



## Diane Marie Privette

October 9, 1945 - October 25, 2021

Diane Marie Privette was born on a breezy fall day, October 9, 1945, in the windy city of Chicago, Illinois. She left us on Monday, October 25, 2021, another cool fall day. She was 76 years old.

Diane spent her early years in Chicago, eventually graduating from Renton High School in Renton, Washington in 1963. She graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle with her bachelor's degree. Diane had a life full of adventure and travel. After college, she worked at the Federal Reserve Bank in Seattle until 1972 when she and a friend pooled their money, flew to Germany, and bought a Volkswagen camper van. They spent the next six months driving around Eastern and Western Europe, then shipped the van to New York, and drove it across country to Seattle. They stopped in Willow Springs where she taught her adoring younger brother how to play blackjack and order beer in German. She subsequently went to work for Holland America Cruise Lines and traveled extensively. She also served on the mountain rescue team at Mount Rainier, Washington. She loved to travel, read, and was a shark on the pool table. Diane will be greatly missed by her family, her friends, and all who knew her.

Diane is survived by her long-time significant other, Keith Loll of Mountainair, New Mexico; her brother, Steven Privette of Willow Springs, and her sister, Anita Rego of Hillsboro, Oregon. She was preceded in death by her parents,

Amos Privette and Jeanne Tuffanelli and her sister, Judith Kimbell of Union City, California.

A family night/visitation for Diane will be held Thursday, October 28, 2021, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Willow Funeral Home, LLC. The funeral service will be held Friday, October 29, 2021, at 1:00 P.M. with Father Sherman Wall officiating also at Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Interment will follow at the Dripping Springs Cemetery on BB Highway in West Plains. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Online condolences may be left at [www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com](http://www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Dripping Springs Cemertey

BB Highway  
West Plains, MO 65775

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Willow Funeral Home, LLC  
106 E 3rd St  
Willow Springs, MO 65793  
(417) 469-3141

## Service

OCT **29**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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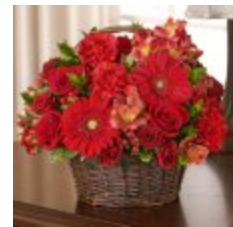
“ *To Diane's Family and Friends  
I met Diane on the Badminton court in Aurora. She was a fun and feisty player. I enjoyed hearing of her life travels and her volunteer activities at the nursing home. She cared about the residents. She would often speak about her fun times playing a game I don't remember with our mutual Badminton friend Joan Buckley. And yes I heard many tales about Princess. She would bring treats for my kitty Emmy. She is missed. My deepest sympathy. Shirley Ney*

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**shirley ney** - November 09, 2021 at 01:57 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Privette.*



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October 29, 2021 at 09:31 PM

SG

“ Steve and family, sorry for the loss of Diane.

*I worked for HAL in Rotterdam and Diane was my contact person in Seattle for years. When she left HAL Seattle we stayed in touch. When she and Keith visited Keith's sister in Germany she took a "side-trip" and stayed with me and Bert for a few days. We did some trips and one of them was into our local supermarket and we bought all kinds of Dutch treats: stroopwafels, drop, ontbijtkoek and...chocolate Vla. This is a Dutch dessert pudding, she liked it so much, she even ate it for breakfast. It was great fun to have her over, even my cat thought so, she brought special US cat treats for him.*

*We'll miss her, she was a good friend.*

*Simone van Geest and Bert Kerssies from the Netherlands*

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**Simone van Geest** - October 29, 2021 at 08:58 AM

LL

“ Larry and Jane Pingleton, Emma and Levi purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Diane Marie Privette.



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**Larry and Jane Pingleton, Emma and Levi** - October 28, 2021 at 12:01 PM

JS

“ *Diane Marie, "Thank You!"*

*Thank you for blazing us a clear, true path of joyous, spirited adventure! A trek that has enlisted me on my life's journey since, as toddler, awakening with chilled countenance overnight-ing with a younger brother in your VW touring-van, as you and friend cross-country'd through Chicago. May that, your spirit, continue guiding my way!*

*Your loving cousin,  
John Sonin*

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**John Sonin** - October 28, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Privette.*



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October 27, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Privette.*



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October 27, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Diane Marie Privette.*



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October 27, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ *Many years ago Diane and I went to the Albuquerque Balloon Festival. I picked her up at about 3:30 in the morning to make the 1.5 hour drive to ABQ. We had reservations at a special area. When the balloon activity started, we wandered around to watch the activities. Somehow Diane got separated from me. Since she refused to carry her cell phone, there was nothing else todo but hope she made it back to designated reserved area. She did but was a little miffed at me for losing here. It was a fun day. She laughed as the balloons landed. It was not a pretty site and Diane commented that the balloon baskets were literally tipping over and dropping their passengers off onto the ground!*

*Diane was always up for an adventure. She said "pull into the driveway and open the car door so that I can jump in."*

*We had a lot of fun and she will be missed.  
Christine Franks*

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**Christine Franks** - October 27, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Steve, I got to take care of her a little while she was at the apartments. She was always such a hoot!*

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**Chrissy Crudginton** - October 27, 2021 at 12:15 PM

JB

“ Steve & family, sorry for the loss of your sister. Comforting thoughts & prayers your way

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**John & Sharon Bacon** - October 26, 2021 at 08:26 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to Diane's family. I met Diane through Mary Ann and I echo many of Mary Ann's comments. I fondly recall the gravy ball, the badminton story, and so many other of her anecdotal tales. She was a lover of people and animals alike. I am thankful for her care of "The Princess" (chinchilla) when we could no longer keep her, and I remember her loving kindness to the folks in the nursing home. She was a lovely soul who cared deeply. Although it is so sad to have her pass, I am thankful that she is now comfortable and at peace. And yes, I am sure Libby was waiting right at those Pearly Gates for her.

*May God provide peace and comfort to Keith, Diane's family, and her friends during this very sad time.*

*Nina O'Loughlin*

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**Nina O'Loughlin** - October 26, 2021 at 07:54 PM

MC

“ *Diane was a rare soul, a character, a fun seeker, a loyal friend who was always willing to offer help to anyone in need. As an animal lover, she often pet sat for my Libby when I needed to travel; I know she provided the same loving services to many friends who greatly appreciated her assistance, putting their trust in Diane.*

*She loved telling stories, as well as listening to those from people she would meet on her travels. I will never forget her gravy ball story which she told many times to provide her assessment of her cooking skills, or perhaps to be relieved of any culinary tasking at holiday events, as well as the numerous travel adventures which energized her. It seems as though Diane had a friend in every port :)*

*Diane loved people and always provided names of the many individuals she met in the course of a day, whether at Starbuck's, the Post Office, or wherever her travels took her, making new friends everywhere she traveled. Such attention to detail demonstrated her deep concern for others. She regularly conducted a weekly event at a nursing home in Aurora, CO, visiting with residents as she led them in completing a crossword puzzle or other memory-enhancing games, brightening each person's day with her presence.*

*The upcoming Halloween holiday was a favorite of Diane's. She would often visit me in Colorado Springs, bringing her fuzzy spider to hang in my front window, as well as her skeleton, Fred to prop on the front porch. Of course, these treasured possessions were packed up for her to present the next Halloween. Diane enjoyed experiencing everyone's enjoyment of her "treasures".*

*I offer my deepest sympathy to Diane's family members whom I somewhat know through Diane's storytelling. She will be greatly missed. May her galactic adventures never end and may she have an eternal pet to accompany her, as Libby passed over the Rainbow Bridge in March of this year. Libby adored Diane, like most dogs,*

*cats, rodents, chickens, etc. (name a creature) Diane owned or came to know. Rest in peace, dear Diane!*

*Mary Ann Creque*

*...a friend since 2003 when we met on the badminton court (which generated many funny stories through 2006, at which time I moved from Aurora to Colorado Springs)*

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**Mary Ann Creque** - October 26, 2021 at 07:33 PM