



## Diana Lynn Stolpa

May 13, 1953 - September 10, 2016

MCALLEN - Diana Lynn Stolpa, age 63, entered into Glory Saturday, September 10, 2016 at Amara Hospice. She was born on May 13, 1953 in Weslaco, Texas. During her school years, she was involved in cheerleading and sports, particularly basketball. She graduated as Valedictorian from Weslaco High School in 1971. After graduating with a degree in Biology and Chemistry from Pan American University in 1974, Diana taught Biology and coached girls' basketball at McAllen High School. She moved to Houston, Texas in 1981 to "see more of the world." That's where she met the love of her life, Jeffrey G. Stolpa, and they married in 1982. In May of 1984, they welcomed their daughter, Tracy Lynn, and shortly after, in October of 1985, welcomed their son, Jeffrey Lance.

In 1994, Jeff took a job with the Circle K Corporation which brought her back home to McAllen, Texas. Diana began teaching at McAllen Memorial High School and worked there until she retired in 2012. During her 18-year teaching career at Memorial, Diana helped out with many school organizations and also made many lifelong, wonderful friendships. She and her friends often got together for after school functions. By living in the Valley, Diana and her family were able to enjoy Saturday lunches with Mamaw, Sundays at church with Lila and Don, and weekend cookouts with Debra and Doug and their family. They also enjoyed the large family gatherings at Christmas, usually at the Burns'. They made several trips a year to Houston to visit Jeff's two sisters and their families as well as the lifelong friends they made while living there.

After retirement, Diana enjoyed spending time in Houston with her daughter Tracy, son-in-law Kevin, and granddaughter, Payton. She loved cheering for the Dallas Cowboys, San Antonio Spurs, Houston Texans, Houston Astros, and Fightin' Texas Aggies! She was also an active member of the North Mission Church of Christ.

Her survivors include husband Jeffrey Gene Stolpa, daughter Tracy Lynn Hill and husband Kevin and their daughter Payton; her son Jeffrey Lance Stolpa; sister Lila Burns and husband Don; brother David Waddell and wife Jennefer; twin sister Debra Schneider and husband Doug; sisters-in-law Debbie Stolpa and Jackie Morales and husband Diego; and

many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Myrle and Ellis B. Waddell and brother Major Dale R. Waddell.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 3:00 PM at North Mission Church of Christ, 1410 E 3 Mile Rd., Palmhurst, Texas. Jeff LupPlace will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the MD Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, Texas 77210, in memory of Diana Stolpa.

“Her absence is like the sky, spread over everything.” ~ C.S. Lewis

# Events

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**SEP** **Memorial Service** 03:00PM  
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North Mission Church of Christ  
1410 E. 3 Mile Rd., Palmhurst, TX, US

# Comments

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“ I have nothing but positive thoughts and memories when I think of Diana. She always had a smile and a word of encouragement to share. May you all feel the prayers of comfort being said and especially feel God's love surrounding you.

Vickie Gillin

Vickie Gillin - September 16, 2016 at 12:29 PM

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“ I met Diana and Debra in our high school years, when their sister, Lila, and my mom were best friends. We became best of friends and did everything together. One of my favorite memories is when the 3 of us decided we wanted to get coloring books and color like we did when we were little. How I loved to hear Diana laugh and be with her anytime I got the chance. Diana was always so sweet, kind and supportive of everything I did. It has remained so all through the years. I never heard Diana speak a bad word about anyone. I admired the twins so much because of their deep love and devotion to each other. I count myself highly blessed to have known Diana. I am sure there was a sweet reunion on the other side when her family and loved ones greeted her. There is no doubt in my mind that our Savior wrapped His arms around her and welcomed her home. The world has lost a beautiful, precious soul when Diana left us. I will miss her very much. I hope and pray all of Diana's family can feel God's comfort and love around them now and always.

Becky Hull - September 15, 2016 at 04:35 PM

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“ Lit a candle in memory of Diana Lynn Stolpa



Mark Emter - September 15, 2016 at 08:50 AM

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“ Teachers like Diana were special and loved-always ready to help in any way. Loved participating and dancing at school events with her in front of the students. We had some fine and oh so fun moments with lots of laughter. We retired together and saw each other once a month at a retired teacher's luncheon at Renaissance and shared great times! I love you and miss you!

**Linda Rosales** - September 15, 2016 at 08:18 AM

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“ Words cannot adequately describe the special qualities of your mom, but this is a beautiful tribute to her life. She will be missed and never forgotten! Sending love and prayers for comfort to her family.

**Cynthia Mills** - September 15, 2016 at 01:17 AM

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“ God bless this family that Diana leaves behind. May they always know, she lives on in each of them. Prayers for strength and comfort.



**Phyllis Madden Russell** - September 14, 2016 at 12:52 PM