



Diana Farr

July 9, 1957 - September 19, 2020

Diana Thornton Farr passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at the age of 63. Diana was born in Cleveland, MS on July 9, 1957, the only and adored child of Ray W. Thornton and Katie D. Thornton. Diana was interested in the Arts from a very early age, whether drawing, designing, painting or decorating, she loved all artistic expression. After High School Diana was eager to begin living an artistic life and enrolled in Patricia Stevens Professional School in Memphis. With natural talent, beauty and poise, she began modeling professionally, including being the cover model on the first issue of Memphis Magazine. Her modeling drew her to a passion for styling, both make-up and hair. Perfecting her skills in New York City gave her the experience to take her next step, and along with Barbara Watts, they opened La Nouvelle Salon, which has been popular in Midtown for over 30 years. A special place always known for exceptional talent and a wonderful atmosphere that so effortlessly turned clients into lifetime friends. Diana always wanted to continue growing artistically and she resumed painting and had success at shows in local galleries. Working on her personal collection was a highlight in Diana's life, but her greatest joy in painting was sharing her love with her adored granddaughters, Isabella and Annalise. They spent countless hours together doing crafts, painting, and exploring creativity. The memories that they hold so close are the Sunday afternoons spent at the Orpheum with their "Nan" and how they always felt so special and loved. While we have lost our beloved Diana, Heaven gains a beautiful angel. She will be sorely missed by all of us who loved her so dearly. Diana was preceded in death by her mother, Katie D. Thornton, her father Ray W Thornton, and Barbara Watts, who she lived, worked and died beside. Diana leaves behind her daughter, Brooke Farr Kemp and husband Shane, and her beautiful granddaughters, Isabella and Annalise, and many friends and family who love her dearly. The family will hold a small and private memorial.

Cemetery

Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery

5668 Poplar Avenue

Memphis, TN, 38119

Comments



“ Diana and Barbara were a beautiful couple that were kind and loving to all. They made the world a better place and will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family.

Diane Fulton - October 04, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ News of Diana’s tragic death is heartbreaking. I haven’t seen her in years, but she was a dear, sweet childhood friend who I was glad to reconnect with on social media in recent years. When we were barely in Junior High, I remember going to her house, putting on our favorite bell-bottoms and halter tops, spending a great deal of time on our hair and make-up, then walking barefoot in search of a patch of wildflowers to photo each other. Diana had a much better sultry look than I did and a heck of lot more style. She was a beauty, an artist, a trailblazer and a special friend. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends who loved her.

Emily K Crowley - October 03, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ Nikki Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Diana Farr



Nikki Schroeder - September 30, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ Brooke and family, My heart goes out to y'all, I am so sad to know Diana is gone. She and I grew up together, living beside each other. I have so many memories like our first art lessons together, being at Dee's house after school, dance lessons, even going to the Thorntons family reunion! So many times shared. Diana was a special person who was gifted and loved by our circle of of friends. God bless you all!
Roxanna Stuhr-Brown of Florida

Roxanna Stuhr-Brown - September 29, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Brook, I don't know if you remember me, this is Frank Beal. I loved your mother and she moved here to Memphis to live with me. My heart is broken and I am crying! I loved her sooo much! If you can find it in your heart to call me I would really love to hear your voice! I loved your mom and always have! My #is 901 270 4568. I hope I will hear from you.

Frank Beal - January 19 at 09:00 PM



“ Brooke, I love you and am praying for you and your family like crazy!



Keri Hunsucker - September 28, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ Diana came into my life 34 years ago and we became lifelong friends. I saw her every three weeks for 28 years before I moved to another state, We continued to stay in touch. Her sweet spirit, perpetual smile and love for everyone she met was what made her so special. Diana adored her grandchildren and spoke of them often with so much pride and joy. The world has lost a beautiful angel.

Linda Bonnin - September 26, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ Dena Peace lit a candle in memory of Diana Farr



Dena Peace - September 22, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ My condolences to Dianna’s family that she loved so much. I loved Dianna and my heart is broken over her passing. I’m so glad I have one of her paintings. Beautiful Dianna, so talented so creative so loving so sweet so fun so so many things to so many people. To me, my dear friend.

Sherry Crowe - September 22, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ Grant, Robert, Jon B, Kristina, Will & many more purchased the Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet for the family of Diana Farr.



Grant, Robert, Jon B, Kristina, Will & many more - September 21, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ I will always remember Diana with a smile on her face and how much she would talk about her Grandchildren- She was a very special woman and loved family and friends

Michelle Cosentino - September 21, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ Sherry Crowe lit a candle in memory of Diana Farr



Sherry Crowe - September 21, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ My condolences to Brooke and her family. Dianna was so proud of her family and loved loved being a part of the girls lives and always told us about them. Beautiful Dianna, kind, charming, sweet, talented, fun, funny, love, love, love always love. Unbelievable loss for so many people.

Sherry Crowe - September 21, 2020 at 11:56 AM