



Diane Carleton

May 27, 1951 - October 24, 2023

TORRINGTON, Wyoming -- Funeral service for the Rev. Ellen Diane Carleton, 72, will be held on Friday, October 27th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Torrington, Wyoming with The Reverend Canon Bobbe Fitzhugh of the Episcopal Church in Wyoming officiating. Diane passed away at Banner Health Torrington Community Hospital in Torrington, Wyoming on October 24th, 2023, surrounded by her family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to All Saints' Episcopal Church Outreach Fund in Torrington, 2601 Main Street, Torrington, Wyoming, 82240.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Cremation has taken place and ashes will be scattered near the family cabin in Sinks Canyon, Shoshone National Forest, Lander, WY at a later time.

Diane was born May 27, 1951, in Lander, Wyoming, the daughter of Leonard and Mary Thompson. She grew up in Lander, WY and was raised primarily by her grandparents Herb and Fern McCoun; graduating from Evanston High School in 1969. In her early twenties, she moved to Las Vegas, NV where she worked as a Keno Writer while raising her young girls as a newly single mother. On December 6, 1980, after moving back to Lander to be closer to her grandparents, she married the love of her life, Guy Carleton in Lander. Then, in 1981, Guy adopted Diane's three daughters and together, they raised the girls and made a home there. After many years of discernment as well as

countless hours of service and outreach within her local and diocesan church community, Diane began her dream of becoming a priest in the Episcopal Church a reality by attending Goddard College in Plainview, Vermont where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spiritual Direction/Pastoral Counseling/Mediation in 2013. She soon followed with a Certificate in Theological Studies from the Seminary of the Southwest, Iona Collaborative in 2015. Shortly thereafter, she was ordained to the priesthood on January 24, 2015. She served as a Non-Stipendiary Priest at St. James' Episcopal Church in Riverton, Wyoming before being called in 2019 to serve her dream job as Rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Torrington, Wyoming. Her sole purpose on this earth was to love God and to love her neighbor as herself – fully and completely. In addition to her formal studies, Diane was passionate about serving her community and was an active and dedicated member of the Episcopal Church of Wyoming. She served as a student and then mentor for 20 years with Education for Ministry (Sewanee, TN), received a Certificate in Pastoral Care, and was very proud of becoming a Certified Spiritual Director through Bennett Hill Monastery in Colorado. Diane was a gifted Spiritual Director and her “Directees” grew tremendously in their own personal spirituality as a result of her gentle channeling of the divine. Diane was kind, loving, and generous, always allowing her cheeky wit to bridge gaps and bring a smile to one’s face. Her spirit touched many people, and she modeled Jesus as a beloved child of God, always advocating for the downtrodden and those less fortunate than herself. Her mantra was that “if it wasn’t about love, it wasn’t about Jesus”, which she quickly followed up with “and it’s all about Love and the rest is just commentary.”

Diane is survived by her husband, Guy, of Torrington; sister, Nancy Williams of Rock Springs, Wyoming; daughter Erika Ewen (Shawn) of Memphis, TN; Eva Higgins of Riverton, Wyoming; Elke Hou-Carleton (Andreas Hou) of Struer, Denmark; grandchildren Jessica Black of Memphis, TN, Tayler Ewen of Memphis, Kameron Ewen of Memphis, Audrey Steele of Riverton, Wyoming, Heather Higgins of Riverton, Emilia Hou-Carleton of Struer, Denmark,

Alexander Hou-Carleton of Denmark, and one great grandson Ryder Black, son of granddaughter Jessica Black and Grandson of Eva Higgins. Her faithful furry companion Gigi also mourns the loss of her mama.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

All Saints Episcopal Church
100 E 26th Ave
Torrington, WY 82240

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Our deepest sympathies Guy. We remember you both from lander

Rick and Tahna Bourne

tahna bourne - October 28, 2023 at 08:21 PM

DH

“ My sincere condolences to you Guy, and your family. I only had the privilege of meeting Diane once, when she was with you at the community gardens. Yet, I felt that I knew her through you and your family. You all are lights for the world. Thank you.

David Haines - October 26, 2023 at 03:44 PM

JF

“ So sorry to hear about Diane. Very best wishes to Guy and the family.

Jim Fontaine.

James Fontaine - October 25, 2023 at 06:29 PM

HH

“ Hunter Hattan lit a candle in memory of Diane Carleton



Hunter Hattan - October 25, 2023 at 03:21 PM

DW

“ Denise Walker lit a candle in memory of Diane Carleton



Denise Walker - October 25, 2023 at 01:39 PM

PG

“ Rev.' Diane : Thank you for your years of service to us all ! As you now are in the comforting arms of our Saviour, we continue to pray for the comforting of your family and their earthly loss. You are missed, dear colleague.

Pamela Glasser - October 25, 2023 at 11:41 AM

WK

“ Love to Guy and all of the family. Diane's presence and service was well received wherever she went. It was my privilege to preach at her ordination. Well done good and faithful servant. From Warren and Kate.

Warren and Kate - October 25, 2023 at 11:13 AM