



Diane Breeden Rilee

May 5, 1942 - May 13, 2026

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Diane Breeden Rilee, our beloved Mom/Nan/Lil' Nan, on May 13, 2026. She was surrounded by family as she peacefully departed this world.

Diane was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, on May 5, 1942. She was married for 65 years to her high school sweetheart, Robert Jeffries (Jeff) Rilee, who preceded her in death. She was a loving mom to daughter, Elizabeth (Beth) Rilee Kelley (Paul) and son, Robert Jeffries (Jeffrey) Rilee, Jr., and grandmother to four beautiful grandchildren who were some of her biggest fans: Breeden Kelley Browning (Matt), Paul Thomasson Kelley, Jr. (Samantha), Harlow Rilee Foster (Tyler), and Travis Lucas Haurand (Jennifer). She was proud of her eight remarkable great-grandchildren and enjoyed hearing about their accomplishments and antics.

She is also survived by two sisters, Pamela Breeden Taran and Janie Breeden Dzula (Larry) and many other beloved family members. Diane was also preceded in death by her parents, Georgie Breeden Marston and Raymond Eugene Breeden, and her son, Robert Jeffries (Jeffrey) Rilee, Jr.

When Diane moved to rural King and Queen County as a teenager, it was culture shock for this self-proclaimed city girl. She missed her Maryland life and never got over watching the birth of a calf just outside the kitchen window

of her new home while having breakfast. We understand the cow event prompted yet another desperate plea to move back to her city home.

Diane graduated from Pleasant Hill High School and while there, met her beloved country boy, Jeff. They fell in love, married and began raising a family. It was official. The city girl had finally grown to love her rural home. Diane worked in administration at both York Academy and Rappahannock Community College before joining Riverside Walter Reed Hospital in Gloucester in 1977. She eventually became the Director of Volunteer Services and manager of The Daffodil, the hospital's popular gift shop.

Following her retirement from Riverside in 2008, Diane realized her dream of owning a retail boutique and opened Divin' Off the Dock in West Point, Virginia, with her two sisters as partners. Her little shop was her pride and joy and she enjoyed working there until her second retirement in 2020.

Diane always encouraged her family to enjoy life and especially wanted her grands to have "big fun". To that end, she shared their love of jumping in mud puddles, fearlessly riding roller coasters and always searching for the best seashells on the beach...together.

We will miss our Lil' Nan. The family extends their gratitude to all medical staff and caregivers over the years for the loving care and support. We are eternally grateful for you.

The family will receive friends 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the West Point YMCA, P.O. Box 1526, West Point, VA 23181 or Poroporone Baptist Church, PO Box 400, Shackelfords, VA 23156.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Oh Diane, what fun we had. **YOU WERE FABULOUS** at The Daffodil! And to have the privelege of extending our relationship at Divin'. Everyone was so proud of the three of you. Creativity and style poured out! You, always so dear and welcoming. I am fortunate to have had lunch with you in Va Beach. What a blessing that turned out to be!

maggie - 11 hours ago

JP

“ So sorry for your loss. She was such a nice person and will be missed.

Janet and Nelson Prince



Janet Prince - May 19 at 08:39 PM

AH

“ Ann Coleman Hall lit a candle in memory of Diane Breeden Rilee



Ann Coleman Hall - May 18 at 02:11 PM

AW

“ *Avril & Gerald Williams lit a candle in memory of Diane Breeden Rilee*



Avril & Gerald Williams - May 17 at 12:03 PM

PC

“ *Pamela S Carter lit a candle in memory of Diane Breeden Rilee*



Pamela S Carter - May 16 at 02:45 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - May 15 at 07:00 AM

DB

“ *Pam & Family, I am shocked! Sending my condolences to the entire family. Diane was a sweetheart! I remember the very first day I saw her at Pleasant Hill . You “Breedens Girls” are certainly loved in West Point & the surrounding area!! I wish I lived closer, I would certainly give you a big hug. Thinking of you, and my prayers remain with the family throughout this sad time. Dolores Willis Beeler 🙏*

Dolores Willis Beeler - May 14 at 03:24 PM

BW

“ *BILL AND SUSAN WILLIS lit a candle in memory of Diane Breeden Rilee*



BILL AND SUSAN WILLIS - May 14 at 01:01 PM

SK

“ *Diane’s generosity, love, and care will always be remembered by this community and each family she touched 🙏❤️*

Sue Kurfees - May 14 at 11:35 AM

FA

“ *What a legacy of love and light they leave. They shared their love with so many. Your mom always made everyone she spoke to feel as if they were the most special person on the earth. What a gift. Sending prayers.*



Frazier Millner Armstrong - May 14 at 11:05 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear this. Your mother was a dear sweet lady. God bless your family. 🙏❤️❤️*



Susan Fowler - May 14 at 10:34 AM

VA

“ Beth, We have you and all of your family in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.
Virginia&Will Addison

Virginia&Will Addison - May 14 at 10:26 AM

MN

“ Mel N Marie Norman lit a candle in memory of Diane Breeden Rilee



Mel n Marie Norman - May 14 at 09:35 AM

MA

“ I loved shopping at Diving Off the Dock and chatting with your mom!



Mary Arritt - May 14 at 08:17 AM

KA

“ Kenneth And Paula Armstead lit a candle in memory of Diane Breeden Rilee



Kenneth and Paula Armstead - May 14 at 07:56 AM

FS

“ *Faith Silva lit a candle in memory of Diane Breeden Rilee*



Faith Silva - May 14 at 03:47 AM

JM

“ *Janet Moncure lit a candle in memory of Diane Breeden Rilee*



Janet Moncure - May 13 at 09:49 PM

LK

“ *Lori Kerby lit a candle in memory of Diane Breeden Rilee*



Lori Kerby - May 13 at 09:44 PM

BD

“ *Billie Dean lit a candle in memory of Diane Breeden Rilee*



Billie Dean - May 13 at 08:17 PM

CH

“ So sorry to hear this. I remember her sweet and kind ways in the office at York Academy. My sympathy goes out to all the family.

Cheryl Haynes - May 13 at 08:13 PM

JP

“ So many wonderful memories of Diane. She and my sister Doris were best of friends in school as well as her sister Pam and I. So thankful that she carried out her dream *Divin off the Dock*. Love and sympathy to all of her family. 💔

Judy and Glenn Palmer - May 13 at 07:16 PM

MS

“ Mike Staskiel lit a candle in memory of Diane Breeden Rilee



Mike Staskiel - May 13 at 06:24 PM

LP

“ One of the sweetest ladies I know always enjoy visiting her and Jeff at their home. May they walk hand-in-hand into the sunset in heaven together love you both Linda Presgraves.



Linda Presgraves - May 13 at 05:54 PM

FC

“ Francis Chandler lit a candle in memory of
Diane Breeden Rilee



francis chandler - May 13 at 05:03 PM

JR

“ John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory
of Diane Breeden Rilee



John and Vickie Roane - May 13 at 04:25 PM

GC

“ With heartfelt sympathy to each of you
Cherish your precious memories
Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)



Gloria Couch - May 13 at 03:31 PM

MF

“ Margaret Ogg & Mike Fazio lit a candle in
memory of Diane Breeden Rilee



Margaret Ogg & Mike Fazio - May 13 at 03:19 PM



“ So sorry to hear this news. I have known her since she came to Pleasant hill high school many years ago. May good memories help you all at this time.

Janie wampler - May 13 at 02:54 PM



“ Beverly Edwards lit a candle in memory of Diane Breeden Rilee



Beverly Edwards - May 13 at 02:31 PM