



Diane Fay Kasson

July 14, 1942 - August 11, 2016

Diane Fay Kasson (Pensworth) 74, passed away on August 11, 2016, at the family home in Ulster. Born July 14, 1942 at Mills Hospital in Towanda, Diane lived a life marked by resilience, generosity and devotion to her family and heritage.

A graduate of Wyalusing High School, Diane married Gerald "Jerry" Kasson on June 15, 1960. In the early years of their marriage, she dedicated herself to raising their children and extended that care to others by providing childcare for neighborhood families whose mothers worked outside the home. In that same spirit of giving to others Diane enrolled the family to participate in the Fresh Air Program. There were a few children coming from New York City to the family farm over the years. The most special being a little 5 year old named Kavolleania Haynes from Brooklyn. Lena continued to visit through the program until she was too old to participate. At that time Diane decided to purchase a bus ticket so that Lena could still visit, as she became like a sister to Diane's four daughters. Diane's nurturing spirit and commitment to others were evident throughout her life.

When her children grew older, Diane began a new chapter in her professional life with Dandy Mini Mart. She started at the Troy location and eventually managed a Towanda location. Her leadership and dedication were so valued that even after retirement she was asked to return to help improve store performance-a testament to her work ethic and capability.

Diane's talents extended beyond her career. She was an exceptional

seamstress who lovingly crafted clothing for her daughters and even created a wedding dress for a neighbor. Her creativity also found expression in the bowling leagues she enjoyed both with friends and along side Jerry, Family camping trips were among Diane's favorite pastimes, reflecting her love of nature and togetherness. Her compassion for animals was equally strong; at one point she even cared for a rescued fox that lived indoors and was trained to use a litter box like a cat.

Diane had a profound interest in genealogy and took great pride in her ancestors to the Menominee tribe. She frequently attended Pow-Wows with her granddaughter Brooklyn, sharing cultural experiences that deepened their bond. Her sister Lorraine fondly recalls Diane's passion for exploring cemeteries during family history research-an endeavor Lorraine supported despite some initial hesitation. The two shared many memorable experiences. Diane faced life's challenges with courage and determination. In her mid-thirties, she battled cancer and triumphed over it. Later in life she faced lymphoma with the same strength and courage but ultimately succumbed to the illness.

At the time of her passing. Diane was survived by her devoted husband Jerry Kasson; daughters Sandra KassonSimpson (Randy Simpson), Jill Alexander (Adnan Saba), Kim Young (Jim Young), Sara Kasson (Patrick Banas); grandchildren Michael Alexander, Brittini Young. Brooklyn Kasson; great grandchildren Mason Alexander, Collin Alexander; her brother Ronald Pensworth, deceased July 26, 2023, and sister Lorraine Brewer; as well as cousins, nieces, nephews, and many others whose lives she touched deeply. She was preceded in death by her parents Harold Pensworth and Dorothy Pensworth.

Diane's legacy is one of caring for family, friends, animals, coworkers-and of strength quietly demonstrated through every chapter of her life. May her memory bring comfort to those who knew her. Remembrance donations may be made to your favorite animal shelter or to the American Cancer Society.