



Diane Elaine Vernia

November 29, 1958 - January 25, 2026

Diane Elaine Vernia (Bean) age 67, of Rochester Hills, passed away on January 25, 2026.

Born in Pontiac, Michigan on November 29, 1958 to, Robert Vernia, Sr. and Patricia (Andrews) Vernia. Diane was raised in Berkley, graduating from Berkley High School in 1976. From an early age, she showed a creative spirit that stayed with her throughout her life. She especially enjoyed making jewelry, often gifting her handmade creations to family and friends — a reflection of her generous heart and thoughtfulness.

Diane leaves behind a legacy of kindness, warmth, and daily acts of love that will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Diane will be remembered as the beloved wife of David Bean. Loving sister of Annette (Jeffrey) Cleghorn and the late Robert Vernia Jr., Michael Vernia, William Vernia, and Thomas Vernia Sr. She will also be lovingly remembered by her several extended family members.

A memorial service for Diane will be held in the springtime at First Congregational Church of Royal Oak.

If you would like to make a memorial contribution in memory of Diane, please

consider a contribution to Michigan Humane (www.michiganhumane.org).

Share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ I had no idea Diana had passed. I just went to check in on her today and seen this. I am truly heartbroken. She was a kind and loving woman. I feel so lucky to have known her.

Rachel Abbas - May 20 at 11:44 PM



“ I first met Diane online almost 8 years ago playing words. We ended up friends and I enjoyed her messages of beauty and cheer so much. What a long time to have so many lovely memories and chats.

I am stunned at her passing, although I knew she was struggling. She was always so positive. I'm really going to miss her. Rest in peace my gentle friend, and let it hugs to your family.

Kristin Louthan - March 01 at 07:56 AM

KD

“ I remember Diane fondly. She was my eldest cousin and a fun babysitter. Diane lived with us for a while when she was a young adult. I remember she was always kind and fun-loving. When she moved away, she found feral kittens outside of her home in Oak Park and she let my sister and I come catch a couple of them for rescue. I'll never forget her smile and laugh, and I'll never forget her love and kindness.

Kristie Davis - February 03 at 12:55 PM

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“ I loved Diane very much! A kindred spirit to me. A very good friend! I will miss her very much! I know she is in heaven with our dear Lord. She loved Jesus Christ and always accepted Him as her Savior. I pray for David, her family, and her friends to heal from this. I already miss her so much!!! I hope you are dancing and singing in heaven Diane!!! Love always, Toni Imus

Antoinette Marie Imus - February 02 at 05:07 PM

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“ I'm very sorry for the Vernia and Cleghorn family. She was a very kind person and loved by many. 🌸🙏

Betty Eid Crnovrsanin - February 01 at 07:59 PM

EG

“ Diane was born on my 7th birthday making her the best birthday present I've ever received and my sister honored me by giving her my middle name, Elaine. I have so many memories of her as a child. Being the oldest of 6 children she learned caring for others at an early age and continued caring and tending to others before herself. I remember when she first got glasses. She was so excited and told me she know that trees had separate leaves as she only saw a mass of green. I loved her sweetness and how excited she was. I will miss her dearly. She was my first and my namesake.

Elaine Gernaey - January 30 at 09:09 PM

KC

“ I am so sorry for the sudden loss of your sister Diane. I met Diane a few times and could see that she was a warm and caring person. Sending love and strength to you and your family.
Karen Cleghorn

Karen Cleghorn - January 30 at 08:01 PM

AC

“ *Diane has always been one of the most generous thoughtful people I have ever known. As children we shared a bed and bedroom, and we fought as sisters do. We always loved each other, and I will miss the messages Diane sent me every day. You are missed my beautiful sister. I love you* ❤️



Annette L Cleghorn - January 30 at 10:07 AM