM

RN

“ Rosemary & Anthony & Aunt Nubelia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Estrela-Cwikla.

Rosemary & Anthony & Aunt Nubelia - January 01, 2025 at 03:00 PM

TN

“ Tia Judy Rezendes and JoAnn Nunes purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Diane Estrela-Cwikla.



Tia Judy Rezendes and JoAnn Nunes - January 01, 2025 at 09:21 AM

SN

“ It is with my sincerest sadness and broken heart that I grieve of the loss of Diane. She was a beautiful and loving soul. It breaks my heart not to have her in my life anymore. However, she will always be in my heart for the time we shared together. In God hands now, bless and keep her safe until we meet again.

*With Loving Memories,
Stanley Nieman*

Stanley E Nieman - January 01, 2025 at 06:58 AM

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“ Tammy R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Estrela-Cwikla.

Tammy R. - December 31, 2024 at 05:29 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Diane Estrela-Cwikla.



December 31, 2024 at 05:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Estrela-Cwikla.

December 31, 2024 at 05:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diane Estrela-Cwikla.



December 31, 2024 at 04:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Diane Estrela-Cwikla.*



December 31, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Estrela-Cwikla.

December 31, 2024 at 04:34 PM