



## Nikki Diane Gastineau

June 3, 1954 - October 21, 2020

Nikki Diane Gastineau passed away peacefully early Wednesday, October 21 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. She had been diagnosed several years ago with pulmonary fibrosis but had just recently begun to struggle with her disease. Since the pandemic, she had self-isolated and had the opportunity to communicate and connect remotely with her many friends and family and spend time with her beloved dogs Dorie and Marmalade. Sadly, her final wish to live until Election Day for her vote to be counted was not fulfilled.

Nikki was born June 3, 1954 in Bloomington IN to the late Loren "Butch" Gastineau and Annabelle (Frye) Gastineau.

Nikki graduated from Edgewood High School in 1972 and earned a B.A. degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana University in 1997. As a young single mother, she worked at Waffle House and Grove's restaurants putting herself through school. She earned her CPM designation through the Institute of Real Estate Management. She had a long successful career of more than 33 years with CFC Properties retiring as the Vice President of Residential Real Estate. She was a member of the Bloomington Board of Realtors. She was an active member of the community serving on several boards and commissions including but not limited to Cardinal Stage, Rotary Club, the Bloomington Housing Quality Appeals Board (BHGA) and the Indiana state and local Apartment Associations.

Nikki loved travelling and gathering with her many wonderful friends. Nikki was a passionate advocate for social justice and women's rights. She was proud to have participated in the Women's March in Indianapolis in January 2017. She was an avid writer and as she often said had found her tribe with Women Writing for (a) Change. She was a lover of books and reading and was a constant learner. She was a leader and mentor to many people. She was an inspiration and unknowingly impacted the lives of those she met.

She leaves behind her son Michael Gastineau and her grandchildren Annaleigh Gastineau, Romi Mojica, and Fisher Gastineau. She is also survived by her sisters Tonya Gastineau (Mike Ames), Mary Stout and Lynda Gastineau as well as her long-time best friend Nancy Bowlen. And her nieces and nephews Barbara Vandagriff, Tyler Stout, Tre Nordo (Sadie Stull), Olivia Nordo and several great nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, parents, sisters Susan Tyree, Lisa Higgins, Patricia 'Patty' Gastineau, an infant sister Jennifer Jo and nephew Leo Tyree III.

In lieu of flowers, Nikki asked for memorial contributions to be made to the following charities: Women Writing for (a) Change Bloomington, Pets Alive, Shalom Community Center and the Unitarian Universalist (UU) Church. Arrangements are through

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory with a virtual memorial service/celebration of life livestreamed from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington on November 14, 2020 at 11a.m. To access the Unitarian Universalist Church Life Stream page, please visit <http://www.uubloomington.org>.

In Nikki's honor, it will start promptly at 11a.m. Online condolences, photos

and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Virtual Memorial Service

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Unitarian Universalist Church  
2120 N. Fee Ln  
Bloomington,, IN 47408

# Tribute Wall

PJ

“ Michael , I was so very sorry to learn of your mother's passing . She became one of my closest friends over the years. I loved our political conversations especially since we were in full agreement. She was so very proud of you and your accomplishments as am I . I miss her but I didn't realize how she suffered during her illness . She is at rest .

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**Paul E Norris Jr** - May 03, 2025 at 10:58 PM

SP

“ My fondest memories of Nikki are when we stayed at grandma & grandpa Gastenau's home (what they call the Bob Long place) we were probably 7 or 8 years old. We would set in the yard in the shade reading Bible, spent a lot of time together at grandma and grandpa's. Her beautiful smile will forever be in my mind .Love you Nikki,,  
Your cousin Steve Porter

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**Steve Porter** - November 15, 2020 at 09:23 AM

KS

“ Oh Nikki my dear sweet friend. I was so blessed to have you in my life. We met through work and almost instantly recognized each other as soul sisters. You will always hold a special place in my heart. See you around the next bend in the road. Namaste.

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**Katrinka Schroeder** - November 12, 2020 at 04:20 PM

LR

“ *How lucky I'm  
To have known  
Someone who was  
Hard to to say  
Goodbye to ! Lee Rhyne*

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**Lee rhyne** - November 05, 2020 at 03:02 PM

SP

“ *Sincerely, CFC Properties purchased the Amazin  
g Grace 44" Sonnet for the family of Nikki Diane  
Gastineau.*



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**Sincerely, CFC Properties** - November 03, 2020 at 12:06 PM

NP

“ *Michael, so sorry to read of the passing of your mother. I pray for  
you and all who were close to her in this time of grief.  
Norm Peacock*

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**Norman Peacock** - October 29, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White  
was purchased for the family of Nikki Diane  
Gastineau.*



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October 29, 2020 at 09:39 AM

MH

“ *Mary Hovioud lit a candle in memory of Nikki Diane Gastineau*



Mary Hovioud - October 26, 2020 at 07:14 PM

MH

“ *Nikki  
I will miss you so much but Heaven has gained another perfect angel*

*Your cousin Mary*

Mary Hovioud - October 26, 2020 at 07:13 PM

BD

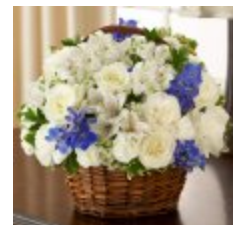
“ *Nikki, you are in my thoughts, I will never forget your smile and your fun, feisty nature. You truly were and will continue to be a favorite client and friend.*

*Sending love to the family from myself and from the team members at the salon that all loved talking to her*❤️

Bridgett DiVohl - October 26, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Nikki Diane Gastineau.*



October 26, 2020 at 10:50 AM

GN

“ *Blessed to of met you. Wish I would of started my search early on. I enjoyed our conversations learning about your family. Your stories on your Blog, brought much joy and tears. I will cherish them. Love Always, Gena*



**Gena Norris** - October 26, 2020 at 08:34 AM

TL

“ *Tammy Love lit a candle in memory of Nikki Diane Gastineau*



**Tammy Love** - October 26, 2020 at 08:06 AM

DI

“ *Dear Michael - I am sorry and deeply saddened by your family's tremendous loss of your precious mother. Please know each of you is being held close in thought and prayer during this painfully difficult time. Sending my heartfelt condolences and many hugs for all. 🥹💔🙏*



**Debra Jo Endres-Ard | Lizton, IN** - October 25, 2020 at 07:44 PM