



Diane Marie Wolk

December 10, 1950 - July 4, 2015

Obituary of Diane Wolk

Dr. Diane Marie Wolk, 64, passed away peacefully and painlessly on July 4, 2015 at the Lexington Park Memory Care facility in Lady Lake, Florida following a long journey with Alzheimer's Disease. She left behind a lasting legacy of well-educated children and grateful educators, loving family and friends, selfless service and an exemplary model of courage and compassion.

Survivors include her husband Dave of Castleton, daughters Jessica (husband Oskar) of Farmingville, New York and Laura of Castleton, sons Richard of Montpelier and Adam (wife Brita) of New York City, and two grandchildren, Hailey and Barry. She also leaves her mother Janet Imboden of Alpharetta, Georgia, brother Stephen Imboden (wife Leslie) of Santa Rosa, California, sisters Linda Hopkins (husband Mark) of Cumming, Georgia and Elaine Imboden of Riverhead, New York, her husband's family, including Dr. Arthur and Florrie Wolk of Rutland Town, Dr. Tom Wolk (wife Debbie) of Chester Springs, PA and Dr. Brad Wolk (wife Caren) of Indialantic, Florida, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father, Richard Imboden, in 2010.

Diane was born in Mineola, New York on December 10, 1950 to Richard and Janet Imboden. She grew up on Long Island and graduated from Farmingdale High School in 1968. She was an honors graduate in Spanish and Education at SUNY Oneonta in 1972, earned a Master's degree at Castleton State College in 1979 and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in 1989, and completed a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Vermont in 1997.

Her impressive professional career spanned 34 years until her early retirement in 2006 due to the complications of early onset Alzheimer's Disease, about which she showed uncommon courage and candor, hoping it would no longer be a taboo topic.

Diane was an acclaimed expert in early literacy. She was a gifted teacher of reading and an accomplished professor in that discipline as well as in leadership. From 1972 to 1990 Diane was a beloved teacher and school leader at Barstow Memorial School in Chittenden. She continued to teach a variety of professional development graduate courses, workshops and institutes, too numerous to mention, for the University of Vermont and Castleton throughout Vermont. She was the Principal of the Shrewsbury Mountain School in Cuttingsville from 1991-1995, after which she became the Director of Student Teaching and a Professor at Castleton. The capstone of her leadership career was at Northeast Elementary School in Rutland City, where she was Principal from 2000-2006.

Dr. Wolk was a woman of service. She was a member of the Vermont State Board of Education from 1993-1999, serving as its Chairwoman. She was also on the Board of the Vermont Special Olympics. She was chosen for the state

Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award in 1984. She was a wish granter for the Make A Wish Foundation. Even after the early diagnosis of her disease that led to The Long Goodbye, Diane served for a short time as a hospice volunteer. She benefited from hospice at the end of her own life.

Knowing of her future, Diane decided to move to Florida after her retirement to enjoy the sunshine and to continue participation in clinical trials and experimental treatments for dementia. It was her wish, when the time would come, to live in a Florida nursing home environment suited to her needs and also to ensure that her former students, colleagues and friends would not see her, as she said, "the way I know I am going to be", further testament to the courage, candor and compassion she showed throughout her life. The trials and treatments ended, and Diane would then become part of her wonderful, caring, competent and compassionate Lexington Park family for the next five years, enjoying her life in her own way, bringing smiles to all who encountered her. The profile in courage that was her life will never be forgotten.

Diane earned and deserved the respect of all who crossed her path throughout her many years in Vermont and in Florida. She shunned the spotlight and deflected bountiful praise by lauding the efforts of others, never calling attention to herself. When she retired, she could not control the outpouring of love and respect that came her way, due to her unparalleled integrity and the impressive dignity she exemplified throughout her life.

Nor could she control the ravages of Alzheimer's Disease, yet her sunny disposition remained until the end. She accepted her destiny with the same class, elegance and dignity that characterized her life.

Diane's entire family expresses their heartfelt gratitude to the extended family at Lexington Park, and to all the doctors and nurses in Vermont and in Florida who lovingly helped her through this long journey.

A memorial service will be held at the Lady Lake Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at 4:00PM with a gathering from 3:00 to 4:00PM prior to the service.

Friends may remember Diane through the memory book at the Beyers Funeral Home Villages/Lady Lake website at www.beyersfuneralhome.com.

It is preferred that there will be no flowers, just fond memories.

If friends are so inclined, donations in Diane's memory could be made to the "Dr. Diane M. Wolk Scholarship for Promising Educators" at the Development Office, Castleton State College, 62 Alumni Drive, Castleton, VT 05735, where several talented students, now teachers, have already benefited from generous scholarships.

As a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, educator, friend and role model, the light of Diane's life will always shine bright.

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake,
FL

Tribute Wall

SS

“ To Diane's Mother and family, I spent a wonderful afternoon with Diane and her sister, Linda, in the Villages several years ago and talked about many things. What I remember most is her joy of life, her enthusiasm of everything around her, and the light of her spirit. We "bonded" over the NPR program "Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me." She was a delight to be with. It is unfortunate that in her last years that her light only shined in a small nursing home in Florida. May God bless Diane and bring peace and love to her family. Susan Smith

Susan Smith - July 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ It was with great sadness that we learned of Diane's death. She touched so many lives in so many wonderful ways that she will be missed by many. You have our deepest sympathy.

Susan and Jack Crowther - July 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dave and family: On behalf of the NCAA Division III governance staff, please accept our deepest sympathy. May you find comfort in each other and the memories of Diane that will live with you forever. Debbie

Debbie Kresge - July 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear David and family and especially Jessica and Richie, I was very sad to hear that Diane had passed, but know that she is finally at peace. She put up a very courageous struggle against that terrible disease and always remained so positive and as happy as she could be. I like to remember her as one of the original "West Rd Girls" and will never forget the site of her frolicking in the field where she would later build her house. We had alot of good times then and also later with all of you kids, especially on those annual camping trips! I will always remember her for the beautiful person she was, inside and out. She never looked a day older from the day we first met. I hope that she and Louise have joined up in Heaven to carry on the tradition of the old "West Rd Girls"! God bless all of you.
Love, Jackie

jackie gormly - July 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I'm grateful I got to know Diane when she taught at Castleton. We roomed together at a conference on the First Year Experience, when I truly came to see what an extraordinary woman and educator she was. I benefited from many insights she gave generously and humbly. We had good laughs too. The world has a hole in it now that she is gone. Blessings, Diane--You handed them out graciously when alive.

Carrie Waara - July 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Dear Dave and family, Thinking of you at this very sad time.
Sincerely, Tom Holland.

Tom Holland - July 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ To Dave and Diane's families, We wish to extend our thoughts and best wishes to you all on the passing of Diane. She was the nicest and loveliest of people--warm, open, always smiling, beautiful. We are fortunate to have known her. Philip & Whitney Lamy

Philip and Whitney Lamy - July 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Our sincere and heartfelt condolences are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Keith and Michelle Molinari - July 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Deepest sympathy. May Mary Elizabeth Frye's poem bring you solace: Do not stand at my grave and weep I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry; I am not there. I did not die.

Trish van der Spuy - July 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Dave and family, I just learned of Diane's death. It made me recall wonderful memories of working with her on education issues and for a short while on the VSAC board. What a special person. I loved how much she cared about children. I want to say too that I have been totally in awe of you Dave and how you have handled Diane's illness. I know you cherish the years you did have together. You were so lucky to find each other. My thoughts are with all of you and I trust your fond memories are giving you comfort. A very special person is lost to our world. Sincerely, Martha Heath

Martha Heath - July 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I AM TRULY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS DAVID.

RODNEY R GALLO - July 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Condolences to David and the children and grandchildren at the loss of beloved Diane. Janet and Brent Wood of Rutland, Vt. and ..and Sarasota,Fl.

Janet and Brent Wood - July 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Wishing you lovely memories of Diane.

Paulie Austin and Family - July 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ We will remember Diane for her smile, and for her dedication and passion in the education of our children. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Paige, Richard, Amanda & Scott

Paige & Richard Kaufman & Family - July 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Diane Marie Wolk

Tammy Landon - July 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ We are all so very sorry. You will all remain in our thoughts, hearts and prayers. Ted and Donna and family~

Ted and Donna Gillen - July 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Diane Marie Wolk*

Gary & Sharon Mechler - July 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Dave & Family, We were so saddened to learn of Diane's passing. Under normal circumstances it would be hard, but under your circumstances it has probably been unbearable. We know how much Diane will be missed. Our thoughts, sympathy and prayers will be with you at this difficult time. Laurie, Mikaela & Jaden*

Laurie Rosenzweig & Family - July 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

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Gary & Sharon Mechler - July 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

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Tammy Landon - July 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *I have fond memories of Mrs. Wolk as one of my first grade teachers at Barstow Memorial. I pray that God will comfort you during your lonely hours and will bless you with joyful memories of her to ease your sorrows. My family and I wish you the sincerest condolences on your loss.*

Samantha (Takacs) Shuman - July 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ David and family, Diane's life was well and fully lived. Her impact on others is a testament to her and to all of you. Our thoughts are with you. Rob and Janet

Rob and Janet McClallen - July 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ How do you know as a child how big of an impact someone will have on your life. I guess for me, I never knew until I was an adult. Mrs. Wolk was not only my 1st grade teacher at Barstow, but a mentor and extremely positive impact. I often look back on those early days with smiles. To her family and friends, my condolences, but know that she lives on in spirit in many.

Mark Flanders - July 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ From Monica: There are many ways in which Diane touched my life. She was an enthusiastic, energetic, creative, loving presence. She laughed warmly, listened carefully, spoke softly, and her elegance and beauty were unsurpassed. Diane performed meaningful work throughout her life, and inspired many of us, especially here in Vermont, to become stronger, better educated, kinder human beings. I am grateful to have had her as my advisor, teacher, mentor, and friend. She has been and will continue to be missed. From Harry: I will always remember Diane for her intelligence, wit, and sense of humor. As I reflect on my experiences with Diane, I can't remember one in which she was not smiling. "Yet it is only love which sets us free." - Maya Angelou

Harry and Monica McEnery - July 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Jessica and Richie, Use your mothers love to move you forward in life, her power of intellect to help you grow and only look back for courage in those private moments she shared with you. She loved being a mother and a teacher, her spirit will always be with her children. My deepest sympathies to you both, Jeannie Podolak

Jeannie Podolak - July 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ I don't know Diane or her family, but read her heartfelt story on FB. Having lost my own mother to this terrible disease, I wanted to thank Diane's family for supporting her in her efforts to provide further education for others. We can only continue to learn how to live and enjoy each day, for the memory of each one can be last. May Dr. Diane Marie Wolk find peace, and may her family remember all of the wonderful memories they hold dear of this special person.

Gail - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss. We know how much Diane will be missed. Our thoughts and sympathies will be with you at this difficult time.

Andre and Meredith Fleche - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ R So sad to hear of her passing. In death she's still teaching us all.

Carrie Fredette - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Diane Marie Wolk

Nathan Hickey - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family on the passing of Diane. Doug, Kelli, Tyler Gaudry (Castleton student)

Doug, Kelli, Tyler Gaudry - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ To Dave and the family of Diane Wolk my thoughts and prayers are with u on the loss of Diane here spirit will live on in all of you may she rest in peace

Matt Keith - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I first met Diane in 1998 as a faculty member of CSC. She was incredibly kind and thoughtful. I remember her celebrating our novice excitement about a profession in education. Looking back, she was always so positive about education, teaching and children's potential, which remains difficult for me at times. She is one of the many people at CSC who were inspiring and altruistic. I will be thinking of your family and remain grateful for knowing her. Respectfully, Jenn

Jennifer Larocque - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Thoughts and prayers.

Julie Rosmus - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ David & Family: We are sorry to hear about Diane. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Much Love Ellie & John Kruszewski

Ellen Sheldon Kruszewski - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ *Condolences to David and all the family at this time of loss. Diane was one beautiful person, inside and out and blessed all the lives she touched. What an example of grace and dignity in facing the horrible disease of Alzheimers. You all are in my prayers. Sr. Martha St. Onge*

Sr. Martha St. Onge - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Dave and Family: Our sincere condolences to you and your family at this hard time. We are praying for all of you .*

Mel and Darla Patch - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Dear David and family, Please accept my sincere condolences. I hope that the love of your family and friends will ease your sadness and support you during this difficult time. Beth Walsh*

Beth Walsh - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear David and family, Still keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers as you continue on the journey of final goodbyes on this earth. We were all so blessed to know Diane and her beautiful smile and aura. We know that her life has not ended, only changed, and her Spirit will light up the Heavens! "What if, once upon a time, there were no stars in the sky at all? What if the stars are not what we think? What if the light from afar doesn't come from the rays of distant suns, but from our wings as we turn into angels? Destiny calls to each of us. And there is a world behind the world where we are all connected, all part of a great and moving plan. Magic is everywhere around us. You just have to look. Look. Look closely. For even time and distance are not what they appear to be." - Winter's Tale Blessings and love, Mike and Ada Pezzetti

Mike and Ada Pezzetti - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ David, Jessica, Rich, Laura, Adam, I am saddened to hear of Diane's passing. When I think of Diane I see her radiant, infectious smile and her gentle, caring manner. She gave so much of her time, knowledge and self to everyone who crossed her path. She was passionate about her work with children and hundreds of children are better because she touched their lives. I feel blessed to have worked with her and also had her as a neighbor for several years. She was one of the most amazing people I have ever met. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

Erma Rowe - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ To David and Family, Sending you all love and positive thoughts during a hard time. I didn't know Diane, but reading about her life humbled me. She did so many wonderful things in a short time and with so much passion. Her story makes me realize how precious life is and the time we have with our loved ones. It sounds like she loved you all very much. My deepest sympathies Cara Woods

Cara Woods - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ My sincere condolences to all of Diane's family on their loss. Diane was an infinitely capable, compassionate & enthusiastic supporter of her students & colleagues as she mentored and supervised future teachers at Castleton State College. As a former protege I was inspired by the depth of her dedication to teaching, her sense of humor and her genuine kindness. It was a privilege to have known her. Rest in Peace Diane.

Sally Timmons - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NH

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Nathan Hickey - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *What an honor to meet Diane three years ago at Lexington Park Assisted Living and Memory Care Community. I actually thought she was an employee for several months until I became a part time employee myself. She was so active and always, always helping with a "please let me help you" attitude and accompanied with a big smile. She had so many missions in life and was blessed to have the knowledge to share with others in such a graceful, yet often funny manner. She loved music and must have been a great dancer. I believe she is singing and dancing now with our Lord. Dave and family, what a long trial for all of you. Yes, we will all mourn her and miss her, but she will always be in our hearts.*

Shirley Gaylord - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Thoughts and prayers.###GESTURE###*

Julie Rosmus - July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Dennis Proulx - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

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Gregory Barsanti - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VD

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Vikki DeRosia - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“*Diane Marie Wolk*

Lisa M. Cuzydlo-Donohue - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“*Dear David & Family, I have lit a candle here for you, in East Wallingford, VT. 'Tis been said that: "When God is pleased we are called home." "There is never an end, just a change of worlds." I wish you the deepest of healing as the days progress. Sincerely Yours, LMD CSC Adjunct*

Lisa M. Cuzydlo-Donohue - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“*In honor of Diane and her life and praying for her swift journey to heaven's door. You will be our angel in heaven!*

Rita Geno - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *My heartfelt condolences go out to the entire Wolk family.*

Heather McLaughlin-Kolb - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Our deepest condolences, and prayers surround you during this difficult time. May God Bless you with comfort and Peace! Sherrie and Louis LaFemina and family.*

Sherrie LaFemina - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *I had the pleasure of having Diane as my first grade teacher at Barstow School and then again as the coordinator of student teaching when I was getting my master's degree at Castleton. I didn't think she would remember me, but she did. She was still beautiful those years later. My thoughts go to the family. May God hold her firmly in the palm of his hand.*

Billie Walsh Langlois - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ *Dear Dave and family, My sincerest condolences to you at this very sad time. Diane was an elegant and lovely (inside and out) lady. I remember when she "stepped up to the plate" on Commencement day many years ago when Dave got sick. She handled everything with ease and grace except when trying to get out of parking lot after the ceremony to get to the hospital. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Faye Colm Alsop*

Faye Colm Alsop - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Dave and family, Diane and I started at Castleton the same year and I always was impressed by her energy, enthusiasm and commitment to her students. My thoughts are with all of you. I am so sorry for your loss. Linda Olson

Linda Olson - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Dave & family, Our deepest condolences to each of you. Diane made a difference in the lives of so many; she will be remembered fondly by all for the amazing woman she was. Sending you wishes for healing and peace, Kelley

Kelley Beckwith - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Diane Marie Wolk

Jennifer K. Jones - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Diane was a wonderful principal and Maggie was blessed to have been one of her Northeast students! A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. Please accept our condolences, Diane will not be forgotten. The Jones/Gallagher Family

Jennifer K. Jones - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Diane Marie Wolk

James Lorentz - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *To Diane's family, on behalf of RHS Class of 1968- deepest sympathy on your loss of a beautiful person*

Donna Hendee - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

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James Lorentz - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GJ

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Ginger Johnston - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Jennifer K. Jones - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Diane was my mentor and my friend. She had a smile and heart that would always calm any child. Diane placed my graduate sash on me and I'll never forget that private moment. She knew how to be fun, social, serious and oh so smart. We shared the tragic moment the twin towers fell . She is my " where were you when". My prayers and thoughts go to her husband, children and family. May you come to know that she is teaching still both here and in heaven.*

Beth Merrill - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Hi Dr Wolk, Adam, and family, My sincere condolences to you and your family.*

Greg Sinos - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Thinking of Diane, Dave, and her entire family at this difficult time. I have such fond memories of Diane as an educator, as well as a supporter, co-worker and friend at the Relay for Life in Rutland. She was such a strong, confident leader, whom I admired and respected. Godspeed...Karen, David and Gianna Pezzetti*

Karen Pezzetti - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Diane Marie Wolk*

Dennis Proulx - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Thoughts and prayers with the whole Wolk family. Steve, Susan, Elizabeth and Lauren Sampson*

Susan and Steve Sampson - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dave and Family, I was so saddened to get an email from Nancy C telling about Diane's passing. I enjoyed working with her at Northeast as my principal. It was a great working faculty due to wonderful leadership. She cared deeply about the children and worked with all of us to find the best road for a kid with issue. She is probably helping to educate all the little ones in Heaven. My prayers and thoughts are with you. I hope the wonderful memories that Diane left you with will bring smiles and warmth in your heart

Jo Fretz - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ I am so grateful that I came to know Diane. Her sincere outreach in friendship came so easily to her because of her sincere caring, understanding and compassion for others. Diane will be missed by family and friends....all who are so fortunate to have known her. We will all hold her memory close in our thoughts and prayers. And David, our deepest sympathy to you and your family. A special lady who will not be forgotten. Armand and Laura Vien

Laura Vien - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Thank you, Diane, for teaching us one final lesson.

Burnham Holmes - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ We are sorry for your loss. Diane was a great person and you have been a loving husband and family. If we can be of service in any way please let us know.

Al & Anna Wilkinson - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ I'm so sad to hear this news. Diane was my 1st grade teacher at Barstow Memorial School in Vermont. She planted a seed in my heart to be a teacher one day, and I am today a teacher of 15 years because of that seed. I will remember her forever as the sweet, loving woman that she was and the positive influence she made on my life!

Jackie Vaca - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ My heart broke when we all learned of Diane's diagnosis and today my heart is heavy to know she's gone. I was lucky enough to know Diane at various stages of my journey to become an educator. Diane was an amazing teacher and mentor at CSC, a wonderful principal at Shrewsbury while I was learning the ropes, and a great principal and friend to me at Northeast Primary. What I and others' learned from Diane will keep her spirit alive!! My sincerest condolences to David, her family & all that knew and loved Diane.
Leah Abatiell

Leah Abatiell - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with David Wolk, and the legion of family and friends of Diane Wolk, at this time of her passing. Clearly, she was a gift, a treasure given to us from above. Though I did not know Diane personally, each time that I heard her name mentioned over the years, it was connected with the love she had for children. Without question, Diane Wolk made this world a better place and her legacy will outlive all of us.

Don Markie - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dave & family, Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. She was a special person. The community has lost a very special lady.

Millie Roy - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I send my deepest condolences to the Wolk family, in memory of Diane Wolk. Sincerely, Roberta Fiske-Rusciano

Roberta Fiske-Rusciano - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Kirsten Vascik Silva - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VD

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Vikki DeRosia - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Dave and family, The Rhodes family extends our condolences to you and your family. We wish you peace and comfort; may your blessed memories give you strength. Denise & Stan and JoAnn and Stan

Denise Rhodes - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ David and Family -- I am so saddened to hear of Diane's passing. She was an outstanding teacher of children and a natural leader of teachers. Her's is a great loss. So much talent denied to all of us. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Bill

Bill Mathis - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ Dave, Sorry for your lost. All my prays are with you and your family. Floyd

Floyd A. Morey Jr - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ My thiughts and prayers are with you, David, and with your family

Robert L. Walsh - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Dear President Wolk and Family, My name is Karen Trudeau and I graduated from Castleton in 2011. I also worked for 4 years with Jane Foley and Ennis Duling in the Communications office. I can't tell you how sorry I am for your loss. I had the privilege of meeting Diane several times for different events at your home, most memorably during cast parties for the Theater department, which you were so generous to host. Both Diane and President Wolk are some of the most kind, warm, and thoughtful people I ever met. As freshman who felt small and alone I genuinely was touched by the attention that you both showed students and the humanity with which you carried out your duties at Castleton. Much love, Karen

Karen Trudeau - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Diane Wolk... An extraordinary teacher, a wonderful colleague, and a beautiful person. You have taught us all so much. We miss you dearly, but our memories of you will last forever. May you rest in peace. Ron Savage*

Ron Savage - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *David and all Diane's family, my best thoughts to all on the loss of Diane. I am so glad to have met her briefly, what a sweet talented funny lady. My niece's graduation was to be David's first at Castleton but Diane had to step in- she made it funny and more important. Her help in the work of a horrid disease is wonderful. Thank You Diane.*

Donna Hendee - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Dear David, Richard, Jessica, Adam and Laura, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Good people deserve good things and situations like this make me question the ways of the universe. Dr. Wolk was a wonderful woman and has left a great legacy, not only in her family, but in her entire community. My thoughts are with you. ~ Emily*

Emily Hooker Moran - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *Diane Marie Wolk*

Ginger Johnston - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ we are so sorry for the loss and are prayers are with you and your family at this time. we are former Rutlanders and know how much the two of you have done for the area.

tom and kathy pemrick - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dave, So sorry to hear of Diane's passing. Thinking of you and your family.

David and Leslie Loomis - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ David and family, My condolences are with you at this time. I will be praying for your peace through this difficult time. Best regards, Todd Fothergill Austin, TX

Todd Fothergill - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ My sincere sympathies: while I didn't know Diane well, I did have some contact with her while she was with Castleton's Education Department--a knowledgeable professional. How fortunate she was to have had so much support throughout her long travail. How courageous on her, as well as Dave's, part.

Joyce Thomas - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ She was a leader and a servant, cheery and friendly in my dealings with her. Sorry for your family's loss.

Dick McCormack - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ To the Wolk family, I am so sorry to hear of Diane's passing. I had the privilege to work with her while she was principal at Northeast School and will always remember her honesty, loving personality, and hard work ethic that can match no other. She was a beautiful lady who everyone loved and I have missed her over the years. I hope you will find peace knowing how much she was loved by others and what a difference her life made on so many children and adults whom she worked with. I will always remember her.... May God be with you at this time. Susan Boles

Susan Boles - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear Dave, I am so sorry for your loss. The challenges of the past years must have been many and you have been brave to stand alongside her. God bless you. Sincerely, Marc

Marc Whitman - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Heartfelt thoughts and prayers to Dave and family at this sad time. Diane was a smart, sweet, loving woman with a huge heart. May your memories help to carry you through this very difficult time. XO

Linda Goodrum - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ I am saddened today to hear of Diane's passing. She was a very special woman and educator. She leaves a memorable legacy. Condolences to her family.

Nancy Jarrosak - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Diane Marie Wolk*

Gregory Barsanti - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *David and Family, my sincerest condolences on the passing of Diane, her light and joy touched many people, she made a wonderful difference in the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know her !!*

Gregory Barsanti - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Dave and Family, I write to extend heartfelt condolences from your many friends at Johnson State College. The strength and compassion you showed throughout this painful journey, and the immeasurable contributions Diane made throughout her remarkable life, are truly an inspiration. You are all in our thoughts.*

Deborah Bouton - July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *My thoughts to Diane's family. I graduated Castleton in 2005 and had the privilege to hear Dr. Wolk speak at my commencement exercises. She was a wonderful warm person with intelligence and a great sense of humor. All my best to the Wolk and Imboden family.*

Sean Comeau - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *July 6, 2015 Dear Dave and Family of Diane, My deepest sympathy for the loss of your Beloved Diane. It was an honor to know her. May God bless and keep you all softly enfolded in the peace which passeth all understanding. Sincerely, Marna Grove*

Marna Jane Grove - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Of all the times that Diane and I crossed paths at Castleton, my favorite memory is of a day-long Saturday meeting for the Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee (before it occurred to faculty that we should get paid for this extra time on the job). None of us particularly wanted to be on campus at 9:00 on a Saturday morning, but Diane showed up with a basket of homemade muffins and her trademark smile, and somehow the day just got better right then and there.

Helen Mango - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Our thoughts are with you. We will always remember Diane; a beautiful person in every aspect of her being.

paul & julia cohen - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Yes, Diane was a bright and shining star. I first met her when we were taking a class at Castleton together. Through the years, I saw her off and on. Then when I had a student teacher, I got to know her again as a guiding light for those who were striving to learn how to teach. She was professional, beautiful, soft around the edges, adept at what she did. I remember her fondly. She has been on my prayer list recently, and the family will remain there. Mary Crowley

Mary and Art Crowley - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dave and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am so sorry for your loss. Hugs .

Betty Moyer - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dave, Sheila, Megan, Michael and I want to send our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your beloved wife. As you know my mom passed away almost 2 years ago after a long battle with Alzheimers and dementia. Although we did not know Diane we know it was a blessing to have her in the lives of you and your family and now again that she is at peace. We will keep you in our prayers, John O'Connor & family

The O'Connor Family - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ We are so saddened by this news, yet feel so privileged to have known Diane. Her intelligence, kindness, and happy demeanor always brightened one's day. She graced our family's life from the minute we met her. Always interested in others, her hands always reached out to others-if she could add a kind word or a hug, it was her natural tendency to do so. We have felt Diane's kindness many times. Diane's contributions to this world are many and have surely been passed on for generations to come through her students, colleagues, friends, family, and loved ones. Thank you for sharing the gift of Diane with us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and we are certain that the beautiful memories you shared with Diane will live on and on in your hearts.

Peg and Mick Richards - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Rest in peace Diane. Heaven is getting a good one!

Bob Grace - July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane Marie Wolk

July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM