



# Diane M. Bathrick

FEB 18, 1945 - SEP 12, 2014



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## **Diane M. Bathrick**

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**M**rs. Diane M. Bathrick, age 69, went to be with her Lord on Friday, September 12, 2014. She bravely fought breast cancer four separate times beginning in 1999. Diane was born in Muskegon, Michigan on February 18, 1945 to Fred and Gertrude (Greendyke) Hermann. She spent the majority of her childhood years in Rochester, Indiana and graduated from Manchester College with a teaching degree. She married Gordon Bathrick on July 20th, 1968 and moved back to Muskegon where she began her teaching career. Diane touched many lives during her years teaching at Bunker School, Faith Christian School and Calvary Christian School in Fruitport. After retiring in 1998, she still helped at school with testing and being a substitute. She was an active member of Bethel Baptist Church of Fruitport. She enjoyed gardening, women's ministries at church, scrapbooking and spending time with her family and grandchildren. Diane and Gordon enjoyed 45 years of marriage before he preceded her in death in 2013. SURVIVORS include 3 children: Scott (Kimberly) Bathrick, Todd (Jaci) Bathrick, and Sara (Ben) Vawter; 7 grandchildren: Kaleb, Hanna, Maci, Logan, Bailey, Jacob and Paige; 1 great-granddaughter, Sophia; 3 brothers, Bob (Patricia) Hermann, Bruce (Dianne) Hermann, Brad (Kaye) Hermann; 3 sisters, Sandie (Bob) Carpenter, Kris (Larry) Mueller, Marcia (Jerry) Behrens and sister-in-law, Donna Hermann. She was also preceded in death by her parents and brother, Jerry Hermann. A FUNERAL SERVICE will be held at 11:00 AM Thursday, September 18, 2014 at Bethel Baptist Church of Fruitport (213 Oak Street Fruitport, MI 49415), with Pastor Paul Lamberson officiating. A VISITATION will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 from 4-7 PM at The Lee Chapel 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores 231-798-1100. Memorial Contributions can be made to Bethel Baptist Church in Fruitport, or Calvary Christian School. BURIAL will take place at Fruitport Cemetery.

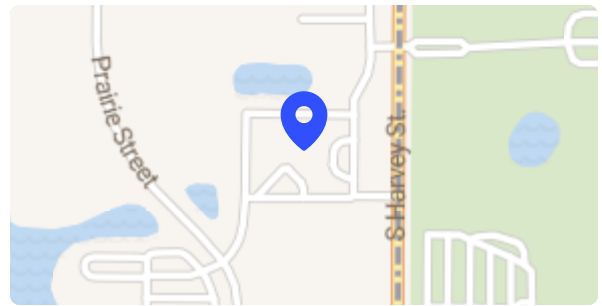


# Events

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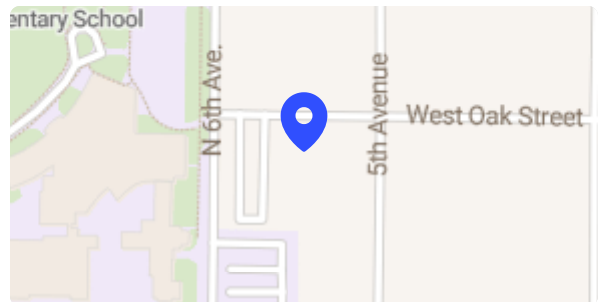
## Visitation

- Wednesday**, September 17, 2014
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**  
6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



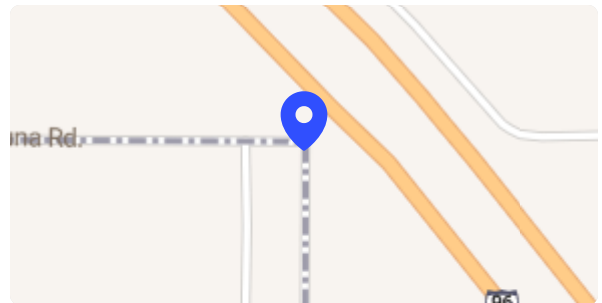
## Funeral Service

- Thursday**, September 18, 2014
- 11:00 AM ET
- Bethel Baptist Church**  
213 Oak Street, Fruitport MI 49415



## Cemetery Details

- Fruitport Cemetery**  
6600 S. Brooks Rd., Fruitport MI 49412





## Tribute Wall

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BB

**Bob Hermann (Brother)** posted:

A very sweet sister and friend. We will miss you so very much I'm sure you and Gordie are together and resting in peace. Love You Diane.

November 11 at 5:11 AM

JR

**Jerry & Darlene Ryan** posted:

What a gift it has been to know Gordy and Diane over the years. Friendships like this have memories that stay with us in our journey here on earth and beyond, as we reunite with them in heaven someday. To you, their children, we are blessed that our guys had a chance to know you at FCS in sports and at youth events. Your parents were super models to all of us dads and moms. May God pour His blessings on you in these challenging days and in the days ahead. Jerry and Darlene Ryan

September 17 at 1:40 PM

LR

**Lynn Rohm** posted:

Dear Scott, Todd, and Sara, We have very fond memories of your mom and dad. It was a joy to serve with them during our years in Fruitport. I (Lynn) was blessed to have had lunch with Diane just about a year ago when I was in Michigan briefly. It was fun to catch up on our families and to see pictures of you and your families. Your mom was so grateful for the care and attention each of you gave her through your dad's illness and following his death. She really, really loved you!! May our Lord's comfort and encouragement be yours in the days and weeks ahead. Bob and Lynn Rohm

September 17 at 1:09 PM



**Anonymous** sent an A Full Life to the Bathrick family.



September 17 at 11:59 AM

LA

**Lee Avery** posted:

Dear Scott, Todd and Sara, We loved both of your parents. They were so kind to us while we were in Fruitport. May God bring you comfort as you mourn the loss of your mum. Lee and Mary Avery (Adelaide, Australia)

September 17 at 3:56 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Bathrick family.



September 16 at 1:37 PM



**June Hoppe** posted:

What A wonderful loving school teacher she was. She will be missed by so many. She is now resting in Jesus's arms

September 16 at 12:25 PM



**Gloria Rudd** posted:

Being faithful in the face of great trials is the real test of our relationship with Jesus. Diane, I believe that Jesus' will be saying "well done my good and faithful servant". We are praying for special comfort and strength for your family that you are leaving here.

September 16 at 10:16 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Bathrick family.



September 16 at 8:44 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Secret Garden Basket to the Bathrick family.



September 16 at 7:21 AM



**Jean Vanderlaan** posted:

Todd...so sorry for the loss of your Mother.Mrs. Vanderlaan. WMCHS

September 16 at 6:33 AM



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**Marilyn Scraver** posted:

My memories of Diane go back to Faith Christian where I got to teach each of their children and enjoy her as a fellow teacher. We took two short courses together on learning disabilities one summer - in Indiana (stayed at her mom's) and near Chicago. Diane helped all of the teachers with extra attention to some students' needs and doing testing. We continued as fellow member of Bethel Baptist and as friends as I became a missionary and served overseas then returned to serve at our headquarters. Gordy and Diane supported me financially for several years until the Lord received her to Himself.

September 16 at 6:11 AM



**Eric Strattan** posted:

Marcia and I so appreciate Diane's legacy as a godly role model and patient, skilled teacher for our children. She was consistently kind and caring...one of our kids' favorites, and we're very glad for our friendship over the years.

September 16 at 3:24 AM



**Ken Erny** posted:

Diane and Gordon both lived their dash. The years God gave them they were known for being so even tempered, kind hearted, and constantly giving to others. Years ago we were all co-workers in church and school. They both showed so much caring for our family. Diane-thanks for being a Facebook friend for Jessica, Thank you for your great laugh and smile. You will always be remembered for a spirit of gentle peace and joy in serving others. We will deeply miss you. Ken and Lori

September 15 at 4:17 PM



**Cheryl Hogendyk** posted:

I have always admired your mom for the loving person she is and was. I will always remember her smile. She was the role model for me to live for Jesus.

September 15 at 12:01 PM



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PB

**Penny Hounshell Bills** posted:

Aunt Diane I will always remember your kind loving spirit. You always smiled. Your laugh was contagious! I will miss you so very much. I will always remember your warm hugs and the love you shared in your heart for everyone. You were full of compassion. I wanted to thank you for taking loving care of Uncle Gordy. I Love you very much!! Penny Hounshell Bills

September 15 at 7:19 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Bathrick family.



September 14 at 5:52 PM

JW

**Jeffrey Wagoner** posted:

Even though Aunt Diane lived about 3 hours away when I was growing up, she always made you feel like she only lived 3 minutes away when she would see our family at reunions or holiday gatherings. Her smile and that giggle she had will be forever missed and never forgotten. Love you Aunt Diane, Jeffrey Wagoner

September 13 at 5:55 PM

SH

**Sandy Hemphill** posted:

There are no words to describe the depth of loss I am feeling at losing my dear and close friend of 46 years. We shared so many things together - both happy and sad. Di was easy to love and so comfortable to be with. She loved The Lord and we enjoyed sharing that bond. I know how much she loved her children, grandchildren and sisters, as well as extended family. I pray God's peace and comfort for each one of you. We recently talked about meeting in Heaven, she would be waiting for me. Having that hope is a blessing, but the space she left in my heart will be there for a long, long time! I am happy for her to be perfectly healed and with her beloved husband.

September 13 at 2:22 PM

NB

**Noel Berg** posted:

Diane loved me when I needed it most! She will forever be missed until I'm reunited with her in heaven. I look forward to that day!

September 13 at 1:46 PM



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TD

**Tammy Deering** posted:

It could tell your mom was a very loving and kind mom and grandma when she visited Jake and Paige during school activities. Your strong love for each other was very evident. Knowing she is pain free in heaven with your dad is a blessing. Missing her on earth shows how much you love her and how close you are. I will be praying for you all. Love, Tammy Deering

September 13 at 1:28 PM

LH

**Lisa Heiss** posted:

Mrs. B, you will forever be in my heart. Your generous love for me and my family will always be remembered. You were my favorite teacher in elementary school. And loved that you came to all our basketball games in high school. The last few years as we have gotten together with you and Sara and/or her family have been warm and with tons of laughs. See you soon, more laughs to come!!

September 13 at 12:18 PM

MC

**Mrsdpianist@Msn.Com** posted:

Diane was a great friend and mentor to me. Many times she prayed with me when i needed support as a young teacher. I loved the family as students and friends. i will be praying for you all in these coming days. Mrs. D (Chris Ann Dykstra)

September 13 at 11:58 AM

EB

**Eileen Biser** September 13 at 1:32 PM

Diane was my Manchester College roommate and a member of my bridal party, almost 48 years ago. I got to know her family and stayed in her home quite often while in Indiana. We kept in touch, lost each other for awhile, and then re-connected again via FB. I will forever feel blessed that she was my special pal in college and that we "caught up" later in life. She will always hold a very special place in my heart and history. I know that her family was the most important part of her life, and to them I send special wishes of condolence and love in her name. Eileen Gingrich Biser 7107 Valentown Rd. Victor, NY 14564 embnge@rit.edu



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