



Diana Lee Garoian

June 27, 1931 - April 20, 2019

Diana Garoian, age 87 of Carbondale, passed away Saturday, April 20, 2019 in SIH Herrin Hospital.

She was born June 27, 1931 to Frank and Frieda (Hartmann) Kratoville in St. Louis, MO.

Diana married George Garoian on August 14, 1954. He preceded her in death on May 5, 2005. They shared 50 years of making memories.

She graduated in 1949 from Cleveland High School in St. Louis. She then attended the Grinnell College in Iowa for 2 years. On August 28, 1953 she graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a Bachelor's of Science in Education. Diana taught school in Rantoul, IL while her husband completed his PhD from the University of Illinois. She moved to Carbondale in 1956. She later traveled with George as he taught in Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA and SIU Niigata in Japan.

She was a lifelong member of Alpha Chi Omega. She was a member of the SIU Women's Club and Home Extension Early Bird Unit. Diana was a Girl Scout and Cub Scout Leader. She loved to work in her Japanese Garden and loved arts and crafts.

Diana is survived by her children, Scott (Linda) Garoian of New Jersey and Suzanne Garoian (Gregory Harrison) of Cobden; grandchildren, Jennifer (Scot) McClintic of PA; and Kevin Garoian of New Jersey; a sister, Karen (Albert) Haller of St. Louis, MO; niece, Debra Haller; nephew, Christopher Haller; cousins and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Visitation will be Friday, April 26, 2019 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Memorial Service for Diana Garoian will be Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 11:00 am in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral with Rev. John Annable officiating.

Inurnment will be at a later date in New St. Marcus Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society; Alzheimer's Association and/or the charity of donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Memorial Service

APR **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Diana Lee Garoian*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *To the Garoian Family,*

We are so very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Please accept our most sincere and heartfelt condolences for your loss. Your mother holds a special place for us. By creating the Garoian Zoology Scholarship Fund in honor of your father, Dr. George Garoian, she has helped many Zoology students continue their education here at SIU. We are profoundly grateful for the support this scholarship provides to our students. Again, we offer our deepest sympathies for your loss.

*The Department of Zoology
Southern Illinois University
Dr. Kamal Ibrahim, Interim Chair*

Trish Sherk - April 29, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ *Scott and Suzanne your Mom was such always so nice to me growing up. She had such a sweet spirit. I know you will miss her immensely. I pray that you can take comfort in the wonderful memories that you have of her.*

Gayle Goro Reifschneider

Gayle Goro Reifschneider - April 28, 2019 at 11:19 PM

PK

“ *My Dear Suzanne, I just picked up the Carbondale Times and saw your beautiful Mother's picture. I would have been there Saturday for her services had I picked up that paper one day sooner. My love goes out to you and your family. I will miss Mrs. Garoian, her beautiful smile and warm/loving spirit.*

Sincerely, Phyllis Khaaliq

PHYLLIS KHAALIQ - April 28, 2019 at 08:55 PM

DW

“ *Dexter, Tere, Chloe, Cristen and Wanita purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Diana Lee Garoian.*



Dexter, Tere, Chloe, Cristen and Wanita - April 26, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diana Lee Garoian.*



April 25, 2019 at 05:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Diana Lee Garoian.*



April 25, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Diana Lee Garoian.* ”



April 23, 2019 at 09:01 PM