



Diana Tout Esplin

January 16, 1943 - April 7, 2018

Diana Tout Esplin, 75, of Smithfield, Utah, passed away on April 7 in Logan, Utah of cancer.

Diane was born in Ogden, Utah to Glen Miles and Phyllis Nilson Tout on January 16, 1943. She was raised in Smithfield with two younger sisters, Susan and Nanette. She graduated from North Cache High School in 1961, where cherished life-long friendships were made. She was introduced to her eternal partner Lyle Esplin, through her best friend Billie. Diane and Lyle were married on February 1, 1961. They began their life together living in Trenton and Smithfield, then moving to Hyrum. During their years there, they had cherished friendships and wonderful memories of times in the Hyrum Saddle Club.

Diane and Lyle, returned to Smithfield and Richmond as their family grew from 3 to 7. At this stage in life, Diane decided it was time to go to school. She worked hard and graduated from Utah State University with a bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and began her teaching career, following in the footsteps of her mother. She influenced her students and instilled her love for geography, art and Utah History for 20 years at North Park and Greenville schools. She inspired all five of her daughters to return to school and achieve degrees.

She was a wonderful mother, sister, grandmother, wife and friend. She was an accomplished cook and loved sharing with family and friends. Her delight was having family meals, cookouts, and birthday parties. Her specialties were homemade wheat bread and delicious cinnamon rolls. She never forgot a birthday.

Diane served throughout her life in many callings as an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After retirement, Lyle and Diane served as missionaries at Cinnamon Creek Camp for four years. She served as a temple worker at the Logan, Utah Temple.

During her life she served as President of the Cache Teachers Assoc., President of Smithfield Historical Society, and an officer of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

She is survived by her husband, Lyle Angus Esplin and seven children, Jamie Andrus (Mark), Jodie (JaNan), Jackie Benavides (Mitchell), Jennette, JuliAnn Weber (Michael), Janell, Jeremiah (Alisa); 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Susan Michener (Edward) and Nanette King (Lowell). She was preceded in death by her

parents, a grandson, Nicholas Benavides, a brother-in-law Edward Michener and nephew, Christopher Michener.

The family wishes to thank Smithfield 7th Ward members for their compassionate service during her months of illness.

Funeral Services will be held at noon on Monday April 16, at the Smithfield 7th Ward LDS Chapel, 50 E 200 S, Smithfield. A viewing will be held from 6-7:30 pm on Sunday at Nelson Funeral Home, 85 S Main, Smithfield and from 10 to 11:30am prior to the services on Monday at the church. The interment will take place at the Smithfield Cemetery.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.nelsonfuneralhome.com

Events

APR **Visitation** 06:00PM - 07:30PM

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Nelson Funeral Home - Smithfield
85 South Main, Smithfield, UT, US, 84335

APR **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:30AM

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Smithfield 7th Ward Chapel
79 East 200 South, Smithfield, UT, US, 84335

APR **Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ It was a pleasure to work with Diane as she taught 4th grade at Greenville Elementary School. She was willing to take on varied and in some cases difficult situations with kindness and a smile. She was a true professional educator and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Esplin family.
Joel Allred

Joel Allred - April 16, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ Dear Esplin Family, So sorry to hear about Diane. I am so sorry. I have great memories of all of your family....all the "J" kids, right from Jamie down to that charming Jeremiah.
Of course I have gotten closer to Julie when she lived in my ward and all the other girls I remember from very fun softball days. Diane was an amazing person who I admired very much. So sorry! She will be missed so much and was such a great example to all of you and everyone else. Thinking of you.
Marge Seeholzer

Marge Seeholzer - April 16, 2018 at 12:50 AM



“ She was a second mom. Thank you for being such a big part of my life. The memories are many, helping milk cows so we could get done faster to go do things we wanted to, German pancakes with peanut butter and maple syrup (I still eat them that way), lots of sleep overs, bear lake, I could go on and on. Thank you for being a great "mom" and making me always feel welcome.
Brenda Bowen Mouritsen

Brenda Bowen Mouritsen - April 14, 2018 at 10:45 PM



“ Nan King, so sorry to hear about the passing of your dear sister. I know you two were very close and loved being together. I thought from the day I met her "what a beautiful, happy woman"....just like you. May you be comforted by the love of our Savior and the prayers of your friends. with love, Caroline Condie

Caroline Condie - April 14, 2018 at 08:01 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Diana Tout Esplin.



April 13, 2018 at 07:06 PM



“ From your SM Energy co-workers purchased the Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Diana Tout Esplin.



From your SM Energy co-workers - April 13, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ She was my 4th grade teacher and I remember building this giant paper mache dinosaur in her class! I absolutley Loved it and have never forgot it! We also had a pet porcupine I think that we always loved playing with! She was such a fun teacher and I remember Loving her And class! Sending love to her family!

Emily Brodock - April 13, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ Jamie and family, I am sorry for the loss of your mother. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love Jackie

Jackie Nelson - April 13, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ I taught school with Diana for a number of years, she was a great teacher and a wonderful part of our faculty. I'll always remember with fondness our years together as a part of North Park and Greenville schools. My sincere condolences,

Chad Hawkes

Chad Hawkes - April 13, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ I only knew Diana for a little while but knew from the moment I met her that she was a special lady. She will be missed and I am truly sorry for your loss.
Love you, Shari Yeates

Shari Yeates - April 12, 2018 at 11:53 PM



“ Diana was one of the best people I've known. I loved growing up with her some of her girls. I remember her being our young women's basketball coach. I was always impressed with how organized her home was. A funny memory is that I once popped my head into the laundry room and there were clear instructions printed out on the wall of how to do each color of laundry. I thought that was really great and have used the same idea on my laundry room wall. She will be missed. Prayers and love to all of her family.

Kathy Stoddard - April 12, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ Willden's and Carters purchased the Peach, Orange & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Diana Tout Esplin.



Willden's and Carters - April 11, 2018 at 10:34 PM