



## Diane Grover Bankston

January 5, 1947 - January 13, 2024

Mrs. Diane Grover Bankston of Sugar Hill, passed away with her family by her side on January 13, 2024. Diane was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 5, 1947. She retired from the Social Security Administration after 42 years of loyal service, where she was a claims representative. Following her retirement, Diane was a volunteer at Eastside Medical Center in the gift shop for eight years.

Diane was known for her tenacious spirit and for being a strong supporter of her family. She was an avid reader and loved traveling. While her sons were in high school, she was a “band mom” for seven years, creating many memories, and lifelong friendships. She recently completed a bucket list visit to New England with her sons and future daughter-in-law. Diane treasured her relationships with friends and always brightened a room with her smile and filled it full of love and laughter. Her love for animals was strong and she always had a cat or dog on her lap while at home.

Mrs. Bankston was preceded in death by her mother, Sarah Betty Leavell. Diane is survived by her husband of 54 years, Patrick Bankston, and brother Craig Leavell. Additionally, Diane leaves behind her beloved children Bryan (fiancée Brandi) Bankston, Glenn (fiancée Megan) Bankston and “adopted daughter” Rachel McDaniel. She took great pride in her grandchildren Oliviah, Tyler, Zachary (fiancée Cierra), Sean, and Cierra, and great-granddaughter Emma.

The family looks forward to remembering the fond memories of Diane

Bankston and will receive friends during a visitation on Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 4-8pm at Flanigan Funeral Home & Crematory in Buford, Georgia. A celebration of her life will be held at a later time, please contact a family member for those details. To honor her giving nature, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity in memory of Diane Bankston.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home  
4400 South Lee Street  
Buford, GA 30518

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ Piedmont Eastside Auxiliary wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to Diane's family. Diane was a wonderful addition to the Eastside Auxiliary and Gift Shop for 8 years! She always had a beautiful smile and welcoming attitude to anyone who came into the Gift Shop. Diane never met a stranger and was always available to help in any capacity. We were so grateful to Glenn for helping us to recruit Diane as a volunteer. She was so very proud of everyone in her family and would brag every chance she got. Diane will be sorely missed by so many, but we have fond memories of our friendships with her and know that we will see her again some day. May God Bless and Keep you all during this most difficult time. Sincerely,  
Laura Hannah and the Piedmont Eastside Auxiliary

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**Laura Hannah** - January 18, 2024 at 03:28 PM

TB

“ Pat, Glenn, Bryan and family. The entire Britt family was saddened to hear the news of Diane's passing. Diane and my Sister, Brenda, along with their cousin, Janice, were a force to reckon with as teenage girls. They are all 3 together again in Heaven and I can just imagine the great time they're having up there! I will always remember my cousin, Diane, as a lady of great strength, courage and an amazingly funny wit. She was always a joy to be around and will be so greatly missed by all who knew her. Rest in peace. With much love, your cousin, Tim.

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**Tim Britt** - January 17, 2024 at 12:42 PM

WM

“ weyman M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Diane Grover Bankston.



weyman M. - January 17, 2024 at 12:16 PM

CS

“ Condolences to the family. During your time of mourning and healing grief remember the memories.

Cindy Sullins - January 16, 2024 at 09:39 PM

TS

“ Bryan, sending you and your family my heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your dear Mother. You will always be filled with her love and strengthened by her memory. Sincere condolences, Terri Stevens



Terri Stevens - January 16, 2024 at 08:49 PM

LL

“ Bryan, sorry about your mom, Phyllis and I send our condolences to you and your family. Prayers to all. Lamar

Lamar Lee - January 16, 2024 at 01:47 PM

CD

“ Went to grammar school and high school with this sweet friend!! Know she will be missed. Prayers for the family.

Cheri Duffey - January 16, 2024 at 12:45 PM

DT

“ Like I always said she was the bestest cousin anybody ever had and I will miss her always. Fly high Diane. Love you

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**Denise Tomlin** - January 16, 2024 at 10:51 AM

JG

“ Diane was my best friend at Moreland Elementary School and Bass High School, in Little Five Points, Atlanta. I have so many fond memories of growing up with Diane Grover. She developed polio at a young age, and I remember carrying her books to classes for her. That started a wonderful friendship. I remember Diane, Cheri Priest, and me going Christmas caroling in our neighborhood, with black crepe paper outfits on. At the first house, the man slammed the door in our face! Why we continued on, I'll never know! Diane & I would watch Elvis on The Ed Sullivan Show, totally in love with him. When The Beatles came along, we screamed until we cried. We shared all of our growing up years together, a friendship very dear to my heart. I'll never forget those times, and I'll never forget Diane. RIP, my dear friend. ❤️

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**Janis Flatau Garrett** - January 16, 2024 at 10:49 AM