



Diane Agnes George

September 29, 1915 - January 25, 2022

Diane Agnes George, 106, of Sterling Heights, Michigan, passed away surrounded by her family on January 25, 2022.

Diane was born September 29, 1915, to William and Nora Shikany in Minneapolis. They moved to Detroit when she was thirteen years old. After graduating high school she attended a business college and worked in the office of a factory until she met her husband, Leo. After raising their children and after the death of her husband Leo, Diane started a new career at the Social Security Administration Office in Detroit where she worked as assistant to an Administrative Law Judge until she retired in 1989.

When Diane was younger, she prayed that she would marry a wonderful, loving, and caring man. She also prayed she would have three boys and three girls. God answered her prayers to her exact wishes.

Mom met the love of her life, Leo George, when she was 27. They married in 1943 and had six children. Their children were raised with a love of God and church.

Mom's family loved visiting her and she loved to cook for them. She was well known for making three items which are still affectionately known as "Grandma's Chicken", "Grandma's Rice", and "Grandma's Salad", they

learned from her. She lovingly taught them step by step on how to replicate those dishes. They quickly discovered their own version would never be as good as grandma's. As each family would pull out of her driveway, they knew grandma would make the sign of the cross and say a blessing for each family as they left.

Mom was an active member of St. Maron Church, where she started the Adoration Chapel at St. Maron's Church in Detroit, Michigan. She made many pilgrimages with her daughter, Mary Ann, to Medjugorje, Bosnia.

In her later years, she moved in with her two sisters, Sadie and Jeanette. The Family knew there was a strict "no contact time" for them because of their daily poker party with friends.

Her family knows how much she loved to sing- especially her favorite, "You Are My Sunshine". For Mom's 100th birthday all of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren came in from across the country to celebrate her. She was moved to tears as she listened to her grandchildren and great grandchildren sing her favorite song "You are my Sunshine". Not all songs were real, either, but to her grandkids, they were. They were familiar with her seatbelt safety song, "Buckle Up For Safety...Buckle Up!" More embarrassing for them was when they were young and she altered the words to a popular nursery rhyme. She changed the words "twinkle twinkle" to "tinkle tinkle". When they would use the restroom she would sing, "Tinkle Tinkle Little Star..." Even though it was enough to embarrass them, they would chuckle and loudly sing along to make her laugh. Years later, they would sing the same version of the song to their own children.

Mom was greatly loved by her family: Leonard (Verna) George, Mary Ann (Don) Ganim, Carol George, Howard (Mary) George, Lorry (Fred) Ganem, and Gary (Glenna) George. She leaves behind fifteen grandchildren and

twenty-nine great-grandchildren, and her nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her aides, Ruth and Toni, who mean so much to our mom and her family.

Our mother is at peace and is with those she loved and missed for so long who preceded her in death. Her loving husband, Leo, her parents William and Nora Shikany, her siblings Vera Deeby, Woodrow Woody, John Shikany, Sadie Abraham, Edmond Shikany, and Jeanette Aesy, and most recently, her daughter Mary Ann Ganim.

Family will receive friends Monday, January 31, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. the time of her Funeral Mass at St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church, 43888 Hayes Road, Clinton Township, Michigan.

For those unable to attend the Funeral Mass, please, go to sullivanfuneraldirectors.com web page for it will be streamed live. If you have any questions or concerns, please, call us at Wm. Sullivan & Son 586-731-2411. In lieu of flowers family request donation to Right to Life, St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Please share a memory with her family at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

17100 VanDyke
Detroit, MI 48234

Previous Events

Instate At Church

JAN 31. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church
43888 Hayes Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Funeral Mass

JAN 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Diane Agnes George*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - January 31, 2022 at 08:25 AM

JG

It was a honor working for Mrs. George. At 106 on our way to dinner she would speak to the residents in the nursing home she would sing you are my sunshine and teach a dance from her country.

Jasmin Green - January 31, 2022 at 11:45 AM

DD

“ *My heart, thoughts, and prayers go out to the family of Diane George. She was an amazing woman, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was quick witted and quick on her feet as well. She loved being with her sisters and made sure they were always cared for and being fed well. They loved to play cards and talk about the days when they were younger. The ladies would get together and fuss and almost have a fight at the dining room table. It was a blast listening to them argue and then love on each other afterwards. I would watch old movies with Diane and learn about all the beautiful Hollywood actresses that she grew up watching. I learned a lot from Mrs. Diane George and she will forever be in my heart and thoughts. Love, Diane and Patricia Danna.*

Diane Danna - January 31, 2022 at 01:28 PM

CV

“ A fun memory of Grandma is eating SMELTS together - I've never ever had them with anyone else. Also, my love of reading Harlequin romance novels are because of her. You know - the tame 1970's novels. She & her sisters would pass them back & forth initialing & dating the inside front covers to log when they read them. Also, watching her sit at her vanity in the morning brushing her hair and listening to a fuzzy NPR news broadcast on AM radio - as a kid I was incredulous how she could listen to those BORING, unintelligible, voices droning on and on 😊. I loved how she'd plant plastic flowers every spring so that her yard looked pretty and how she would mix different cereals up with raisins & nuts way before any cereal manufacturer figured out how to put it all in one box. She loved to walk and sit up straight, and took loads of stinky vitamins every day. She always had the most beautiful posture. She wore wigs through the 1980's and I loved it when she decided to go all-natural once she hit her 80's. One time we got caught in a torrential thunderstorm full of lightning & thunder. Being 10 years old I was petrified. She kept calm as she kept driving telling us that we should worry because the rubber tires of the car would bounce away any lighting from the car and protect us. Then she made sure we sang songs all the way home. I always remember singing ' you are my sunshine' and ' till we meet again' with her. Grandma loved to show her love to all of us through cooking - strawberry shortcake made with bisquick, grape leaves, kibbee, leban, yum! in her later years I'd send her homemade cookies each Christmas as a way to show her how much I loved her back.

My Grandma was smart, strong, loving, and a devoted mother. I am so grateful to have had her for so many years. I'll be loving you, Always 💕.

Christine Velizaroff - January 31, 2022 at 11:28 AM

JG

Warms my heart

Jasmin Green - January 31, 2022 at 12:05 PM

GS

“ *Diane was a magnificent woman. It was a blessing to know her and to dance with her. Thinking of you during this time of sorrow. - Gabby Simone from Waltonwood Lakeside*

Gabby Simone - January 30, 2022 at 12:21 PM

AA

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your wonderful mother. Wow 107 God Bless her. Our mothers were the best. May she Rest In Peace and may your memories of her comfort you at this time.*

Ann Marie Armaly

Ann Marie Armaly - January 29, 2022 at 08:39 AM

LT

“ *Diane George was such a wonderful person. Mrs. George was instrumental in having the Adoration Chapel built at St Maron. She cleaned our Lord's house! She was truly what Christianity is about; very kind, humble and unselfish. I have fond memories being in her lovely Devonshire home and being with her children. My condolences to them and her nieces and nephews.*

*Sincerely,
Linda Besteni Thomas*

Linda Besteni Thomas - January 28, 2022 at 01:05 PM

PM

“ *I loved Diane and so did my mother. She was my Girl Scout leader and I remember visiting her when she lived in Harper Woods. She was a great lady who raised an awesome family. May your memories comfort you all!*❤️

Patricia Moran - January 28, 2022 at 03:55 AM