



Darlene Ann DiStefano

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With tremendous sadness our family announces the passing of our beloved sister, wife, mother, aunt, godmother, grandma, and friend, Darlene DiStefano, on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Darlene was the oldest daughter of the late Frederick and Evelyn Moffitt of Fort Myers, FL. Darlene grew up in Franklin, MA and graduated from Franklin High School in 1970. Darlene was an adventurous, independent, fun-loving soul who lived life to the fullest. She moved from her hometown of Franklin to California a few years after graduation. Her passion was cooking and she quickly put her talents to work for St. Joseph's Medical Center in Burbank, CA, finishing her career as a Food Services Supervisor. She grew her passion into a fulfilled career. While in California, she enjoyed many outings to Hollywood landmarks and everything Lucille Ball, with family and friends.

Darlene moved to Florida in 2009 where her parents and siblings eventually followed by 2011. We were blessed as a family to spend the last 12 years together in Florida.

Darlene loved her fur babies, Pixie and Cabot, both mini poodles. She also enjoyed creating painted and colored medallions and artwork. She also was an "expert" shopper and spent her free time in thrift stores or on Amazon. She enjoyed cruising the World with her beloved husband Dominic. Most recently, they cruised to Italy to meet and visit with Dominic's family. It was the greatest adventure of her life, visiting all the beauty of Italy with the love of her life. When she wasn't cruising, Darlene could be seen riding around town in her red Corvette. As an avid Corvette lover, she owned several Corvettes since the 1980s.

Darlene was the kindest, thoughtful and loving person to her family and friends. If you met her, you instantly loved her. Her presence and loving spirit will be greatly missed.

Darlene is survived by her husband Dominic, brother Dr. Brian Moffitt and husband Juan Pablo Diez Chavez of Cape Coral, FL, sister Dr. Tisa Morrissette and husband Jacques of Fort Myers, FL,



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step son Salvatore DiStefano and partner Mike Burlaw of Cape Coral, FL, nieces Jen Eloge and husband Byron of Lincoln NE, Aimee Morrissette and partner Steve Paley of Live Oak, FL, and step grandchildren, great grandchildren, aunts, cousins, and many friends.

To see highlights of her life, click here to view a short tribute video:

<https://youtu.be/CeJpUcGsEB8>

There will be a celebration of life at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Darlene's name to a local animal shelter.

To share a story or photo, leave a tribute for Darlene or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time, please visit Darlene's memorial webpage at www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign her guestbook.



Tribute Wall

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BM

Brian Moffitt posted:

April 11 at 9:50 AM

AM

Aimee Morrissette posted:

She was a great Aunt! She was unique and had the best style and a great personality..she will be missed..Love Aimee , Steve, and Everly

March 12 at 5:36 PM

AM

Aimee Morrissette lit a candle in honor of Darlene.

My Aunt was amazing and had the best "taste" in everything she bought and owned. She was unique and proud of it! She had the most beautiful hair all the way down to the end of her waist for most of her life which I always admired when I was a young child.I am happy she met the love of her life 3 years ago and had the ability to travel and see the world..God has a plan for her in Heaven and had to take her to the pearly gates prematurely but we will see her again someday happy with her mom and dad!



March 12 at 4:54 AM

MA

Marla posted:

Please accept my most heartfelt condolences. Darlene was a delight and a treasure. I am so blessed to have so many fond memories of her. She will be terribly missed. MPMLFD ❤️

March 4 at 5:55 AM

JG

John Groll posted:

Dear Dominic,Please accept our condolences.John and Kimberly Groll

February 24 at 3:24 AM



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Gary Gallant posted:

I am only a distant cousin from Canada through my aunt Annie Gallant who married Winslow Moffitt. I never met Darlene and that is a shame and a loss for me. I pray for her and for her family with this loss. You have so many memories to cherish her by. RIP Darlene.

February 23 at 10:17 AM



Caroleah Jo Mackechnie March 11 at 1:46 PM

Dear Darlene, please rest in peace. You will be missed, especially your sweet and cheerful personality. Dear family, my heart and prayers are with you. Losing a sibling must be devastating, especially since you all were so close and enjoyed so many happy times. God Bless 🙏🙏



Martin Jones posted:

She lived life to the fullest. A sweet and kind women. She'll be missed by many.

February 23 at 5:59 AM



Fort Myers Memorial Gardens shared an album called **Memories Album.**



February 22 at 1:39 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Darlene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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