



Darcy Lee Behan

March 9, 1952 - October 19, 2022

Darcy Lee (Whitson) Behan, age 70, of Easton, MD, died at home surrounded by close family on October 19, 2022, after a two-year battle with cancer.

A gifted early-childhood educator, Darcy taught pre-school classes for 20 years at St. James School in Leesburg, VA. She also worked for several years as a staff assistant at the American Petroleum Institute in Washington, D.C., and was an accountant at Control Video Corporation in Vienna, VA, where she worked for future AOL Founder Steve Case. Darcy began her eclectic career working in a deli, but her most important work was her role as a mom; she took great pride in her children's achievements—Alexis's entrepreneurship and leadership in retail and Patrick's as head boy's basketball coach at St. John's College High School.

Born March 9, 1952, in Kendallville, IN, Darcy and her family resided in a range of U.S. communities where her father, a career FBI agent, was stationed, including Monterey, CA; the Rio Grande Valley of TX; and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Darcy attended high school in New City, NY, and earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics and English from George Mason University, when her family lived outside Washington, DC, in suburban Virginia.

Darcy met her husband and soulmate of over 45 years, Jeremiah Behan, at a

dog-obedience class at TC Williams High School in Alexandria, VA. A dog-lover and active supporter of animal-rescue programs, Darcy especially cherished taking long walks with Jeremiah and their dogs. She also was an avid gardener who loved all flowers and birds and took great interest and pleasure in home decorating and cooking. Beginning their life together, Darcy and Jeremiah lived in the Washington, DC, area and for nearly two years in Tucson, AZ. They lived and raised their children in Arlington, VA, and Leesburg, VA, before retiring to Easton.

Darcy was predeceased by her husband; by her parents, Patricia and Clyde Whitson; and by her brother, Clyde Whitson, Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Alexis Behan, of Los Angeles, CA; by her son, Patrick Behan of Alexandria, VA; and by her sisters, Diana Laguna (Ramon) of Orlando, FL, and Dawn Whitson of Ocean Pines, MD. Darcy also leaves behind her sister-in-law, Sarah Costello, of Phoenix, AZ, and brother-in-law Patrick Behan of Tucson, AZ.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Darcy's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home is handling arrangements. A celebration of Darcy's life will be held at a later time.

Tribute Wall



“ *Darcy Lee Behan*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Darcy Lee Behan*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Darcy Lee Behan*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I loved Darcy's warmth and gentle spirit. My young granddaughter liked to show Darcy the wild flowers she had gathered, and their conversations about those finds were priceless. We will terribly miss our wonderful neighbor.*

Sharon Ainsworth - October 31, 2022 at 04:58 PM



Dear Sharon, thank you for your loving message and for being such a kind neighbor and friend to Darcy. As you well know, Darcy was such a lover of all nature and especially her gardens, and with her skillful care and her gentle soul she loved to tend and watch everything flourish and grow. She was especially attuned to the curiosity and beauty of children, and as a natural born teacher she loved each and every learning moment. I know she loved her interactions with your granddaughter as they discussed nature, flowers and just had their unique conversations. Those moments were special memories for both of them, and for you and me to cherish forever, too. Thank you for sharing your loving story.

Dawn Whitson

Dawn Whitson - November 18, 2022 at 04:18 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Darcy Lee Behan.

October 31, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ Though I didn't know Darcy personally, I feel I know her through her sister, Dawn a dear friend of mine. I know that she was much loved and will be so terribly missed by her loved ones. My sincerest condolences to the family and other dear ones.



Lynn Limpert - October 31, 2022 at 10:19 AM



Thank you so much, Lynn, for your loving comments. Darcy would have loved you, too. So much about both of you, your gentleness, love of nature, kindness, generosity, and humanity make you kindred spirits. My love to you and your wonderful Bill as well. From your forever friend,
Dawn Whitson

Dawn Whitson - November 18, 2022 at 03:50 AM



“ My husband and I were fortunate enough to have Darcy and her close family as ours neighbors. Such a nice pleasant person. She will be missed. ❤️

Brenda French - October 25, 2022 at 03:55 PM

DW

Brenda, it has been such a pleasure living next door to you and Dave. Darcy and Jerry would surely have been great friends with you both, if only there had been time. Darcy certainly enjoyed every visit with you, and you were always so very kind to her when she needed it the most. It would be an honor to continue the friendship that you began with them. Thank you for your beautiful message.

Dawn Whitson

Dawn Whitson - October 26, 2022 at 09:17 PM

ME

“ *I was fortunate to meet Darcy through her sister, Dawn. When Darcy would visit Dawn in Ocean Pines, MD, I would meet up with them to see a ballet performance at Ocean City Convention Center, multiple Shakespeare plays at the Freeman Stage in coastal Delaware, and to enjoy fun meals at Smitty McGee's. Darcy was one of the warmest individuals that I've ever met. She was beautiful inside and out, with a gentle, intelligent, friendly and witty demeanor. I always looked forward to seeing her. She will be forever missed ~ Marsha Evans*

Marsha Evans - October 25, 2022 at 02:32 PM

DW

Marsha, thank you for such a beautiful message. Your words reflect Darcy's being so well and your description just brings her to life. I wish I could say more but I'm just too overcome.

Thank you so much,

Dawn Whitson, the proud, grateful and humbled sister of the beautiful and great Darcy Lee Behan

Dawn Whitson - October 26, 2022 at 09:29 PM