



## Dianna Stapleton

June 30, 1953 - April 27, 2023

Dianna Stapleton, 69, of Bloomington passed away on Thursday April 27, 2023 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

She was born June 30, 1953 in Bloomington, Indiana the daughter of Harry Keith and Phyllis Joan (Carmichael) Gardner. Dianna was a 1971 graduate of Eastern Greene High School, and attended Indiana University. She married the love of her life Dexter Stapleton on May 15, 1976 in Greene County, Indiana. They were happily married for 46 years and had three incredible daughters.

While being a wife and mother was Dianna's most important career, she also spent over 10 years as the bookstore manager for Edgewood High School. The true joy of her professional life was owning and operating her needle art shop Fancy Works. Dianna spent over 20 years at Fancy Works serving the crafting community and always went the extra mile whether it was a first time customer or one of her many regulars.

She was an amazing wife, mother, and grandmother. Dianna loved her family and they were the most important part of her life. Her favorite things to do were spending time with her grandchildren and working on her needle art. She was a member of the "Evening Glories" Purdue Home Extension Club and the Indianapolis Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA). She will be

greatly missed.

Dianna is survived by her husband, Dexter Stapleton of Bloomington; her daughters, Heather (David) Elyea of Bloomington; Rebecca Grimes of West Lafayette; Michelle (Sean) Sills of Bloomington; six grandchildren, Sydney; Alec; Makenzie; Addison; Tristan and Skylar; her mother, Joan Gardner of Solsberry; her brother Doug Gardner of Solsberry; and many caring friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Keith Gardner; and her brother, Doyle Gardner.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old St Rd 37 in Bloomington. With Rev Byron Williams officiating. Burial will follow at the Lowder Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 10:00am to service time on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at the funeral home.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lowder Cemetery

Popcorn Rd  
Springville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 2.** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

NC

“ *Dianna was a friend since around 3rd grade (the year we both started attending Eastern). We had many sleepovers, especially in our adolescent and teen years. Dianna was a guest book attendant and server at my wedding. Fortunately, our friendship carried over into adulthood.*

*She was an active member of the Eastern High School class of 1971, coming to most every reunion or informal luncheon that we planned. She will be sadly missed by her classmates/lifelong friends.*

*It was obvious how very much Dianna loved her family. She spoke of her family members openly and frequently when we gathered. You were a special treasure, dear friend. Nancy Clensy*

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**Nancy Clensy** - May 14, 2023 at 10:36 PM

JM

“ *Jessie McCarron purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dianna Stapleton.*



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**Jessie McCarron** - May 01, 2023 at 06:37 PM



“ *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.*



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May 01, 2023 at 06:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.



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May 01, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.



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May 01, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.



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May 01, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.



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May 01, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.*



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May 01, 2023 at 01:08 PM



“ *I didn't know Dianna but through my visits to Fancy Works. Dianna was a delight. So helpful, and kind. I will miss her. I am so very sorry for your loss. Dianna was a dear.* 🌸📧

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**Ruth Hickman** - May 01, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Kuali purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dianna Stapleton.*



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**Kuali** - May 01, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *Dearest Michelle and family, we are so very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Reading her obituary was very heartwarming and it is clear that she has passed all her amazing qualities on to you and your sisters. Her legacy will live on in all of you. that is her greatest gift. Sending love and prayers to all of you and eternal peace to your mom. Tizz and Dana Weber*

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**Tizz weber** - May 01, 2023 at 09:04 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.



April 30, 2023 at 09:57 PM



“ I first met Diana through the Indiana Stitchers Group. I lived in Carmel, but traveled occasionally to Fancy Works for events and Trunk Shows. We also always talked at various needlework markets. She always had a smile and a hug waiting and then got down to business! I loved that! She will be missed in our industry for sure! Sending hugs and prayers to all who knew her much better than me💕💕🙏🙏

**Karen Kluba** - April 30, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.



April 30, 2023 at 08:27 PM



“ Joan, just to let you know I am thinking of you at this time. May you feel God's comfort. Love you. Bonita Porter

**Bonita Porter** - April 30, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.*



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April 30, 2023 at 05:05 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.*



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April 30, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.*



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April 30, 2023 at 03:54 PM



“ *Dexter I am so sorry to see that Diana passed away. Please know that you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Kim (Lake) & Larc Lee** - April 30, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.



April 30, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.



April 30, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.



April 30, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Jeff & Nancy Lee purchased the Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Dianna Stapleton.



**Jeff & Nancy Lee** - April 30, 2023 at 09:45 AM

GM

“ *Genia Marvin purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Dianna Stapleton.*



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**Genia Marvin** - April 30, 2023 at 01:27 AM

JG

“ *So sorry to hear of this lovely and talented friend's passing. She was always so kind and patient when teaching so many of us a craft we have enjoyed for years and continue to enjoy. Prayers for her family. Judi Gulotta*

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**Judi Gulotta** - April 29, 2023 at 10:34 PM

SB

“ *Dianna was so keen and caring of everyone she met...a tireless volunteer at the County Fair as the Needle Arts department. Her daughters were right with her helping and included one our daughters to go play at their house due to her allergies each year when she was younger...when I couldn't be home with her. She will be missed by many and each time I cross stitch I will think of her fondly💕💕*

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**Sue Berg** - April 29, 2023 at 09:43 PM

GK

“ Sending my sincere sympathy to Dianna's family. May you find strength in your memories of your wonderful Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother, or Grandmother. She loved all of you so very much. She shared many wonderful stories with me about the family.

*I met Dianna many many years ago. We were both members of the Embroiderers Guild. Dianna has been a treasured member of the Chapter, as well as a good friend. She has always been very kind to all of us and willing to help find what we need for projects. I will miss her very much, as will all our members.*

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**Ginny Kellar** - April 29, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.*



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April 29, 2023 at 07:18 PM

LD

“ *First met Dianna when our kids went to the same school so have known her for many years. I liked her from the first day I met her, she was always so nice, kind, willing to help me with anything and answer my questions. When she opened Fancy Works I learned a lot about cross-stitching, fabrics, fibers, etc. I had done some cross stitching but only with kits so seeing what was available at the store was like a whole new world opening up for me and Dianna was there to help me all the way. I will miss my dear friend and will always remember her.*

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**Lynn DuCharme** - April 29, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dianna Stapleton.* ”



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April 29, 2023 at 10:40 AM