



Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place EdD

November 5, 1955 - March 1, 2015

Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place, EdD, 59, of Towanda, PA passed away Sunday, March 1, 2015 at the home of her son, Michael A. Cantellops at 103 Watts St. in Towanda following an extended illness. Diane was born in Towanda on November 5, 1955 the daughter of John H. “Jack” McCarthy and Judith Emily “Judy” Fry McCarthy. She was a graduate of Towanda Area High School class of 1973 and continued her education at Elmira College, Elmira, NY where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and Sociology in 1976. Diane received her Master of Science degree in Education from Mansfield University in 1994. Diane taught First Grade at the Carvin School in Carolina, Puerto Rico from 1978 to 1979 and later taught Spanish classes for grades 9-12 at the Athens Area High School from 1993-1996 and at the Towanda Area High School from 1996-1997. She served as Elementary School Principal for the Towanda Area School District from 1997-2006, Towanda Area School District Superintendent from 2006 to 2012 and as Athens Area School District Superintendent from 2012 until the time of her passing. Diane was a hard-working dedicated teacher, principal and administrator who held a deep commitment to learning and to the education of students which was her top priority. She received her Doctorate degree in education, which was a life-long goal, in May of 2014 from Wilkes University. Dr. Place was a champion for public education and an advocate for those less fortunate and those she loved. Dr. Place was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the church council in Towanda, the Pennsylvania Association of

Rural and Small Schools having served as Vice President and board member, Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators, Pennsylvania School Boards Association, National Institute for School Leadership, Pennsylvania Governor's Institute for Early Childhood Educators and the Pennsylvania Department of Education Principal's Technology Leadership Academy. She was a Past Executive Director for the Towanda Area School District Education Foundation, Bradford County Action, Inc. and the Abuse and Rape Crisis Center in Towanda. Dr. Place was a member of the Guthrie Healthcare System Board of Trustees, Guthrie Foundation for Education and Research, former advisory and governing board member of Guideline, Beacon Light Residential Treatment Facility, Family Center, Early Childhood Partners and Northern Tier Counseling Center. She formerly served as Strategic Plan, Mid-Point Review Coordinator, Title I Coordinator, ESL Coordinator, and Student Assistance Program team member for the Towanda Area School District. Dr. Place was a member of the Valley Rotary Club, past president of the Towanda Rotary Club, former Andaste District Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, committee member of Boy Scouts Pack 6, Towanda, and former manager for the Towanda Country Club. Dr. Place was a member of Delta Kappa Gama, and was a U.S. Department of State Fulbright Scholar with the International Administrative Exchange Program 2008-2009, Argentina/Pennsylvania. She enjoyed volunteering as a Spanish language translator and tutor in Bradford County, supporting numerous community events, running, fitness, reading and cooking. Most of all, Diane will be remembered as a loving and devoted daughter, sister, mother, wife, aunt, niece, friend, teacher and mentor to many. Surviving are her husband, Dr. Fred R. Place, sons, Michael A. Cantellops and fiancé Melissa Frank of Towanda, Mark A. Cantellops of Towanda, granddaughter, Katalina R. Cantellops of Towanda, sister and brother-in-law, Doreen and Rick Secor of Towanda, niece, Tifani Starr and husband Bobby of Washington, PA, nephew, John Secor of Towanda, father-in-law, Fred A. Place of Towanda, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dr. Robert A. Place and Jody Place of Towanda, nephews, Zack and Nick Place of Towanda, great

niece and great nephews, Jackson, Camryn and Wyatt Starr, uncle and aunt, Clarence and Carol Fry of Bel Air, MD, cousins, David and Barb Fry of Texas, Tom and Pam Fry of Maryland and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Francisco "Frank" Cantellops on January 23, 1997, father, John H. "Jack" McCarthy on October 23, 1997, mother, Judith E. "Judy" McCarthy on March 5, 2008, mothers-in-law, Florence Place in April of 2008, Carmen Cantellops in October of 2014 and father-in-law, Francisco Cantellops in March of 1999. The family expresses their deepest appreciation to their wonderful friends, community and Guthrie Hospice for their prayers, love, support and many acts of kindness shown during Diane's illness.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Towanda High School Auditorium with Pastor Jira Albers of Trinity Lutheran Church, Towanda officiating. Interment will be at a later date in Oak Hill Cemetery, Towanda, PA. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions be directed to the Towanda Public Library, 104 Main St., Towanda, PA 18848, Grace Connection, PO Box 122, Towanda, PA 18848, T.A.C.O., PO Box 463, Wysox, PA 18854 or to the Animal Care Sanctuary, PO Box A, East Smithfield, PA 18817 in Diane's memory. The Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home of Towanda, PA is assisting Diane's Family with arrangements. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

100 Oak Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Service

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Towanda High School Auditorium
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place EdD*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place EdD*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place EdD*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place EdD*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place EdD*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

VA

“ *This is a community who shares your loss.....May you all find comfort and love surrounding you at every turn.*

You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
John and Valerie Gordon-Morningstar*



Val - March 08, 2015 at 01:48 PM

JW

“ *Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of a wonderful person.*

Diane was an inspiration to us all and will be deeply missed.

*With sincere sympathy,
John A. Welliver*

John Welliver - March 08, 2015 at 12:40 PM

DR

“ *Dawn Reagle lit a candle in memory of Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place EdD*



Dawn Reagle - March 06, 2015 at 10:48 AM

KN

“ I first met Diane in swimming lessons in the SCI and we rode our bikes to and from the classes. In highschool, we had a lot of fun especially having sleepovers on our porches. I moved to Chile and we enjoyed speaking Spanish together. Diane always had a great sense of humor and she and my husband would joke back and forth in Spanish. Even though I lived so far away we seemed to keep in touch. Diane was one of the nicest and most giving persons that I have known. Her death is a great loss. She will always be remembered for the wonderful life that she led and her commitment to others. We will certainly miss her. All my best wishes for her family in these hard times!

Kathy Neidhardt, Santiago, Chile

Katty Neidhardt - March 05, 2015 at 02:44 PM

CL

“ A tribute... a poem to our Diane. Hugs, and prayers to her dear family, special hugs to Doreen, Mike, and Mark. Love, Carlos and Marlene Lopez

TWIST OF FATE

*For as long as we live
you'll always live in our mind*

*Words can't picture you,
sounds like a cliché but it's true
if we say, you were the energizer bunny,
we don't mean that you were
but that it is the inner you,
the seemingly tireless you*

*How can we say tough and fragile?
well, you are tough and fragile
I guess roses are also that way.
And we always love your will,
your never say never fortitude
against all odds and winds*

*You have a way to touch
to get inside the heart
even if we can't pinpoint how.
I guess that is your key,
you could agree to disagree
and be love somehow*

*And you made it clear,
it's not a case of we are here,
but of what we do,
and done you have
caring, just quietly caring
in each ledger of your book.*

*Now...
we all know, but we don't know
how to cope, how to take
this scary twist of fate.*

Carlos and Marlene Lopez - March 05, 2015 at 10:39 AM

CL

“ *Carlos And Marlene Lopez lit a candle in memory of Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place EdD*



Carlos and Marlene Lopez - March 05, 2015 at 10:23 AM

PM

“ *I was shocked to see Diane's obituary and saddened to read of her cancer. i left the area the fall of 2012. I enjoyed getting to know her and working with her on NYPENN Leadership. Pamela Mott*

Pamela Mott - March 04, 2015 at 07:22 PM

LH

“ *Fred, sons and family, Our deepest sympathy of the passing of Diane (Mom). She was always a very kind person to us. Always enjoyed our visits about our sons. Our son went to school with her sons. You are in our prayers and thoughts. God Bless all of you. Robert, Lola Holcomb and family*

Lola Holcomb - March 04, 2015 at 06:26 PM

CM

“ *My condolences and sympathies to the entire Place, Cantellops, McCarthy, and Secor families! I was fortunate to work with Dr. Place for over two years as a fellow superintendent and respected and valued her insights and perspectives. The Northern Tier has lost a great superintendent. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. --*

Chester Mummau, Wyalusing Area School District



Chester Mummau - March 04, 2015 at 04:38 PM

BE

“ *Doreen, My heart beats with sympathy for your family's loss. Beth*



Beth - March 04, 2015 at 04:06 PM

DE

“ *Dear Fred:*

So very sorry you had to lose Diane so early in life. She was a remarkable lady and will be missed by many. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless you and keep you in his loving care.

Deb Eldridge

Deb Eldridge - March 04, 2015 at 03:03 PM

CS

“ Charles & Christine Shearer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place EdD



Charles & Christine Shearer - March 04, 2015 at 11:58 AM

CS

“ Charles And Christine Shearer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place EdD



Charles and Christine Shearer - March 04, 2015 at 11:56 AM

JK

“ A professional educator who cared about her students. She was a trusted colleague who always had time to listen and offer great advice. She will be missed

Joe Kalata

joe kalata - March 04, 2015 at 11:23 AM

AH

“ Many prayers and thoughts to the family...She is an Angel in Heaven now.....



Ann Hodge - March 04, 2015 at 09:43 AM

JH

“ Dear Fred and family,

Please accept our sincere condolences on Diane's passing and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. She was certainly a lovely person and an inspiration to all. May God Bless, Vance & Joyce Hinkson

Joyce/Vance Hinkson - March 04, 2015 at 09:37 AM



“ *Mary Birdsall lit a candle in memory of Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place EdD*

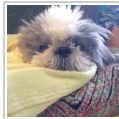


Mary Birdsall - March 04, 2015 at 06:28 AM



What a great inspiration to all. PEACE to her family and friends.

Mary Birdsall - March 04, 2015 at 06:30 AM



dear Mark and family so sorry for your loss she was a beautiful lady she will surely be missed Terry-Arthur-Bennett

Terry Bennett - March 04, 2015 at 01:27 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Barrett lit a candle in memory of Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place EdD*



Kathy Barrett - March 04, 2015 at 06:09 AM

KW

“ *Karen Whyte lit a candle in memory of Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place EdD*



Karen Whyte - March 04, 2015 at 04:33 AM

DL

“ *Diane Landmesser lit a candle in memory of Dr. Diane Suzanne McCarthy Cantellops Place EdD*



Diane Landmesser - March 03, 2015 at 03:13 PM

BW

“ *To Diane's boy's and DeeDee and family, I am so sorry for your loss, I have awesome memories of Diane while growing up together, she was an amazing person, she will be missed by so many people that her life has touched. My thought's and prayer's go out to her family.*
Bonnie Ford Wilcox and also my dad Gordon Ford send's his condolence's

Bonnie Wilcox - March 03, 2015 at 12:42 PM