



Dianne F. Gerhardt

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Dianne Gerhardt, age 87, of Chesterfield, Michigan, entered eternal rest on Monday, September 29, 2025. She was born on July 18, 1938, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late John and Frances Kessler. She was preceded in death by her beloved brother, John “Jack” Kessler. Dianne cherished her childhood memories, especially helping her parents run their small market in Detroit. Her love for baking began at a young age, inspired by her mother.

Dianne graduated from Dominican High School, an all-girls Catholic school in Detroit. Over the years, she held numerous jobs and built a successful career in accounting. She often recalled her time working at Armour Meat Packing in Detroit and later at Capital Group in California.

On September 27, 1971, Dianne married Wayne Gerhardt, who preceded her in death in 1999. Together they raised their family, living in Michigan, Louisiana, and California. Dianne also spent time in Arkansas before returning to Michigan, the place she always called home.

She was preceded in death by her sons Mark Holt and Richard Gerhardt, as well as her son-in-law Bob Hughes. She is survived by her children, Michael Gerhardt, Craig Holt (Karen), David Gerhardt (Ashley), Dianne Hughes, and

Wayne Gerhardt II (Jill). She was a proud grandmother to Brandon Gerhardt, Ryan Gerhardt, Shannon Rooker, David Gerhardt Jr, Devon Bujno, CJ Holt, Blake Hughes, Katrina Hughes, Samantha Starr, Clinton Holt, Bethany Dobbs, and Summer Gerhardt, as well as four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Dianne was a longtime member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Fair Haven, Michigan. She had a deep love for her family and friends and embraced life with joy and adventure. She loved camping, boating, family gatherings, shopping, baking, and spending time with her pets and her family's pets. Her warmth and kindness touched many lives, and her memory will forever live in the hearts of those who loved her.

A Celebration of Life will be held in July 2026.

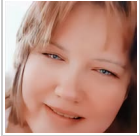
Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home-New Haven.

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Such a caring and sweet lady. She treated Allie as her own granddaughter. So sorry for your loss.*

Kristy coughlin - October 06, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss. The family is in my prayers. I knew Dianne from Facebook through a game called Hatchlings. We shared many messages about family, cooking, and of course Hatchlings. I considered her a great friend. She posted and chatted with me about making lemon bars one day. They sounded delicious! She shared her recipe with me. I will cherish that wonderful recipe. She always looked forward to going to California to spend time with family. Dianne you will be missed.*

Sandy Frank - October 05, 2025 at 02:28 PM

JD

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Diane was a wonderful woman. I have some good memories at the Eagles club, boating and many other gatherings. She will be missed. My deepest sympathy to the family.*

Jennifer Dubay - October 05, 2025 at 10:14 AM