



Diane Vinink Galdieri

August 28, 1946 - June 19, 2021

Diane Vinink Galdieri passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021, in her home in Chester, MD, as peacefully and gracefully as she lived her life. By her side, was her loving husband and best friend of 58 years.

Diane was born on August 28, 1946, in Scranton, PA ,to the late Edward Francis and Margaret Kippicash Vinink. She was the beloved wife of John (Jack) Galdieri for 54 years and devoted mother of John Galdieri (Cristina), Kristen Bonavilla (Dr. Joseph), and Michael Galdieri (Diana).

She is survived by ten grandchildren, Joseph, Gracie, Edward, Jacqueline, Nicholas, Michael, Diana, Vera, Cora, and Margaret. She was preceded in death by her brother, Edward Joseph Vinink.

Diane was a devout Catholic who attended mass at St. Joseph the Worker in Orefield, PA, St. Christopher's of Kent Island Catholic Church, and St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Bonita Springs, FL.

In Diane's youth, she was a Pennsylvania state champion baton twirler. She maintained her passion for two decades, coaching the band front and competitive baton twirling squads, positively influencing hundreds of young women and leading them to multiple championships. Diane was eternally selfless as the consummate mother to her three children and ten

grandchildren, filling their lives with abundant love.

Jack and Diane were two American kids, high school sweethearts, who lived out Diane's dream life enjoying summers on the Chesapeake Bay and winters in Bonita Springs, FL. Her perfect day was sitting on her back porch surrounded by family and friends, watching the sunset.

Diane lived with such grace and love. She possessed positive energy that was magnetic and a beautiful smile that was contagious. She was the center of her family's universe and all who were in her presence were warmed by the peace and goodness that she radiated. The heavens are blessed with a beautiful new angel, and her spirit will eternally be alive in all of her loved ones.

The family will be hosting a celebration of life in Maryland and Pennsylvania in July.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to St. Christopher's of Kent Island Catholic Church, 1861 Harbor Drive, Chester MD 21619.

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane Vinink Galdieri*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Diane Vinink Galdieri*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Diane Vinink Galdieri*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *My condolences to the Galdieri family.*
J.T Taylor

J.T Taylor - July 07, 2021 at 06:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of*
Diane Vinink Galdieri.



June 27, 2021 at 10:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Diane Vinink Galdieri.



June 27, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ To the Galdieri Family,
Our heartfelt sympathies to the family on the passing of such a beautiful person. Rest in peace Diane.
Pat and John Sadowski

Pat SADOWSKI - June 27, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ Diane was a true inspiration to so many. She always greeted you with a smile and was such a kind soul. I will never forget all the lessons she taught us girls -- to always work hard and you will succeed, to never give up, always support one another and some you win and some you lose but always hold your head high! I am so sorry to hear of her passing, and please know that her legacy will live on in the hearts of many. My prayers are with your family at this difficult time. ~ Stacy (Metzger) Pilgert

Stacy (Metzger) Pilgert - June 26, 2021 at 08:03 AM



“ *Diane was such an amazing woman and coach -I consider myself truly blessed to have known her, and to have learned so much from her, which beyond twirling, has shaped my life. She taught me perseverance and poise and that no matter what you feel like, you can always “do it again!” I am grateful that she gave so much of herself to us girls. She is irreplaceable! Praying for the entire Galdieri family as you mourn her loss.*

Janna Lutz - June 24, 2021 at 02:25 PM

SS

“ *I wish I could find the right words to fully capture what Mrs. G has meant to me. She taught me to persevere, work hard for what I want, support those around me, win and lose gracefully, "stay on my toes, keep my head held high," and so many other things that have stayed with me for the past 25 years. Her dedication to the generation of young women she coached still impresses me beyond measure.*

I cherish the memories of long bus rides, prayers before heading out on the floor, first days of putting new costumes on and hearing our show music, trips to Pizza Hut and the Sizzler, sandwich sales, the annual home show, and the laughter and conversation shared as we all stood on the floor and looked up at our coaches, for endless hours of practice in buns and leotards, being dedicated to something we truly loved- because of Mrs. G.

Her dedication didn't end when we walked off the gym floor- she was a consistent presence of support in many areas of my life, for many years. Mr. G, you were right there too, each step of the way. You were both endlessly generous with your time and love. I am terribly sorry for your loss, and beyond grateful for what you both shared with me. There is no doubt that I will carry a piece of Mrs. G in my heart forever.

*Love,
Susan Werley Slater*

Susan Werley Slater - June 24, 2021 at 08:38 AM



Well said, Sue!

Janna Lutz - June 24, 2021 at 02:16 PM

GM

“ *To the Galdieri Family,*

We are so sorry to hear of Diane’s passing. She was such a beautiful woman, and the best twirling coach in the Lehigh Valley. Jim and I still talk about the Cats show. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Rest In Peace Diane.

Jim and Gloria Maley

Gloria Maley - June 23, 2021 at 09:19 PM

AB

“ *Diane was a major part of many of our life's. Her kindness, creativity and love have influenced many. My thoughts and prayers to her family! She will be missed.*

Amy Beck - June 23, 2021 at 02:14 PM

TD

“ *So sorry to hear of Diane’s passing. She was a wonderful woman. I know she will be missed by all who knew her. My condolences to her family.*
Theresa DalMaso

Theresa DalMaso - June 23, 2021 at 09:06 AM

PM

“ *So sorry for your loss. You are so fortunate to have such wonderful memories of her. Cherish them forever in your heart!*

Patty Mash - June 23, 2021 at 08:15 AM

CP

“ Dear Galdieri family- I have so many wonderful memories of Diane. She was a wonderful and inspiring coach to hundreds of majorettes over the years. I remember taking private lessons from Diane and mentioning we really needed a new coach at the high school...and being so excited when she became the coach! I also remember babysitting for John & Kristen. Diane was such an incredible person. I'm so sorry for your loss. -Colleen (McCauley) Phillips

Colleen (McCauley) Phillips - June 23, 2021 at 06:49 AM



“ Dear Galdieri family. So sorry for your loss. It was a great pleasure to know Mrs. Galdieri. She was a fun and very supportive person. My prayers are with you all during these difficult times.

Brandon Hucaluk - June 22, 2021 at 10:44 PM

CC

“ Prayers and Sympathies to the Galdieri Families and Friends. I was very honored to have met and been inspired by Diane. God Blessings to All.
Cynthia L. Christman

Cynthia L. Christman - June 22, 2021 at 09:31 PM

PM

“ Diane was the epitome of grace and kindness. Her family was loved by all who knew them, and Jack and Diane were amazing supporters of NWL . Diane will surely be missed by many, as she set an example of an angel on earth. May she shine in the heavens as much as she did here on earth. My deepest condolences to her entire family. ❤️🙏

Patty Mengel - June 22, 2021 at 08:34 PM

ME

“ Dave and I send our condolences to the entire Galdieri family. We are saddened to hear of Diane's passing.

Marge Evans - June 22, 2021 at 06:31 PM

GC

“ My condolences to Jack and all family members, so sorry to hear about Diana's passing. Had many years coaching with Jack and your family was always there supporting. Heaven is truly getting an angel 🙏 Gary Christman, Ft Myers, Florida.

Gary Christman - June 22, 2021 at 06:21 PM

NO

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Galdieri family for their loss. Amazing family.

Nathan Okuley - June 22, 2021 at 06:11 PM

KM

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Diane's passing. She was a beautiful person inside and out. She epitomized love of family. My heart goes out to her family at this most difficult time. Sending comfort and prayers,
Kathy Metrick

Kathy Metrick - June 22, 2021 at 05:05 PM

RR

“ I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs Galdieri. She was always so kind and caring to all of us as kids. She will be greatly missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are will you all. Ron Reinert

Ron Reinert - June 22, 2021 at 04:49 PM

CB

What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady! I always enjoyed talking with her on our visits to MD. She will be missed. Our condolences to the whole Galdieri family. I hope your many happy memories bring you much comfort during this difficult time.

Connie Boykin - June 23, 2021 at 07:23 AM

MW

“ *Sending prayers and light to the Galderi family in the loss of Diane!*

*Maria Wescoe
and
all Northampton Twirler Alumni*

Maria Wescoe - June 22, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Diane Vinink Galdieri.*



June 22, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ *Sheri Steele lit a candle in memory of Diane Vinink Galdieri*



Sheri Steele - June 22, 2021 at 02:06 PM



So sorry to hear of Diane's passing. She was a beautiful spirit and will be missed by everyone she touched. Prayers for Jack and family.

Sheri Steele - June 22, 2021 at 02:14 PM

LO

“ Diane was one of the most wonderful people I have ever met. Her smile was beautiful as was she. I am sure she will be sorely missed by all.

Linda Olewine - June 22, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diane Vinink Galdieri.



June 22, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Diane Vinink Galdieri.



June 22, 2021 at 08:33 AM

EC

“ *Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Diane Vinink Galdieri*



Eastern Shore Dental Care - June 22, 2021 at 08:25 AM



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June 22, 2021 at 07:37 AM