



Diane Kay Donahue

October 31, 2017 - October 31, 2017

Diane Kay Donahue, a retired pediatric nurse, mother of three and 45-year resident of Lorton, Va., died October 31, 2017, from complications following spine surgery.

Born November 25, 1938, to Lawrence and Sophia Kuntz, Diane was raised with younger sister Susan in Marinette, Wis., where Diane attended Our Lady of Lourdes High School.

Following graduation in 1956, Diane attended nursing school at St. Mary's in Milwaukee, where she met Marquette University student Patrick Shane Donahue. They married and moved to Indianapolis, where their three children were born. Diane worked nights as a nurse while Shane attended law school at Indiana University.

They moved to the Washington, D.C., area after Shane accepted a position with what was then the General Accounting Office. Diane worked part-time for over 30 years at Pediatric Associates of Alexandria and cultivated enduring friendships with co-workers and neighbors in their Mason Neck, Va., community of Harbor View. Diane loved to cook, entertain and play Mahjong. "We had a lot of laughs at her house," friend Carol Murray said. "She was a very gracious hostess. She always made you feel welcome and comfortable." Diane thrived on vacations with friends. She and Shane flew yearly to their beloved time-shares in Cancun, Mexico; Delray Beach, Fla.; and Saint Maarten. She traveled regularly to hometown reunions.

In the past five years, Diane's friendships helped her cope with the pain of

rheumatoid and osteo arthritis; the death of her eldest child, Mary Colleen “Kelly” Donahue in Atlanta; and Shane’s death last year.

Diane had a vibrant social life in the Spring Hill Retirement Community where she moved in July 2016. With her Bichon Frise puppy, Mickey, she lived next-door to former Mason Neck neighbor Carol Murray, who supported Diane like family.

Diane was a former member of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Woodbridge and more recently attended St. Raymond of Peñafort in Springfield.

Diane is survived by sons Patrick Kevin Donahue (Wendy) of Wilmette, Ill., and Sean Keenan Donahue (Michelle) of Hypoluxo Island, Fla.; grandchildren Brandon Poe (Hannah) and Colin Poe of Atlanta; Meaghan and Erin Donahue of Hypoluxo Island; Nora Donahue of Wilmette; sister Susan Purtell Strom of Mequon, Wis.; great-grandchildren Oscar and Eleanor Poe; and many nieces and nephews on her husband’s side.

Services will be at St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church at 8750 Pohick Road, Springfield, VA, followed by a reception at Spring Hill Clubhouse, 8946 Yellow Daisy Pl., in Lorton.

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane Kay Donahue*

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