



Diane Katherine Lawson

July 6, 1959 - May 15, 2026

Diane Katherine Lawson (66)

Of Annandale, VA passed away Friday, May 15, 2026. Daughter of Rosalie Ann Lawson and the late James Musgrave Lawson. Loving mother to Ryan Alva Cohan-Lawson, sister to James Edmund Lawson (Wendy) and William Robert Lawson (Teresa) and aunt to 15 nieces and nephews.

Diane loved all things Sci-Fi and Fantasy, and was renowned in her LARPing communities for her writing, attending cons and holding friends from Virginia Beach to Boston. She loved a strong story and a good party. Drawing, writing, and crafting were how she shared her imagination and enthusiasm with friends and students.

She was inquisitive, compassionate, and had an outrageous sense of humor. She was a prolific reader, she loved glitter, and she was always singing. She was a gamer, an artist and never stopped learning, or passing that knowledge onto others.

Diane was a SACC teacher, recently having received her 35th year teaching certificate from Fairfax County. She loved and cared for each of her students like her own children. She is survived by both her family and friends, and the hundreds of students she educated and inspired over her career.

In lieu of wearing all black, please dress in celebratory colors, to reflect the vibrant life and joy she left behind.

Memorial contributions may be made in Diane's honor by planting a tree on her behalf. Please view and sign the family guestbook at www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com

Previous Events

Gathering

MAY 21. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 21. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

MAY 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairfax Memorial Park
9900 BRADDOCK ROAD
FAIRFAX, VA 22032

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Miss Diane you will be missed. You taught me how to make friendship bracelets at Annandale Terrace and I will never forget how much you loved the Rocky Horror Picture Show. Always full of light. Rest well. 🕯️🙏🕯️



Karida - May 22 at 09:49 PM

CG

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Diane, but have been friends with her brother Bill and sister-in-law Teresa for many years. Getting to know Diane through the tributes from others tell me I would have loved her immediately. I send love and caring prayers to those whose hearts have been broken by her passing. May all find comfort in the beautiful memories of a life beautifully lived.

Cathy Gilbert-Silva - May 21 at 03:37 PM

SM

“ Shelley M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Katherine Lawson.

Shelley M. - May 21 at 10:36 AM

AL

“ I knew Diane through trainings and meetings with SACC. She was always warm and welcoming and a very talented artist ready to help and share her gifts. My thoughts are with her family and friends and I hope memories of her will be a blessing that you can smile about soon.
Alexa Yarboro - Herndon SACC

Alexa - May 21 at 09:57 AM

TB

“ *Diane was such a driving force in moving things forward at work. She advocated for the best for our children and the staff. I learned so much from her. I'm grateful for all of those experiences and send love to all who love Diane.*

Terri Beth - May 21 at 08:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Diane Katherine Lawson.*



May 20 at 10:36 PM

TF

“ *Ms. Diane was such a warm and welcoming presence for our kindergartner this year. I often found my daughter sitting right next to her playing card games or doing crafts when I arrived to pick her up. Our family will remember her fondly, especially when playing cards. We send our deepest condolences and gratitude to her friends and family.*

The Smith Family - May 20 at 07:35 PM

CS

“ *Charlotte S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Katherine Lawson.*

Charlotte S. - May 20 at 04:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Katherine Lawson.*



May 20 at 01:22 PM



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May 20 at 01:22 PM



“ *I worked with Diane many years ago when I was in area 2. She taught me so many tips involving art. I thought she was one of the most amazing artists I had ever met. May she rest in peace. Ms.T.*

Tebogo N. Kgosana-Desilva(Ms.T) - May 20 at 12:46 PM



“ *Ms. Diane was such an important and loving presence in both my son and daughter's elementary school years. My son who can be a handful told me, Ms. Diane was like my school mom, she was funny and loved me, and kept him honest. We were sad to hear of her passing but so grateful that our paths crossed and that she was able to be part of your children's lives. May her memory be a blessing to her family and those who love her.*

Sarah Wysocki - May 20 at 12:24 PM

EC

“ Emma Celis

Diane you will live in my heart. I am grateful to have worked together for many years. You will be missed. Please know that you will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

Emma Celis

Emma Celis - May 19 at 10:25 PM

KJ

“ I met Ms. Diane a few years ago. She would give me ideas for art projects and shared the history and her memories of SACC. I will truly miss her. Ms. Kim

Kim Johnson - May 19 at 07:37 AM



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May 18 at 10:22 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Katherine Lawson.



May 18 at 08:30 PM

DR

“ I remember Diane from living in the neighborhood where we grew up in Springfield. My thoughts and prayers are going out to the Lawson family during this time of sorrow.
Donna (Prye) Rademacher

Donna Prye Rademacher - May 18 at 08:26 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Katherine Lawson.



May 18 at 07:41 PM

FC

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to the Lawson Family.

I remember Diane from our elementary, middle and high school years growing up in Springfield.

May her memory be everlasting and eternal. My thoughts and prayers to the family during this difficult time.

Frances (Moshos) Campbell

Frances Campbell - May 18 at 07:29 PM

DB

“ Dawn B. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Diane Katherine Lawson.



Dawn B. - May 18 at 10:54 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Katherine Lawson.



May 17 at 11:50 AM



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May 17 at 11:50 AM