



Diana Sue Comer Zirkle

December 31, 1945 - June 9, 2024

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Diana Sue Comer Zirkle.

Diana Sue Comer Zirkle, 78, walked into the arms of her Savior on June 9, 2024, surrounded by her family at her home in Mt. Jackson, Virginia.

Diana was born December 31, 1945, in Winchester, Virginia, the much-loved daughter of Jesse William Comer, Sr., and Elizabeth Ellen Bott Comer, and the baby sister of James Richard Comer and Jesse William Comer, Jr. Her parents and her siblings predeceased her.

Diana is survived by her loving husband, Keith Zirkle, as well as her former husband, Richard Miller and their daughter Kristi (Adam) Zirkle. She was a very proud Giga to her grandchildren, Jesse Zirkle, Lizzi (Elizabeth Diana Rylee) Zirkle, her name sake, and her adopted granddaughter, Lindsey Rigby. Her stepchildren and step-grandchildren that she loved as her own including Adam (Kristi) Zirkle, Lee Ann Zirkle, Luke (Whitney) Scharf, Kevin (Kristy) Zirkle, Kara (Nathaniel) McRae, Ethan Scharf, William Street, Samantha Scharf, Jaden Layman, Juliana McRae, Ariana McRae, Cassandra McRae, and Grant McRae. Diana was a close and loving friend to many, but Cindy Ritter and she shared a friendship that was like no other.

After years in her favorite role as wife and mom, Diana began her career in County Government as a secretary in the Building Inspection Department. She worked her way up in the County serving as secretary to the County Administrator and the Board of Supervisors, before advancing to County Zoning Administrator. She was one of the first women to serve in a position of authority in County Government. Diana and her fellow Zoning Administrators formed the first chapter of the Virginia Association of Zoning Administrators, (VAZO), a networking organization where ideas and experiences were shared. Later in her career, she took her skills and experience to Harrisonburg where she served as Zoning Administrator for the city.

Diana never hesitated to give back to her community. When approached by businesswomen from Harrisonburg, she and several other women started the Quota Club of Shenandoah County. They worked hard and raised money to help the deaf, hard of hearing, and disadvantaged women and children in the area. Their hard work was made lighter by the joy and playfulness Diana brought to the group.

While proud of all these things, her favorite thing was to serve her Lord through her church, Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren, where she had been a member since she was a teen. Diana had the gift of creativity and shared it abundantly with her church. She decorated the entry table and the wreaths in the front of the church. When she noticed that flowers did not appear on the altar regularly, Diana volunteered to provide an arrangement every week, usually out of her own garden. She served on the Church Board in many capacities including various commission chairs and Church Clerk. Over the years she worked with the all ages of youth of the church, many who refer to her as “Giga” to this day. In 2022, she felt called to begin a morning Bible study at the church. She welcomed everyone with refreshments, like the supreme hostess she was, and the group quickly grew in number as well as spiritually under her leadership. Today those ladies are a tight-knit group who lovingly supported her and her family through her illness.

Everyone loved to hear and watch Diana as she sang in the choir. The joy that she felt as she sang showed all over her face. While we know that she is now singing with a heavenly choir, the joy she radiated when singing with the Adult Choir at Wakemans Grove, will be missed.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 14, from 6-8 pm at Wakemans Grove Church in Edinburg, Virginia. The funeral service will be held Saturday, June 15, at 11am at Wakemans Grove. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center.

Online condolences may be left at valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

Cemetery Details

Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren Cemetery

668 Wakemans Grove Road
Edinburg, VA 22824

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **14**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren
668 Wakemans Grove Road
Edinburg , VA 22824

Funeral Service

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My sympathy to Keith and all of the family.
I did not know Diana, but it sounds as if she was a very
accomplished woman who will be very missed.
Barbara Showman Rhinehart*

Barbara Rhinehart - June 14, 2024 at 11:12 AM

DR

“ *I knew Diana only briefly as we shared times together with our
rowdy mountain mystery book club. What a joy to be with and a fun
spirit who saw the good in those around her. She will be missed.
Delores Reid*

Delores Reid - June 14, 2024 at 05:37 AM

LL

“ *Kristi and Family,
My deepest thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.
So sorry to read of the death of Diana. She was a very special
person. It was a very special honor to have known her and worked
with her through Quota. What great memories I have of those days
with you and Diana.
Special thoughts and great times are a blessing for having known
Diana.
Take care and know I am Thinking of you at this time.
Lakey Logan*

Lakey Logan - June 13, 2024 at 10:44 AM

WS

“ My wife and I met Diana, and family, when we moved to our current home in Edinburg. After visiting numerous churches we visited Wakemans Grove and met many people who were nothing but very nice to us. Amongst them was Diana. I learned quickly Diana was a staunch believer in Jesus and she was never afraid or embarrassed to talk about Him. She was so active in church and such a well respected and loved person. We are very fortunate to say we were her friends. May you Rest in Peace Diana and we shall reunite with you before we all know it.

Wayne Stewart - June 11, 2024 at 05:17 PM