



Diane Floyd

January 15, 1941 - November 24, 2007

Diane D. (Goeschel) Floyd, age 66, of Sault Ste Marie, went home to be with her Lord after being in an auto accident on Saturday, November 24, 2007 in Tallahassee Florida. She was enroute to her winter home nearby (in Lee, Florida) when the accident occurred. She was born in Mt Clemens, Michigan on January 15, 1941 to Gordon and Mary Malette Goeschel who predeceased her. Diane was a devoted mother and homemaker, always serving the needs of her family and others. She was happiest when she was cooking for a crowd and spreading out her table with at least 15 or more around it. She became a loving integrated part of her Southern family when she married and was known for her traditional "southern" breakfast, serving Florida sausage, eggs and grits routinely. Another of her known main dishes was her black-eyed peas and cornbread. Her immediate family was her main source of pride and joy but that was always extended to the entire family of relatives and anyone else she could bring in. A pleasure almost beyond measure, was her summers spent at the family cabins in Canada on Lake Chiblow where she shared and made, many happy times and memories with family and friends. She had gone there from the time she was a small child. She loved her God and was dependant on her Lord for all things in her life. Diane was a life long member of The First Church of Christ. Diane married Willie F. Floyd on Dec. 7, 1957 and lived in Florida, Lower Michigan and finally settled with their family in Sault Ste. Marie where they had a business and raised their family. Being that her children were so important to every minute of her life, she immersed

herself in their lives, always as a volunteer, and became active in many ways. Early on she served as the president of the Hiawatha skating club when her daughter was skating. She carried the banner for whatever she was involved in, doing her all for the sport. Next her boys were involved in hockey and she worked diligently with the Soo Amateur Hockey Association. Again, she worked volunteering her time as President and many other positions in the Association. Mostly she was known for the scheduling of ice, team registrations, and tournaments. She constantly had people calling her or stopping by with questions regarding one thing or another to do with hockey. She had three phone lines coming into her home and they were most always, all three busy, during the hockey season. For many years after her boys were grown and out of the program, she continued to work in it, giving her devoted attention to its needs. Her heart was in it as her love for the children was strong and she felt the program was instrumental to building character in young lives. She wanted to be a part of that encouragement to young children. She had a motto "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." That old adage said to her, you could do anything if you put your mind to it and she empowered the young people in her life with that thought. Diane is survived by the love of her life and husband of 50 years, Willie F. Floyd, daughter Kim Ruby-Floyd, sons Dan (Monica) of Pekin, Ill., David (Kim) of Sault Ste. Marie and Bill (Megan) of Portage, MI. She is further survived by grandchildren, Jennifer Floyd of Atlanta, GA., Ron T. Floyd of Sault Ste. Marie, Lynn and Tylor Carrick of Sault Ste. Marie, Caleb and Garrett Floyd of Pekin, ILL. Travis Floyd of Lansing, MI., Ashley, Jordan, Dylan, Allyson Floyd of Sault Ste. Marie and Sabrina Floyd of Portage, MI. Also surviving is a sister Marilyn Mackie (Floyd Mackie), brothers Gordon M (Lavon) Goeschel of Dafter, MI. and Charles D. (April) Goeschel of Brimley, MI. sister-in-laws Helen (Donald) Norris, Madison, FL., Elizabeth Pierce, Lake City, FL., Judy (Vernon) Morgan of Cynthiana, KY, Marie (Bob) Baker of Ohio, Jedena Henderson and brothers-in-law Roy (Berta) Floyd and Randy (Kathy) Floyd all of Madison, FL. Many special nieces and nephews survive her here in the Sault Ste. Marie area and

Florida. Several Aunts, Uncles and cousins also survive her here and in the Detroit area. She was predeceased by a son Ronald James Floyd in 2003, her parents, a sister Beth Baker Goeschel, in-laws Lucian and Rosa Lee Floyd, and sister-in-law Myrt Graham. Visitation will be held Monday, Dec. 3, 2007 from 4-8 p.m at the First Church of Christ, 300 W. Spruce Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Funeral services will be held at 12 noon, Tuesday Dec. 4, at First Church of Christ with Pastor Mike Keeney officiating. Friends may call at the church from 11 am until the time of the service. Burial will be in Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

Tribute Wall

DZ

“ WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF DIANE A VERY SPECIAL COUSIN MAY GOD BE WITH ALL OF YOU , YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS .
WAYNE & DONNA ZINK

DONNA ZINK - December 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *To the Floyd family; We want to express our deepest condolences to the entire family. Diane was a great lady and her smiling face will truly be missed by all around the rinks. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of you during this difficult time.*

Doug & Paula Goudreau - December 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *I am so very sorry for our loss. I have many memories; babysitting when Diane and Willie lived in Mt. Clemens; visiting at the cabin.*

Diane's smile, her laugh, and of course her ability to take life in stride.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Christine Goeschel - December 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Willie, Kim, Danny, David, Bill; my prayers are with you and Diane. She had such a great heart that she even had room to "adopt" this foreigner. I will miss her terribly and will always be thankful for what she did for me. I have such great memories from those years where I was part of your family, and now I feel like I've lost part of it. You will always be in my prayers.*

Juan C. Paez - December 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Willie,
I am so sorry for your loss and hope that you can find the strength in GOD along with support from the family to get you through this difficult time.

*God Bless
Bill & Marnie Goeschel*

bill goeschel - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *May the Lord wrap His arsm around your Heart and fill you with His Tender Compassion and Love*

*With Loving Sympathy,
Bob and Connie True*

Connie True - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Willie and Family, just to let you know that we are so sorry to here of your loss. Diane was a loving wife, mother, and friend to all that knew her and and will be sadly missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Sincerely, Tom & Tandy McLean

Tom & Tandy McLean - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *Diane was a wonderful woman. We will all miss her dearly. She will be in our thoughts and prayers. Deepest sympathies...*

Nathan, Nicholas, and Nolan Smeeton - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Diane was a great person that we will all miss. My deepest sympathy goes out to ALL of the family.*

Rest in peace Diane.

Jay Tanner - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *"Hi-Di" has meant so many different things to each of us, to me every childhood memory is filled with her and the rest of the family, but I am most thankful for the time I lived with her and Uncle Willie. Her wealth of information, giving ways and loving heart will be greatly missed. Seems like if you ever wanted to know anything you went to "Hi -Di" she knew it all. May every way she was like, carry on after she is gone. Heavily heartedTrac*

Tracy Smeeton - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Aloha Diane and Willie,
I will NEVER forget you! Diane was the first relative besides my folks who I remember when I was a little shaver in my high chair. I am missing my family more as I get older. 25 years in Alaska and 19 years in Hawaii have left me far from all of you. Now I am back on the mainland and will come and see you guys soon. It is hard to take someone's passing all we can do is pray, and I am doing that. Love and Alohas to you allBruddah Mike and Family.*

Mike Malette - December 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Dear Willie and family,
Our words could not express the sympathy we have for all of you. Through these days of sadness may you find a great comfort in knowing that there are many friends around you keeping you in their hearts and prayers. Diane was a wonderful lady and she will be truly missed. We are very fortunate to have had our paths cross with Diane's. God Bless all of you.

Pete & Renee Formolo and sons - December 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ To the Floyd family;

I want to express my deepest condolences to the entire family. Diane was a great lady and her smiling face will truly be missed by all around the rinks. My heart and prayers go out to all of you during this difficult time.

Tony Crisp - December 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ We will miss Aunt Diane or 'Hi Di" terribly. She was a very special lady. We will always remember her warm smile that could light up the whole room, fun family gatherings, and stories of Chibeloe. We will keep her spirit alive when we tell fond memories about her to our son Mitchell. You'll always be with us Hi-Di. We love you!!

Keith, Dawn, and Mitchell Baker - December 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We are so sorry to hear of Diane's loss. Our deepest sympathy, and our prayers go to each of the family members. I will be at the funeral, weather permitting. Diane was quite a lady, and we will miss her.

TOM, BARB, TIM, and RICH MCBRYDE - December 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Willie & family

We were so very sorry to hear of Diane's passing. She was a wonderful person and I am sure there is a great reunion going on in Heaven right now. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless

Bruce & Patti Champlin - December 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Willie & family,

I am so sorry for your loss. May you feel the love and comfort of the Lord during this most difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Becky

Becky LaFord-Andary - December 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *Diane was an admirable lady and an inspiration to all who knew her. We are deeply saddened by your loss, and send our heartfelt sympathy with Christian love.*

Al and Dixie Picotte - December 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Diane was a true pillar of the community. She knew the true meaning of being involved for all the right reasons. She leaves a void not easily filled. My prayers and thoughts are with her family.*

Lee Kwiatkowski - November 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ Dear Willie & family:

Where do I begin to tell you my thoughts of Diane?? She was a joy and delight to be around and made anyone she come in contact with feel they had known her for years. Knowing her was such an honor and privilege - thank you Willie for bringing such a great lady into our lives. She will be missed by not only her immediate family, but the entire group at The Rowe Family Reunion in Moultrie, Georgia.

Also, to the person responsible for the outstanding obituary: My congratulations for putting into words what so many, many of us feel about Diane.

*Our Love To All,
Eddie and Laura Anne (Rowe) Ackley*

Eddie and Laura Anne Ackley - November 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *I have many fond memories of Diane. She was a wonderful mother and an amazing woman. My heart and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. My deepest sympathy on your loss.*

Jane Picotte - November 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *With having lost a parent I can understand the pain that everyone is going through. There will always be fond memories of Aunt Diane and trips to Canada and whenn you guys could make it home to Florida. We will always love her and she'll never be forgotten.*

Kathy Pearce and girls - Brett and Mallory

Kathy Pearce - November 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ To Willie and family I would like to express my deepest sympathy for the sudden passing of Diane my childhood and teenage friend.

*Jeanna & Jerry VerStrat
Dorr, MI*

Jeanna {O'Neill} VerStrat - November 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ To Willie & Family
Your in our thoughts and prayers. Diane was a great friend and a wonderful christian gal. She'll be missed by all who knew her.

Judy & Jerry LaFord - November 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ To Willie & Family

You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Diane was a very special lady. We were all blessed to have known her and those she hadn't yet met are surely missing out.

Jim & Doreen Gordon & Karen too - November 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ To the Floyd Family,

I want to express my deepest condolences to your family. Diane was a wonderful lady and I will truly be missed. My heart and prayers go out to all of you.

Heather Harwood

Heather Harwood - November 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dear Megan and Bill,
I'm so sorry about the death of your Mother. Although at this moment it may not seem possible , be assured that the sorry you feel will one day turn into joy when you start to recall all the wonderful memories you have of her. God bless you and your extended family. You are all in my prayers.
Love,
Auntie Becky

Rebecca Sien - November 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Aunt Diane was truly a remarkable woman. She will be missed dearly by everyone that had the pleasure of knowing her. My deepest sympathies...

Jayne Baker - November 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ To the entire Floyd Family, I am sorry to hear of your wife/mother's death. She was a wonderful woman, may your memories of her live strong. She is forever in our thoughts and prayers. Becky and Kevin Mills

Becky Mills - November 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I was the second car to stop at the accident to help. My heart has been deeply stirred, and I have been so concerned for the family ever since, much more than can be expressed. I am thrilled to know that Mrs. Floyd knew my Lord too. May God comfort you all. My family and my church have been praying for you all.

Merle Davis - November 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM