



Diane Darby Obituary

February 18, 1948 - September 13, 2010

Diane Burns Darby, 62 of Albany died at her home Monday, September 13, 2010. Her funeral service will be Wednesday, 10, AM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Reverend Mark Jones officiating, with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Darby, the daughter of J.A. and Mary Burns, was a native and longtime resident of Albany. She was a graduate of Dougherty High School and the University of Georgia and taught in public schools for thirty plus years. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and a wonderful friend. Her sense of humor was infectious, and when she laughed, everyone did. She is survived by her son Chip, his wife Rachel and two grandsons, Grayson and Hayden, all of Albany, and a stepdaughter Dani Darby of Washington, D.C.

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane Darby Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



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“ *Still think of Ms. Darby when I hear 'Moonlight Sonata' and her calling it divine. She was a wonderful, joyful teacher and helped positively impact the lives of her students. Wish she was still here. May she rest in heavenly peace.*

Priyanka Gill - April 22, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *4 years later and I just heard of Mrs Darby's passing. she was possibly one of the best teachers I ever had in my life. She was so funny, intelligent, a truly beautiful lady inside and out, and just an all around great human being. I will always cherish the time I spent in your classroom. I just wish I had told you this when you were alive. We'll miss you Mrs Darby. I hope they have Gone With the Wind up in heaven :-)*

Jody Smith - Albany, GA - Student - July 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



I love you Mrs. Darby. I will always remember how you would say "Well hello sunshine." when I came to class. You were a favorite teacher and a hero to me. You were a true patriot in every sense of the word.

Carla Johns-Santiago - October 25, 2017 at 01:25 PM

CJ

Amen

Carla Johns-Santiago - October 25, 2017 at 01:26 PM

JS

“ *Leave a condolence or a memory.*

Jody Smith - Albany, GA - Student - July 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *What a class act. Marcy Human told be just today over lunch. I was blown away to hear of her passing. She was funny and kind... and loved that I shopped at Neiman Marcus at such a young age. LOL I will remember her always. Key Hunter Westover High c/o 1990*

Key Hunter - Atlanta, GA - Student - April 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *I just found out of your passing Mrs. Darby. To this day, you were one of my favorite teachers and not just because you passed me not once but twice, but for teaching me to love to read and being a good friend. I still rememeber you saying that Santa Clause only comes once a year but that apparently the Easter Bunny likes me as well. Thank you for all that you taught me Mrs. Darby and I hope my son has a teacher like you one day. God Bless!!*

Andrew Sindर्सine - May 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Just learned of this sad news today. I'm working this evening on some stories I have to write for my organization's newsletter, and I know I wouldn't be doing that if it weren't for the good lessons I learned with Mrs. Darby. She taught me the difference between nauseous and nauseated ("if you say you're nauseous," she'd teach, "you're suggesting that your very presence induces nausea in others"). I was in her class on 9/11, and I fondly remember her strength that morning. And I always felt a certain amount of pride in the way she'd pronounce "MISter Daaaaarrrcy" in a British accent, as if she were saying my own name. This world will miss her dearly. Hope we can all bring some funny into our work lives the way she sure did every day.

Darsey Culpepper Landoe - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I was shocked and extremely saddened to hear the news of Mrs. Darby's passing. I was so fortunate to have had her as my AP English teacher in 97-98 and I appreciate all she taught me and how enjoyable she made it for Everyone! She always talked about our "peanut gallery" and I just want to say that this peanut gallery will forever miss you & cherish your memory!!! My heart and prayers go out to all of her family and friends.

Anna Maki - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I have lost a wonderful friend of thirty-eight years, and everyone who loved her will miss her acerbic wit, her hysterical imitations, her intelligent (and sometimes totally inane) conversation. She was stupendously entertaining, and I am so glad that I was one of her "buddies."

Priscilla Studdard - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ I was a DHS classmate of Dianne's. I am so sorry for your loss, she was a great Lady. If there is anything that I can do to help or do, please do not hesitate to contact me. Hubert Davis JrAlbany Ga

Hubert Davis Jr - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Diane was a wonderful person; always had a smile. A great teacher at Westover. She will be missed at St. Paul's Church. RIP

Carolyn Hatcher - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We all know that God "threw the mold away" when He created Diane..There will never be another Diane..Even in her last week, she was "cuttin' the fool" as she always loved to do..bringing her caring smile and humor to every situation...Oh, what a precious person she was..And how missed she will be...Much love to Chip,Rachel,Greyson and Hayden whom she cherished so dearly..

Molly Swan - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Mrs.Darby was my American Lit teacher in the 1990s. We had fun and she would make you laugh. She was also our advisor for the Student Council. I remember one time we worked the concession stand during a home basketball game during on of the many State Championship seasons. I enjoyed it and she made us all laugh. I worked with her also as a sub in the early 2000s just before she retired and asked her, "Lady when are you going to go home" She just smiled.

Winfred Williams - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EQ

“ Chip, My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Emma B. Quimbley - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Diane was a fantastic teacher! She was so funny and a great person. She will be missed by everyone that ever came into contact with her.

Amy McRee - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ZE

“ Mrs. Darby was an excellent teacher. She made English come alive for a student who hated English. She was funny and engaging. I shall never forget the great times in her class. Sorry to hear of her passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. C/o 1990

Zenja Evans - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Ms. Darby was a very special lady. She always had us laughing when she would drop her baby Oliver off with us. We will miss her very much.

The Staff of Magnolia Pet Resort and Spa - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Diane was one of the most fun enjoyable people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I know you will miss her tremendously but know she was truly loved.

Kathy Pate - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ we enjoyed Diane and were grateful to call her and Richard friends. Her wit and wisdom made her a joy to know, and she will be missed. she did everything she could to be remembered by her family and grandchildren. we know she is in a better place, and at last has peace and comfort.

gil and liz klemann - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Thinking of You, Chip Nancy Reimer Albany Middle School

Nancy Reimer - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Diane was a beautiful woman with a sweet spirit. She was a great inspiration to me when I went through chemo. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say. I pray God's comfort and peace for the family.

Cathy Kavanaugh - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Remembering a dear friend and colleague whose thoughtfulness and love for others will always be remembered. I will truly miss you!

Carolyn Rayburn - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ What a special WOMAN! We could all take lessons from her on "Life". We send our deepest sympathies to all her family and freinds.

Royce & Patti Inlow - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I am sorry to hear of Mrs. Darby's passing. My heart goes out to the family. She was a great teacher and will be missed by everyone she touched during her life here on Earth.

Stephanie Duncan Ray - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Mrs. Darby was my high school literature teacher at Westover in 2004 and 2005. Under her guidance, she taught me to appreciate the classics -- Faulkner, Shakespeare, etc -- and to think more critically of things I would read in the future. Her phrase "chewing gum for the eyes" has stuck with me since then. She was a fantastic teacher and will be missed. I wish other classes after mine could have been able to experience her teaching methods. Rest in Peace, Mrs. Darby. I'll miss you.

Katie Barnhart - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Some teachers make lasting impressions on their students, as Mrs. Darby did for me. She had a wonderful sense of humor that translated perfectly in the classroom. My heart goes out to her son, Chip, and the rest of the family. Mrs. Darby will be missed. God Bless.

Bryan Gardner - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ so sad to hear the news. Mrs. Darby was a special person and will be missed. I have never had so much fun in a English class than I did in hers. I saw her 3 weeks ago and she looked so pretty. My condolences to the entire family.

Cyndi Norman Cole - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ You will be missed. Such a positive outlook ever since I knew you. You fought a gallant fight. You are home now.

Bobbie Morrell Blalack - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Diane was a truly beautiful person. A great educator, but also a good friend and neighbor. My wife and I saw her a month or two ago, having dinner at The Catch, and she was every bit as pretty and funny as she was almost two decades ago in 11th grade AP English. She will be missed.

William Carswell - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Many wonderful memories and so much laughter. Chip and family, Ronnie and I are so very sorry for you loss.

Sheila Whitfield - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Everyone has a memorable teacher, and Mrs. Darby was that person. I was touched by her in soo many ways, and she is one of the reasons that I am an English teacher. I was lucky to be in the same grade as her son, Chip. Therefore, I will always remember him grabbing her purse out of her desk when he needed money. Because of her spirit, Mrs. Darby would begin yelling and chasing him down the hall. She definitely touched my life, and I am thankful that I had an opportunity to learn from her.

Tracey Cook Rust - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM