



Diane Elizabeth Franklin

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Diane Elizabeth (Mitchell) Franklin was born January 31, 1947 in Dallas, Texas, to Fred Allison Mitchell and Carrie Elizabeth (Steele) Mitchell. She passed away February 5, 2021. Her sister is Freddie Gail (Mitchell) Lowery, and is married to Jerry Lowery.

Diane graduated from Kimball High School. Her Lodge was Duncanville Chapter #1014, Order of the Eastern Star, and was a Worthy Maidtreian 2 years in a row.

Diane met Richard on a blind date in October of 1961 to go to the KLIF Hop. It was held at a downtown hotel where Diane and Richard danced to "Hey Paula" by Peter Paul and Mary; it was the best night ever!!

Richard called Diane to ask her out on this date, even though it was a blind date. He said his name was Dickie when she answered the phone, asked her on the date, and Diane replied "I can't go with you. I already have a date with a Richard." He laughed and said that he was Richard, his mom and dad called nicknamed him Dickie.

Shortly after that, about 5 years, Diane finally told Richard, "Are you going to marry me or not? If not, I'm going to find someone else." So, Richard turned to her and said, "let's get married then." Diane's only request was that Richard ask her dad for her hand in marriage. When Richard asked Diane's dad, the only thing he said in the end was, "If you can afford her, then it's okay."

They were married on October 29, 1966 at the First United Methodist Church in Duncanville, Texas. They went on their honeymoon in New Orleans, and on their return, Richard was drafted into the Army and was sent to Germany where Diane joined him later. She loved being overseas as this meant a lot of traveling. They were able to see where Mozart was buried - The Eagle's Nest, and the salt mines; but most of all, she enjoyed it because she was together with her husband, Richard. After the service, she joined a company where she traveled a lot. In fact, they were able to see Paris, France and the Eiffel Tower, London, England and Buckingham Palace, Big



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Bin and Parliament. The two of them had a great time.

Diane was a wife, a mother, a grandparent, and a person whose true love was her grandchildren. As for wanting children, they waited 8 years for them and she was really happy. At one time, she told her son, Rick, that he really needed to have children so that she could spoil them and then them back home.

Then like clock work, Rick and Maria had Allison, and then they had Eric, and low and behold, they had Mia. That really made her happy and so excited that after Mia was born, she said, "I have come to the conclusion not to be called grandma." She studied for several days and one day she decided she wanted to be called "Grammy. Yes, that is what I want to be called", and from that point on, that is what the grandchildren would call her, because that made her feel young with pride and joy - not old, like grandma. Whenever she could, she would have them go here and there and buy them everything under the sun. And guess who had to pay for them, Richard, but he was really okay with it because it kept her happy.

"To me, I will miss her the most because of her joy and care free attitude about life. So after 54 years of marriage, God will get an angel. And like Monsignor Zimmer once said, 'She has her place in heaven, be he really don't know about me'". - Richard Franklin.



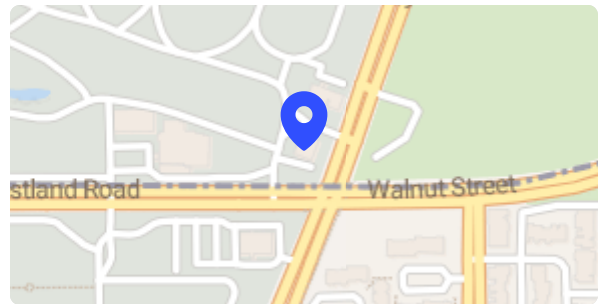
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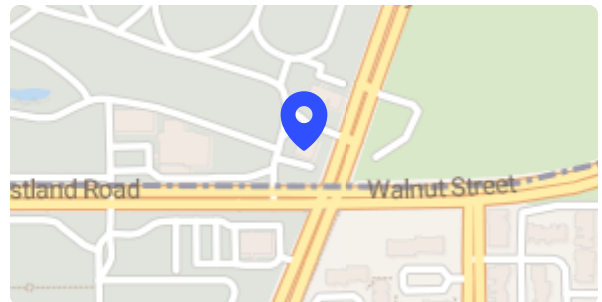
Visitation

- Monday**, February 22, 2021
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM cst
- Restland Funeral Home & Crematory**
13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas TX 75243



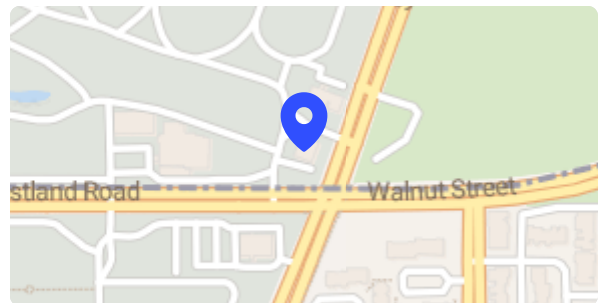
Funeral Service

- Tuesday**, February 23, 2021
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM cst
- Restland Abbey Chapel**
13005 Greenville Ave, Dallas TX 75243



Cemetery Details

- Restland Memorial Park**
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Bobby Knott posted:

Diane and Dickie came to our Franklin Reunion a few years ago. we really enjoyed seeing them. Are you still living in Grandmas house on Rosa Rd. wish we could visit. Dickie we hope you are doing ok. your cousin, virginia franklin knott304 s wofford stathens texas903 675-4445

May 3 at 10:46 AM



Sincerely, Van And Christine Davis sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Franklin family.



February 22 at 9:11 AM



Mike & Sally Ramsey sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Franklin family.



February 22 at 7:25 AM



Jack And Paula Titus sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Franklin family.



February 22 at 5:41 AM



Misty Ferguson posted:

Diana was like a second mom to me I grew up on the same street they lived on across the street. Her and Richard and my parents were good friends for so many years lifting up comfort prayers for Richard and Rick and the rest of the family my heart is heavy love y'all from Misty Ferguson (Childers)

February 21 at 11:14 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Franklin family.



February 20 at 12:38 PM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Franklin family.

February 20 at 11:54 AM



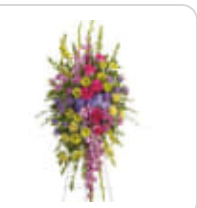
Love Jerry, Gail And Family sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Franklin family.

February 20 at 6:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Bright and Beautiful Spray to the Franklin family.

February 19 at 8:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the Franklin family.

February 13 at 9:28 PM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Franklin family.

February 13 at 5:25 PM



Anna Johnson lit a candle in honor of Diane.

February 13 at 4:28 PM





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GJ

Greg And Anna Johnson sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Franklin family.



February 13 at 4:19 PM

AJ

Anna Johnson posted:

I got to meet Ms. Diane a few weeks ago, Richard came to work for a while and I got to spend a few hours with her. We talked about her son Rick and how proud she was of him and the jet from Buc-ee's he got to fly on. and her beautiful red hair she just done and her pretty nails. We talked about a lot of things including some of her life adventures. She was a wonderful joy to spend what time I had with her. I told her to come with Richard to work anytime and we would hang out, she smiled and said she would love that. I could tell Diane touched a lot of hearts and Richard is blessed to have had her in his life. I will never forget her and wish I had more time with her, we would of been good friends. I know she's in good hands with the Lord and will put many smiles on the angels faces, as she is a angel now. She will have a special spot in my heart and when we meet again , we start where we left off. Bye for now my friend, Rest in Peace, Love Anna

February 13 at 4:13 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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