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In Loving Memory of Diane Lillian Dudgeon

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Diane Lillian Dudgeon, born October 1, 1941, in Akron, Ohio, passed away peacefully on February 10, 2026.

She was the beloved daughter of the late Lillian Mae Dudgeon and Doyne Scott Dudgeon. Diane is survived by her devoted brother, Thomas Dudgeon; her cherished nephews, Scott Dudgeon (wife, Heidi) and Matthew Dudgeon (wife, Jenny); and her adored great-nephews, Wyatt and Merritt (children of Scott and Heidi), and Brodie, Liam, and Quinn (children of Matthew and Jenny).

Diane attended Buchtel High School in Akron, Ohio, before earning her degree in Clinical Social Work from The Ohio State University. Following graduation, she made Tampa, Florida her lifelong home and built a distinguished career in public service. As a Program Director for the Florida Department of Children and Family Services, Diane oversaw programs serving individuals with developmental disabilities across five counties. She was known for her meticulous attention to detail, deep knowledge of her field, and unwavering commitment to the people and families she served.

Her colleagues describe her as exceptionally caring, kind, and highly respected; a leader who combined competence with compassion. She dedicated her life to improving the lives of others and did so with integrity and grace.

To her family, Diane was more than an accomplished professional, her love and steady presence, warmth, and devotion meant the world. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, co-



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workers, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Her life was one of service, strength, and quiet generosity.



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Thomas Dudgeon posted:

Diane was my sister who was four years older than me. When we were young kids she had to put up with a lot of my nonsense. When she had slumber parties I would sneak outside Diane's bedroom & spy on her & her friends as they talked about boys they liked or other girls they considered to be enemies. At first Diane complained to my parents & they would tell me to mind my own business & leave the girls alone. However, I was very persistent & eventually Diane kind of accepted that I was per pesky little brother & even let me participate in a few of their secret conversations, undoubtedly hoping I would get bored & look elsewhere for entertainment.

February 24 at 9:17 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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