



Dianne M. McDermott

December 30, 1946 - April 11, 2025

Dianne M. McDermott, 78, wrapped up a beautiful, laughter-filled life on Friday, April 11, 2025, with her family by her side in her cozy Vernon Hills home. Born December 30, 1946, Dianne brought joy, humor, and the occasional over-the-top holiday decoration to everyone lucky enough to know her.

Originally from Chicago, with a sunny detour through Florida, Dianne settled in Vernon Hills six years ago. She earned her Bachelor's degree from DePaul University, where she also joined Alpha Omega Sorority and made friendships so strong they outlasted hairstyles, fashion trends, and five decades of holiday cards.

Dianne had a career as a health and PE teacher—think less “whistles and gym class” and more “encourager-in-chief.” She was also a devoted member of St. Joseph Church in Libertyville, rarely missing a chance to combine faith, family, and a good holiday drink.

A proud golf lover (with an impressive social calendar of leagues), she hit her personal peak in 2008 when she nailed a hole-in-one. And yes—it was commemorated with a plaque, and yes—it was showcased like a trophy in her home, where she may or may not have casually pointed it out to guests. Often.

Dianne had a soft spot for animals and a major soft spot for her dogs, who always knew they were living the good life. But her true superpower was her boundless love and generosity—especially toward her kids, grandkids, and parents. She had an almost magical ability to give, care, comfort, and still have time to sprinkle a little sparkle on everyone’s day (often while wearing something shiny and sparkly).

Whether she was handing out surprise gifts from QVC (some practical, some... creative), cracking a self-deprecating joke, or channeling her Irish roots with Celtic accessories and a big smile, Dianne made sure life never got too serious. Her house was always full of warmth, laughter, and at Christmastime—enough décor to make Clark Griswold weep with envy.

She is survived by her three children, Brian McDermott, Sean McDermott, and Kelly (Todd) Hassenfelt; her seven adoring grandchildren, Caitlin, Ryan, Connor (Jewel), Emily, and Kayley McDermott, and Alex and Jake Hassenfelt; and her great-grandson, William McDermott. Her beloved brother Dennis Freeman, and her wonderful nieces and nephews—Tim & Kate Freeman, Mike (Mary) McDermott, Bob (Heidi) McDermott, and Jen (Chris) Froh—will miss her dearly.

And of course, Dianne held a special spot in her heart for her “cousins by the dozens,” cherishing every chance to laugh and reminisce, especially during the family’s famously festive Christmas parties.

She now reunites with her sweetheart and husband of nearly 50 years, William McDermott (who passed in 2019), along with her amazing parents, Tom and Stefanie Freeman.

A very special thank you to the extraordinary caregivers—Christina, Miranda,

and Reyna—who became family and made Dianne’s days brighter, funnier, and full of love. You were her dream team.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday, April 21, 2025 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (One block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. Funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Church, 121 E. Maple Ave. in Libertyville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org. Private interment will be Wednesday at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Livestream Funeral Mass Link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/zDEugGeYu4Y>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Mass

APR **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
121 E. Maple Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048

Tribute Wall



“ *Burnett-Dane Funeral Home created a Live Stream Link in memory of Dianne M. McDermott*



Burnett-Dane Funeral Home - April 17, 2025 at 01:52 PM

DK

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Donna Kolar - April 23, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dianne M. McDermott.*



April 22, 2025 at 05:04 PM

JD

“ Jennifer D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne M. McDermott.

Jennifer D. - April 22, 2025 at 04:59 PM

T(

“ The Citywide Robbery Task Force (CPD) purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dianne M. McDermott.



The Citywide Robbery Task Force (CPD) - April 21, 2025 at 03:26 AM

LM

“ Love: Becky, Mike, Dot, and Mikey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne M. McDermott.

Love: Becky, Mike, Dot, and Mikey - April 20, 2025 at 02:29 PM

LM

“ Love: Becky, Mike, Dot, and Mikey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dianne M. McDermott.



Love: Becky, Mike, Dot, and Mikey - April 20, 2025 at 02:29 PM

DC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dodie Carney - April 19, 2025 at 03:23 PM

JY

“ Jeremy, Lisa, Chloe, and Chase Young purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dianne M. McDermott.



Jeremy, Lisa, Chloe, and Chase Young - April 19, 2025 at 10:59 AM

LA

“ Love you ! Christina & Martin De Alba planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne M. McDermott.

Love you ! Christina & Martin De Alba - April 18, 2025 at 11:03 PM

LA

“ Love you ! Christina & Martin De Alba purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dianne M. McDermott.



Love you ! Christina & Martin De Alba - April 18, 2025 at 11:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dianne M. McDermott.

April 18, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dianne M. McDermott.



April 18, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dianne M. McDermott.

April 16, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dianne M. McDermott.



April 16, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ Love, Your GDO Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne M. McDermott.

Love, Your GDO Team - April 16, 2025 at 02:57 PM

LT

“ Love, Your GDO Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Dianne M. McDermott.



Love, Your GDO Team - April 16, 2025 at 02:57 PM

CR

“ Christopher Randles purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dianne M. McDermott.



Christopher Randles - April 15, 2025 at 11:03 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cheryl McGraw - April 15, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Cheryl McGraw - April 15, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dianne M. McDermott.

April 15, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dianne M. McDermott.



April 15, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ Oskar and Chris purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dianne M. McDermott.



Oskar and Chris - April 15, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ Oskar and Chris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dianne M. McDermott.

Oskar and Chris - April 15, 2025 at 10:13 AM

SK

“ Hi Kelly,
Heartfelt condolences to you, your siblings and the rest of your family for the loss of your mom.
Reading the obituary, I know you have lost someone really special and please know we are thinking of you in this time.
Warm regards and our sincere sympathies,
Steve K and Yeslow, Koepfel & Anderson.

Steve Koepfel - April 14, 2025 at 04:50 PM

S(

“ Steve Koepfel & Robert Anderson (YKA) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dianne M. McDermott.



Steve Koepfel & Robert Anderson (YKA) - April 14, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dianne M. McDermott.

April 14, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dianne M. McDermott.



April 14, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dianne M. McDermott.

April 14, 2025 at 01:28 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dianne M. McDermott.



April 14, 2025 at 01:28 PM