



Diana R. Smires

January 3, 1945 - April 13, 2023

Diana R. Smires passed away at home on April 13, 2023. She was 78 years old.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Donald “Smut” Smires, her father, Herman Ridgway and her mother, Virginia Campbell.

Diana is survived by her sister, Bonnie Shoemaker, her three sons, Scott Matey (Diane), David Matey (Kathi) and Mark Matey, her beloved grandchildren; Kristie Matey, Jennifer Matey, Brian Matey, Matthew Matey, Jake Matey and Taylor Matey, her great-grandchildren, Jayden Taylor, Maci Matey, Scott Renai, Silvio Matey and Callan Ferguson. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews as well as many close friends.

Diana was a longtime resident of Columbus, N.J. and loved her community. She was the owner of Diana Smires Jewelry & Sons on Main Street in Columbus doing what she loved best. As Diana always said “if you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life.” Her family and close friends meant the world to her. She will be deeply missed. Until we meet again “toodle.”

Relatives and friends may visit with the family from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High Street, Mount Holly, N.J. A memorial service will follow at 12:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to a favorite charity of the donor’s choice.

Previous Events

Family and Friends Received

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399

Memorial Service

APR **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High Street
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399
info@perinchief.com
<http://www.perinchief.com>

Tribute Wall

LP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I ment to visit when I was up in April for our taxes. What a wonderful person. She will be truly miss 🥹😞💔
❤️

Laura Price - July 12, 2023 at 01:33 PM

MH

“ I am so saddened to hear of Diana’s passing. She was an incredible lady with a warm heart and a loving hand. We shared our fascination with jewelry and gemstones. I will miss seeing her light up when she saw you at the door of the jewelry shop and her laughing at me as I went around like a kid in a candy store, falling in love with all of the vintage pieces and cameos. She will be very sorely missed by all who adored her. My sincerest sympathies to her family during this time of tremendous grief.

Maria Hamilton - April 30, 2023 at 10:31 AM

CG

“ Cindy Glenn lit a candle in memory of Diana R. Smires



Cindy Glenn - April 19, 2023 at 04:45 PM

MB

“ We are so sorry to your loss. Diane was a very nice lady, she had such a nice personality you will be missed.. The Ballone family and Rob Scheerer. R I P.

Maria Ballone - April 18, 2023 at 07:26 AM

KF

Diana was a very special lady. She had a heart of gold. I use to stop by the store & sit with her over a cup of coffee. Diana I will always have fond memories of u, especially when I wear a piece of jewelry u helped to design with Joe. U may be gone my friend but will always be remembered. RIP No longer in pain. Love you! KATHY

Kathy Fiordilino - April 20, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ Napa Valley Charm Wine Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Diana R. Smires.



April 17, 2023 at 11:12 AM

SP

“ Shirley H Powell lit a candle in memory of Diana R. Smires



Shirley H Powell - April 16, 2023 at 07:50 AM

KF

Lit a candle for Diana

Kathy Fiordilino - April 20, 2023 at 09:51 AM

H♥

“ Holly Newell ♥ lit a candle in memory of Diana R. Smires



Holly Newell ♥ - April 15, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Diana R. Smires.*



April 15, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *My favorite memories are the times spent with her. She was effervescent, kind, funny and breathed life into every conversation. She was the most amazing soul and is missed immensely. I know she's reunited with everyone she lost and is sharing all her love and laughter with them again.*

Kyle Hook - April 15, 2023 at 08:57 AM



“ *One of the most wonderful women I ever knew, Diana was a force of nature. She was intelligent, forever informing herself about jewelry, politics, nature, friendships and everything in the world. Diana was an inspiration to all who knew her. Kindness, politeness and concern for all was her watchword. I will miss her forever. Carol Hill*

Carol Hill - April 15, 2023 at 07:38 AM



“ *I pray that memories sustain your family as they grieve this enormous loss.*

*Sincerely,
Amy Stella*

Amy Stella - April 14, 2023 at 05:53 PM

KI

“ Aunt Diane you will be missed 😭. I know you and mom are together Diane and Dewey together again!!!

kim - April 14, 2023 at 02:09 PM

MM

“ Mom-Mom, I love you. While our family is devastated by this tragedy, we can find comfort in the fact that you are finally at peace. I am saddened by this, however I am happy you are with Pop-Pop now, I know he's been waiting on you. This is not a time to mourn however, this is a time to celebrate your life, and to remember all of the good times we had together as a family. We will meet again one day, and I feel safer than ever knowing I have you watching over me now. Once again, I love you Mom-Mom and you will be missed not only by your family, but by the whole town of Columbus. Till we meet again.



Your Grandson,
Matthew Matey

Matthew Matey - April 14, 2023 at 01:27 PM

DM

This is beautiful Matthew ❤️

Diane Matey - April 15, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diana R. Smires.



April 14, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Diana R. Smires.*



April 14, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diana R. Smires.*



April 14, 2023 at 12:05 PM