

Dianna Lee Patton

September 14, 2024

Dianna Lee Patton, 71, of Lancaster, a beloved mother, sister, and Nanny passed away after courageously battling acute myeloid leukemia on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Melvin Norman and Ailine Noblin (Adkins) Patton.

Dianna was a graduate of Manheim Township High School and worked for Lancaster General Hospital as a Nurses Aide Unit Secretary for 46 years. She was an exemplary and dedicated employee. After retirement, she dedicated her life to caring for others including taking care of her father and selflessly helping her daughter care for her family that is battling Huntington's disease. She was cherished by her grandchildren.

Dianna loved attending local yard sales and thrift stores. She enjoyed smooth jazz music, dancing, decorating her home for the seasons, and being outside in nature, the beach, the Blue Angels, her flower garden and her loving cat Reggie.

She is survived by her daughter, Melissa Walschburger (Michael), East Petersburg, her grandchildren: Evan and Ava, her sisters, Joyce (Ron) Benedict, Lititz and Patty Sigman, New Providence.

She will forever be missed and remembered by those who loved her.

A Private Graveside Service will be held at Riverview Burial Park to honor her life.

Memorial contributions may be made to Help4HD International in Dianna's name at www.HELP4HD.org

Tribute Wall

JL

“ *Melissa,*
I am so sad to hear about the passing of your dear mother, Dianna. I worked with her in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for many years. She was the best! I used to tease her and tell her I wanted her to come clean my house because no one took more pride in doing things the right way than Dianna!
She was hard working, funny yet serious, and always reliable! You could tell how much she loved you! Becoming a grandmother was a highlight in her life.
I hope the special memories of her sustain you during this difficult time.

Julie Leach - September 19, 2024 at 08:30 AM

CH

So very sorry to hear of her passing. I worked with her at Women & Babies. She was such a breath of fresh air. So kind and sweet. She will be so missed.

Connie Heidig - September 19, 2024 at 10:41 AM

MW

Melissa, I am so so sorry to learn that your mom passed away. I worked with her in the NICU for 15 years up until she retired. She was the absolute best with a heart of gold. She helped us nurses soooo much, she Loved the babies and the parents. She loves to feed and hold the babies. She was always kind, full of energy, upbeat and there was nothing she wouldn't do to help out. I love near her and I used to talk to her. She often ride her Bike by my house. She just loved you and your family more than Anything. Talked about her beloved grandkids Evan and Ava so lovingly and proudly. I know you will miss her and my heart wraps around you all. God bless you as I know your mom will watch over you from heaven. I know it is hard. It was a joy and blessing to know her. We worked hard together...your mom always brought fun and joy.

Mary Ann Wilpert - September 19, 2024 at 05:42 PM

JC

“ Melissa, other family members & friends, I worked with Dianna for many years in the NICU at LGH. Diane was a hard worker, always willing to go the extra mile. She was organized, thoughtful, took pride in her work and always had a smile. I loved hearing her stories about “Pallsie” and she loved you so much. She also enjoyed being a grandma. She will be missed by everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this difficult time.
Judy Coble or “JC”

Judy Coble - September 19, 2024 at 08:10 AM

DC

“ Melissa I worked with your mom in the Nicu . Sorry to hear of your loss . Dianna was such a hard working individual. She always had a smile and could make you laugh. She was a caring person and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Diane Campbell

Diane Campbell - September 18, 2024 at 10:11 PM

JB

“ Many mornings I would be greeted with a "Hey Jo"! Loved working with her! Top notch employee who gave 100%. Hearing that she past away from that dreaded AML is even more disheartening. Be at peace my dear friend.

Joanna Boyer - September 18, 2024 at 10:02 PM

BY

“ I worked with Dianna in the NICU for many years. I will always remember her as being such a hard worker, but she always had time to share a smile and a laugh. She will be missed. May all of the wonderful memories of Dianna help to bring peace to those who loved her. Beth Yeingst

Beth Yeingst - September 18, 2024 at 09:52 PM

CH

“ Melissa I am saddened by the loss of your mom Dianna. I worked with her in the NICU. I was a nurses aid as well. Dianna was the best at her job. She trained me. We would talk, laugh. She would tell stories about her dad. She was a kind , caring and wonderful friend and co- worker. Prays for you and family.

Christine Hollywood - September 18, 2024 at 09:42 PM

JU

“ Dianna was a wonderful friend and neighbor for as long as I can remember. My family will miss her walking and talking through out the block. She was so sweet to my children as they were growing up and riding their bikes on her driveway. My mom loved sharing a beer with her on the hot summer nights. We all will miss her dearly.

Julie - September 18, 2024 at 07:59 PM

MS

“ Melissa and family, I'm so saddened to hear of Dianna's passing. I worked with her in NICU. She was the best! I was a nurse and she always was on top of things! We ALL could always count on Dianna! She always talked about you, your kids and her dad. We had a lot of fun...being silly, a lot. When my mom got sick with Pancreatic cancer, your mom would let me talk & cry to her. She was a great comfort to me. She was an amazing, fun person. Now, she' will Always be with you and your family, watching, protecting and guiding you. This I know from experience ...watch for her signs ❤️
—Mandy Sadosky-Rock

Mandy Sadosky-Rock - September 18, 2024 at 06:05 PM

MM

“ *Melanie L Metzger lit a candle in memory of Dianna Lee Patton*



Melanie L Metzger - September 18, 2024 at 04:57 PM

LH

*Melissa,
I worked with your Mom in the NICU for probably 25 years. She was a wonderful person and such a hard worker. She sure loved you and talked about you all the time. She was so thrilled when she became a Grandma too. I'm so sorry for your loss, take care.
Linda Hess*


Linda Hess - September 18, 2024 at 06:16 PM

CC

“ *Melissa, I worked with your Mom at LGH in the NICU. She just adored and did everything she could for you over the years. Such a great role model. She talked about you all the time. She was SO fun to work with. We definitely had some great laughs. Even after I left LGH I would see your Mom out yard sailing! I am so very sorry for your huge loss and the loss for those sweet grand children. Your Mom was such a sweet and fun person that I was blessed to have known. Praying for your family. Cindy Charles*

cynthia charles - September 18, 2024 at 04:07 PM

MS

“ *Melissa, Mike, Evan and Ava, Dianna will remain forever in the memory hearts of many people. She showed all of us true courage and devotion. Yesterday I told your Aunt Joyce how I will remember her smile and incredible laugh. When I moved to Brethren Village from Brownstown It made me happy that your mom moved some of my flowers and ferns to her home. She was a true gardener . If I can be of any help to you and your family, please let Joyce know. You have my deepest sympathy and like your mom, my sincere respect.*
Martha Shreiner 

Martha Shreiner - September 18, 2024 at 10:13 AM

HM

“ *Melissa, I've been friends with your mom before you were even born. We were through so much over the decades. She was part of the lunch gang, there were 4 of us. She the only one from NICU. Oh my, the laughs we shared and the stories of our families. Our childrens growing up years and our grandchildren. I was so fortunate to be a part of her life and to have spoken to her two weeks ago as she was in Hershey waiting for treatment. And even then as sick as she was, we laughed and continued our stories as if we still saw each other everyday. I will truly miss her and the luncheon engagement we had set when she got out of Hershey. My heart is broken for you and your family as I know of your struggles. For that is what her concern was. You were her life and she took great care of you, her baby girl. Today, her birthday is a call that I wish I could make to her. Your family will remain in my prayers.*
Loving hugs Melissa.

Hilde McClearen - September 18, 2024 at 09:15 AM

MW

Hilde thank you for your beautiful post. Mom thought the world of you and cherished her friendship with you. Is there a way I can contact you? You are of course invited to her service!

Melissa Walschburger - September 18, 2024 at 09:29 AM

HM

When is it? I sent you a private message to your email address.

Hilde McClearen - September 18, 2024 at 09:56 AM

MW

Hilde can you please try again...Melissaw7147@gmail.com

Melissa Walschburger - September 18, 2024 at 10:07 PM