



Mrs. Diane Slappy Collier

January 28, 1952 - November 28, 2021

Diane Slappy Suggs Collier passed away on Sunday, November 28, 2021, a little over 4 weeks after having 2 massive strokes and 2 brain surgeries. A memorial service will be held at Unity Baptist Church in Sylvester, GA on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 3:00. The family will receive friends at 2:00 until the service.

Diane overcame many health issues in her life and lived a full life despite those problems. She had a real, personal relationship with Jesus Christ, so there is no doubt that she is in eternity with Him. She was born on January 28, 1952 in the old Sylvester hospital to her late parents, Charlie Melvin Slappy and Ida Maude Brewer Slappy (married to Clyde Holman upon her death). Diane grew up in Worth County while she was living with her beloved dad and brothers, and she grew up in different places, mainly Albany, while living with her mama. She had two older brothers, Melvin Slappy (Kathy) of Dawson, GA and the late Jerry Slappy (Wanda-deceased as well), and one younger sister from her mother, Leigh Ann Paramore of Marianna, FL, who did not "discover" the family until Diane was an adult. Her 3 siblings have 12 children (Melvin- 8, Jerry- 2, and Leigh Ann-2). Diane loved all of her nieces and nephews and enjoyed seeing them when she could and hearing about their lives. She had a special bond with many of them, including her niece Julie Slappy, Wanda's daughter.

Diane had two children (both from her first husband)- Christopher Suggs of Jacksonville, FL, and Michelle Suggs of Sylvester, GA. Diane was affectionately known as Baby to her dad and two older brothers, but her favorite name was Mimi! She had two granddaughters, whom she loved very much, and she loved spending time with them both- Lydia Suggs (parents- Chris Suggs and Sarah Suggs) and Bailey Suggs (parent- Michelle Suggs).

Diane's second marriage was to John Allen Collier. Although her two step-children were grown when they married, she loved both of them and their children- Elaine Tyus (husband Doug and children Rachel, DJ, and Mariah) of Jacksonville, FL and John Allen, Jr. (wife Nicole and daughter Emma) of Fernandina Beach, FL. John has 4 living siblings- Rick Collier (Karen) of Ohio, and Diane Finley (Roger), Sonja Steele, and Scott Wadkins (Sandra) all of Florida- and one deceased sister-Debra Sigmon.

Besides both of her parents and her brother Jerry, Diane was preceded in death by her sister-in-law and life-long best friend, Wanda Sue McLemore Slappy. Diane had an entire bonus family through her best friend. She spent many days, nights, and vacations with Wanda's parents- John and Flora McLemore, and sisters- Penny Perryman (Mike) of Jacksonville, FL, Diana Pratt (Lee) of Prattville, AL, and Vickie Willis (Larry) of Monticello, GA. The four McLemore girls have 7 children.

Although she grew up with many major struggles, Diane loved to reminisce about her wonderful daddy, her brothers, her childhood, different places she lived with her daddy, and different places she lived with her mama. She also loved sitting on her front porch looking at the trees and flowers and watching the birds. She loved hummingbirds, hawks, eagles, and most of all, owls. She enjoyed her dogs and her cats and had a special bond with several of them throughout her life, most recently with her dogs Izzy and Gracie and her kitties Spot and Luna. She also enjoyed nature channels, and her favorite wild

animals were alligators and buffaloes. She and her granddaughter Bailey loved watching mysteries, such as Monk, Perry Mason, and Matlock, and they also loved watching the cooking channel together.

Diane moved in with Michelle in March of 2020. She was active in Michelle and Bailey's lives, and she was a part of all activities and events. Even while overcoming serious health issues, Diane tried to go to all of Bailey's events. She loved to hear her sing and play the piano. She loved to travel with and spend as much time as possible with them. She wanted to see Niagara Falls, so Michelle took her to see the Falls on the American and Canadian sides during the summer of 2019. She wanted to visit Key West, so they headed out on that adventure August of 2020. Diane also wanted to see the Grand Canyon, so Michelle took her to see several sights out west in 2020. She took her along the entire east coast for the second time this past summer. She enjoyed the sights and activities, but she especially enjoyed the fresh lobster in Maine! She has traveled to many amazing places with them in 31 states!

Diane had multiple close friends besides the late Wanda Slappy. She had been friends with Hattie Benson since grade school, and she was very close to her first cousin Teresa Brewer Rodgers. Diane made multiple life-long friends while working at Southern Ag Carrier for 23 years, including, but not limited to, Debbie Wildes, Rhonda Jarrett, Stephanie English, Judi Brazzell, Beck Maloney, and Janice Jacobs. She also enjoyed reconnecting with her high school friends- Janis Eldridge Crump, Lynda Everson, Pat Miller, Dianne Register, and many, many more. So many of her family and friends express how wonderful she was, how funny she was, and what a great and true friend she was. She was a member at Northside Baptist Church in Sylvester since childhood; however, over the past several years, she had been attending and enjoying Unity Baptist Church in Sylvester with Michelle and Bailey. She was loved by so many, and she will be greatly missed!

Those who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ should find comfort in this verse: "And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8).

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Unity Baptist Church
101 E. Bryant Drive
Sylvester, GA 31791

Memorial Service

DEC 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Sylvester, GA 31791

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Diane Slappy Collier*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Condolences to my sister Leigh & my sister Pat Miller with a candle lit in remembering of Diane. All the wonderful memories I have heard of Diane from these 2 sisters.*



Eva Jane Wood Howell - December 08, 2021 at 09:27 PM



“ *Michelle I am so sorry for your loss. Diane was a wonderful person. She could make you laugh when all you wanted to do is cry. She will be missed. Rest In Peace Diane*



Betty Lawson - November 30, 2021 at 04:32 PM

RJ

“Michelle and Bailey i just don't have words for such a loss. I may get my hand slapped for saying this but i am bitter about why God took Diane. I don't understand why this world keeps getting so toxic and jaded and so selfish and we lose the people that have heart and care and genuine make efforts to encourage and lift others up. i know Diane is in a better place and she doesn't have pain any more but there just aren't Dianes left in this world. I hope you know how much I love you all. Bailey.. your MIMI was nuts about you!. she would make me so jealous talking about ya'll naps with Izzy and Spot while she was in her jaw-mmers!! i know Michelle is driven to no limits never to sit still, but Diane was steady and sure. you have been given a blessing to have both guide you in life. Take a little of each and make a die cast of them both and i just dont think you would go wrong. i envy them both for taking risks and going against the grain when the world says this is what we want but THIS IS WHAT GOD SAYS. Diane gave me many speeches about not following the crowd. She was WISE!! She taught me in a quickness that friendship is not just a throw around word. Seeing her and Wanda thru Wanda's illness sure made me see first hand what friendship is all about. it isn't all shopping trips and road trips. it is being in the trenches when the worse of you is front and center and THAT FRIEND NEVER LEAVES. I love you all.. I haven't met a Slappy i didnt love!!

Rhonda Jarrett - November 30, 2021 at 03:05 PM

CS

“Diane was a fine woman I enjoyed getting to know her when we both worked at Southern Ag - prayers for family and friends

Cindy Spence - November 30, 2021 at 12:34 PM

MW

“ Mrs. Diane and I worked together at Southern AG Carriers for many years. I just loved our conversations. She was a very kind person also. My thoughts and prayers to all of Diane’s family.

Michelle Walker

Michelle Walker - November 30, 2021 at 12:16 PM



KS

“ Mrs. Diane was truly a blessing!! She was a good friend and great coworker and will be truly missed. My heart and prayers are with her family!!

Kristin Smith - November 30, 2021 at 10:30 AM



RJ

“ Count every Blessing, sometimes Diane and I would do that very thing at Southern Ag. She didn't just count the average things you expect. She would say.. things like, Did you just see that bird land thru the window.. he is beautiful and say what a blessing. She loved to hear the rain and watch it. i remember it snowing one day and we got to leave work early and she and i did a dance in the snow falling. She saw the good everywhere she went and oh that lady could love in such a way you felt it in every phone call and gracious when she would say Baby and give advice always made me stop and ponder the other side of things. She will never be forgotten for she helped me be a better me. Lord, teach me to laugh again and never let me forget I cried. RIP old friend.. Diane when i get to heaven, i will look east and west to find where the crystal sea backs up to a porch with a swing and we will visit again. Oh my stars how i miss you, Red!!

Rhonda Jarrett - November 30, 2021 at 09:03 AM

JJ

“ Janice Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Diane Slappy Collier



Janice Jacobs - November 30, 2021 at 08:58 AM

JJ

“ I will miss you dearly my sweet D! Our times together were many and our conversations were...well our own and filled with laughter. I will cherish them forever. Take comfort Michelle and family for God heals the broken hearted.

Janice Jacobs - November 30, 2021 at 08:56 AM

DF

“ *Diane Finley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Diane Slappy Collier*



Diane Finley - November 30, 2021 at 08:07 AM

NK

“ *Nett Kilcrease lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Diane Slappy Collier*



Nett kilcrease - November 29, 2021 at 10:15 PM

MW

“ *Suggs,
Sorry to hear of your loss. I know you and Bailey will miss her tremendously. Praying for you all. Hugs.*

Mary Ann Welch

MaryAnn Welch - November 29, 2021 at 09:35 PM

SS

“ *Ms. Diane had an infectious smile and I never saw her when she wasn't happy. She loved her family and she was a shining example of a Christian woman. She will be missed.
Michelle, Bailey and family-you are all in my prayers.
Love, Rocky and Sharon*

Sharon Singletery - November 29, 2021 at 07:42 PM

JC

“ June Coker lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Diane Slappy Collier



June Coker - November 29, 2021 at 05:03 PM

JC

This candle is from Jerry also.

June Coker - November 29, 2021 at 05:07 PM

PM

“ Diane had a happy, contagious smile that
always made me smile, too! It lit up her whole
face! I miss that, but I know she's sharing it in
heaven now! Love, hugs, and prayers for all
her family and friends.



Pat and Dan Miller - November 29, 2021 at 04:57 PM

SJ

“ Sandra Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Diane Slappy Collier



Sandra Jones - November 29, 2021 at 03:23 PM

VE

“ Oh my goodness, I love Ms. Diane! She was the sweetest, most genuine person and boy did she love her children and grandchildren! Michelle and Bailey, I know y'all are already feeling the void of her presence...but God! He is faithful, His promises are true, and His comfort is real! God bless you all as you go through this incredible loss!

Virginia Evans - November 29, 2021 at 02:42 PM

AR

“ Angie Rachels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Diane Slappy Collier



Angie Rachels - November 29, 2021 at 01:35 PM

KT

“ Michelle and family, I'm so sorry for your loss! Your Mama was a wonderful, caring lady. She will be missed! Love and prayers for you all. ❤️

Kim Tison - November 29, 2021 at 01:35 PM

CH

“ Charlotte Souter Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Diane Slappy Collier



Charlotte Souter Hall - November 29, 2021 at 12:35 PM