



Dianne Elizabeth Donaldson Hamblen Obituary

September 30, 1949 - October 22, 2011

Dianne Elizabeth Donaldson Hamblen, 62, of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Dianne was born to Raymond and Ora Anderson Donaldson in Atlanta, Georgia on September 30, 1949 and grew up in Kingsport, Tennessee, where she graduated from Dobyys Bennett High School.

Dianne attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where she was a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority. She was also a member of the UT band, where she met the love of her life, her future husband of 41 years, Sam Hamblen. Married on August 29, 1970, they had two daughters, Elizabeth in 1975 and Sarah in 1978.

After graduating from UT in 1971 with a degree in Business Administration and briefly working at the University, Dianne began her 33 year career in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, working at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the K-25 site, and most recently the Y-12 National Security Complex, where she served as a Program Staff Specialist in the Chief Financial Officer Division.

Dianne served her community through her membership in the Oak Ridge Jaycettes, where she served in many officer positions, including President. She was also a member of the Xi Delta Upsilon Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi community service sorority, where she held numerous officer positions as well.

Dianne was an avid UT sports fan, matched only by her love of family, friends, books and the beach.

Dianne was preceded in death by her father, Dr. Raymond E. Donaldson. She is survived by her mother Ora A. Donaldson of Kingsport, her husband Sam E. Hamblen of Oak Ridge, her daughter Elizabeth L. Hamblen of Chattanooga, her daughter Sarah R. Hamblen of Danville, Virginia, and her sister Brenda L. Donaldson of Kingsport. Dianne is

also survived by an extended family of brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, a grand-nephew, cousins and many dear friends.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Kern Memorial United Methodist Church in Oak Ridge (451 East Tennessee Avenue), followed by a short service at the church. A graveside service will be held Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 2:00pm at Oak Hill Memorial Park in Kingsport (800 Truxton Drive).

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Dianne's honor to the charitable organization of your choice.

Martin Oak Ridge Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements in Oak Ridge. Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements in Kingsport.

Comments



“ Sam, just became aware that Dianne passed away recently and wanted to convey my heartfelt condolences to you. I worked with Dianne on projects in the Oak Ridge facilities and knew how competent and conscientious she was and what a terrific person she was. Please accept my sorrow at her passing.

Phil King - Knoxville, TN - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Sam, I was so sorry to hear of Dianne's passing. You have my deepest sympathy and are in my thoughts and prayers. Carolyn Mullins Lawson

Carolyn Lawson - Fall Branch, TN - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Sam and family, I was truly saddened to hear that Dianne had passed away.

Dianne and I were friends and coworkers for over 30 years. I first worked with her around 1980, when she was involved with isotopes at ORNL and I was responsible for isotopes costing in Central Accounting. Over the years, as the organization and contractors changed, we had the opportunity to work together in various places/assignments. Dianne was always positive, upbeat with a smile for everyone, and perhaps most of all, a team player. She was willing to work on whatever assignment or project necessary to make the team successful. Over the years, we became good friends and would often talk about family and common interests in the midst of job discussions. She was always anxious to discuss family and beamed with pride when talking about her daughters.

Jesus told the thief on the cross "today you will be with me in paradise". I firmly believe that encounter is described in the Bible to assure us that upon experiencing death, a Christian immediately passes through a doorway into Heaven and God's presence. We have that promise and assurance.

My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you.

Everett Rausin

Everett Rausin - Lenoir City, TN - Friend and Coworker - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Dianne many years ago at Y-12. She always projected a sweet spirit and kindness toward all, even during very stressful situations. I am so sorry for your unexpected loss and will hold your family in prayer. I hope you feel God's presence in your life and His loving and comforting hands upon you.

Kathie

Kathie Stephens - Oak Ridge, TN - Friend - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Sam
Carolyn Lawson called me tonight and told me of your wife's passing. I am so sorry to hear the news. You and your family will be in our prayers. Kay

Kay Kite Archer - Dandridge, TN - Friend from Sullivan High School - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Sam,

I'm so sorry to hear about Diane!! I found out by seeing it in the Oak Ridger, Tuesday evening. If I had know early I would have come to the service. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls. If I can help with anything, please let me know. Love you, Jane, Brian, Anthony and Nicole

Jane Damiano - Powell, TN - Friend - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane and I use to work together at ORNL. My memories of her were of her delightful smile. She will certainly be missed by many. My prayers are for her family' peace and strength during this time.

Eternal rest grant unto Diane, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.

Margaret Terrell - Oak Ridge, TN - friend - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Sam and family ~

I was very sorry to learn of Dianne's sudden death! I have many fond memories of her from childhood, school, and Girl Scout Troop 163 when we were growing up in Kingsport. Our Dads worked together throughout their careers at Kodak, so there was always a tie with Dianne and Ray, although unfortunately our paths never crossed while we were both in school at UTK or during the years we worked at ORNL, K-25 and Y-12. I remember Dianne as a very sweet and thoughtful friend, who most surely will be greatly missed!

My thoughts and prayers are with you, Elizabeth, Sarah, Ora, and Brenda.

~ Anne Hubbard

Anne E. Hubbard - Kingston, TN - Childhood Friend - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Dianne. I had not thought of her for years, but she was always close to my heart. We had many fond memories of younger days. She will be missed by her family and friends. Love Elaine

Elaine Mayfield Cathcart - Athens, , TN - Sigma Kappa Big Sister - October 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Sam,

I never had the honor of meeting your wife. I just wanted to let you know that my heart goes out to you and your family during the loss of your loved one. I pray that God will grant you both strength and healing while you remember and pay tribute to your loving wife.

Brent Ziegler

Brent Ziegler - Wartburg, TN - Co-Worker of Spouse - October 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Sam,

I am so truly sorry for your sudden loss. It was such a shock to everyone. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Sandy Travis - Powell, TN - Friend - October 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Sam, please be assured that you and your family are in our prayers. Wendy and Myron

Myron - Knoxville, TN - Friend - October 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ How shocking! Diane was such a bright spot in the day. I know the loss is great, but I am sure there are so many wonderful memories. Love and prayers to you all.

Terri Thrower - Powell, TN - Co-worker - October 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Sam and Family,

I am so very sorry for your loss. Diane was such a sweet and caring person. Please know that I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Bill Hudson

Bill Hudson - Oak Ridge, TN - Co-Worker - October 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM