



Dian Dudderar Hamilton

July 18, 1944 - March 6, 2022

Dian Dudderar Hamilton of Millington, MD, passed away on Sunday, March 6, 2022, at her home. She was 77 years old.

Born on July 18, 1944, in Chestertown, MD, Dian was the daughter of the late Raymond “Al” Dudderar and Frances “Babe” Harris Dudderar. She was a 1962 graduate of Wicomico Senior High School. She studied at St. Mary’s College of Maryland, received a bachelor’s degree; a Master’s degree from Delaware State University; and earned a Doctorate in Education from Wilmington University. Dian's passion for early childhood education took her from teaching preschool and courses at Del State to later becoming the Director of Student Teaching at St. Mary’s College.

In 1998, she joined the partnership of Atenas Preschool y Escuela Colina Azul in Costa Rica, offering pre-K through sixth grade. In the years that followed, she led English language learning and initiated and directed the innovative International Teacher Internship Program for college students from the US. Dian adored children and teaching, devoting her life to both. That love of children earned her the affectionate moniker “YaYa” as she was known to many, big and small.

Dian was a daughter of the Eastern Shore, growing up in Easton and Salisbury and then living most of her life in Chestertown and Spring Landing

Farm near Crumpton. She was actively involved in her community and was an avid reader who loved traveling.

Dian and her husband, Herb, spent many years traveling and making a second home in Costa Rica. Together, they welcomed and introduced scores of family and friends to the splendor of the country and its people.

Dian was a beloved sister, mother, aunt, wife, grandmother, and friend to many. She was a gifted shopper, finding the best bargains, and she was always dressed impeccably, matching head to toe. She will be remembered for her warmth, her vibrancy, and the way she welcomed everyone into her home, family, and life.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Hamilton; son, Matthew DiMaggio; brothers, Gregory Dudderar and Raymond "Chip" Dudderar; and sister-in-law, Linda Dudderar.

She is survived by her sisters, Catherine Duda (John) of Charlotte, NC, Jody Dudderar (Bernardo Valdes) of New York, NY; stepdaughter, Melissa Sullivan of Virginia Beach, VA; niece, Heidi Dudderar of Riva, MD; nephew, Kyle Dudderar of Longmont, CO; great-nephews, Cole, Jude, and Harris; great-niece, Jordan; step-nephews, John Duda (Annie Lipscomb) and Matt Duda (Megan); and dear friends, including the Sweetak family and Carol Ingersoll.

A Celebration of Life will be held at her home at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial can be made to Busload of Books at (<https://robbiandmatthew.com/busload-of-books/>), Compass Hospice (<https://compassregionalhospice.org/donate/>); or Atenas Preschool y Escuela Colina Azul (<https://www.atenascolinaazul.com/>).

Tribute Wall



“ *Dian Dudderar Hamilton*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dian Dudderar Hamilton*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dian Dudderar Hamilton*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



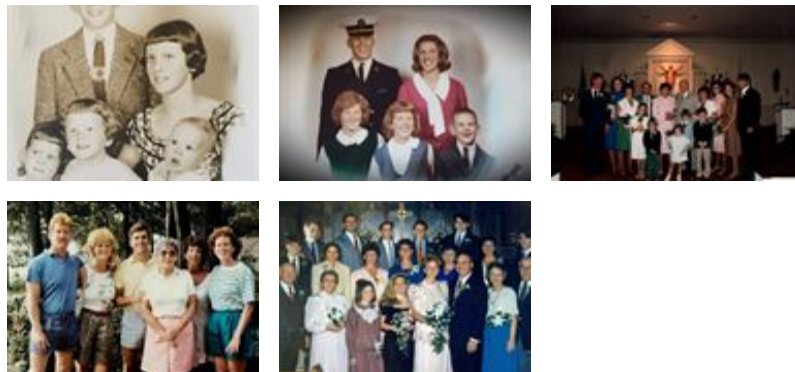
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“ *Carla Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dian Dudderar Hamilton*



Carla Johnson - March 16, 2022 at 06:12 PM

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“ Dian and I had so much fun in high school and college. I kept telling her “ Dian you’ve got to STUDY. too!” She certainly made much of her life... I know she will be greatly missed.



darlene cole culver (Barlowe) - March 15, 2022 at 02:33 PM

RO

“ Such a big, beautiful spirit. I spent many happy hours in her home, both as a pre-schooler and tagging along behind Matthew and Roji in the best of times. I will always remember her in her 80s diva glory, with her laugh so big and bright we could hear it all the way up the street. ❤️

Robbi - March 14, 2022 at 11:30 PM

JW

“ I miss my good buddy! So positive, so fun-loving and so considerate of others. jw

Judy Wink - March 14, 2022 at 06:03 PM

BB

“ *In loving memory of Dian with a beautiful woman and a great neighbor. You will greatly missed by a lot of people.*



Bob Boulden - March 14, 2022 at 04:27 AM

JY

“ *June Yeager lit a candle in memory of Dian Dudderar Hamilton*



June Yeager - March 12, 2022 at 08:26 AM



“ *What a lady... and what a legacy she leaves behind.* ❤️



Dorcias Coleman - March 10, 2022 at 01:40 PM

JB

“ *So very sorry to hear this....what a wonderful person she was! RIP*



Joyce Benton - March 10, 2022 at 12:03 PM

JL

“ *John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Dian Dudderar Hamilton*



John M Larrimore - March 10, 2022 at 06:14 AM

DE

“ *Debi lit a candle in memory of Dian Dudderar Hamilton*



Debi - March 09, 2022 at 12:30 PM

DE

such a loving and caring human being. the world will miss your smile and thoughtfulness. May you rest in peace and enjoy being an angel among us! you will be thought of often.

Debi - March 09, 2022 at 12:33 PM

KA

I was just a little girl when I "experienced" Aunt Dian. She was as tough as nails ("scrape the mold off the bread and just eat it"), super creative (as evidenced by the clothes she made for me) and as kind as anyone I have ever known (she comforted me when I tried to knit a scarf with Mimi...which didn't look like a scarf, at all). I didn't stay in touch like I should have, but I frequently tell people stories about her and my days in Chestertown, MD. Such a loss. Rest in peace, Aunt Dian.

Karen - March 11, 2022 at 09:33 PM

JA

To Dian's family, I will cherish in my thoughts, Dian's support, love, and her stepping up to plate in a time of need. Her happiness was freely and unconditionally given to everyone. God was in her heart. In Luke 23:43, Jesus declared, "Truly I say to Dian, today you shall be with me in paradise." So thankful to have known her, JoAnn Adams

JoAnn Adams - March 14, 2022 at 03:34 PM