



Diekman

Mary Jane Diekman of Flint died on May 15th at the Hospice of East Texas after a long illness. She was 70. Her husband and children were with her when she died. Mrs. Diekman was born in the Bronx, NY on May 31, 1936 to Frank and Isabel Stewart Mahoney. The family lived in Queens, NY for some time, and later moved to River Edge, New Jersey. Mrs. Diekman graduated from Hackensack High School and Trenton State Teacher's College (now College of New Jersey). She became an elementary school teacher. She taught in Teaneck, NJ, Los Angeles, CA, and Okinawa. After returning to New Jersey she taught in Saddle River. She married Richard Diekman, of Ridgewood, NJ on February 17, 1962. After moving to Ridgewood, Mrs. Diekman began her graduate studies at Columbia University. She earned her Masters Degree in Remedial Reading from Teacher's College. The family moved to Littleton, Colorado in 1973. Mrs. Diekman taught elementary school in Castle Rock, Colorado for several years. After moving briefly to Portland, Oregon, the family settled in the Los Angeles area. She taught for five years at St. Margaret Mary parochial school in Lomita, CA. The Diekman family relocated to the Dallas, TX area in 1990. Mrs. Diekman taught for ten years at Northlake College in Irving, TX, where she was an adjunct professor for ESL courses. She retired in 2003. While living in The Dallas Area, Mrs. Diekman served a term as president of the Carrollton/Farmers Branch chapter of the American Association of University Women. The Diekmans moved to Flint, TX in 2004. Mrs. Diekman was active in community affairs and served as

president of the Friends of the Bullard, TX Community Library. Mrs. Diekman is survived by her husband, son Richard Jr. of Euless, TX and daughter Elizabeth of Nashville, TN. Other survivors include her sister, Frances Gaylord and brother in law Thomas Gaylord, niece Leslie Sullivan and husband John, all of Vermont, and nephew Christopher Gaylord and wife Sarah of Wenham, Massachusetts, and several nieces and nephews. There will be a Mass of Resurrection at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Flint Friday, May 18th at 6:30 PM with Father Kelly officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mrs. Diekman's remains were cremated and her ashes distributed in the places she loved most. In lieu of flowers, please make gifts or memorials to the American Cancer Society. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com. "Everyone who ever knew her loved her. She made the world a better place."

Tribute Wall

GT

“ *I am so sorry for the passing of Mary Jane. She brought so much joy to my water aerobics class.*

gay tyra

gay tyra - October 08, 2012 at 10:26 AM

VA

“ *Sending our love, thoughts, and prayers to Mr. Diekman, Rich and Liz.
So wonderful to read about your mom and find out more about her. Sounds like she was active and involved in her community in all stages of her life. Not to mention what an incredible, supportive mother she was to her children. Will always remember her with fond memories. Love Viv*

Viviana Aviles - October 08, 2012 at 10:26 AM

JI

“ *So sorry to hear of Mary Jane's passing..*

She was such a nice, friendly, happy person.

We always enjoyed having her in our arthritis class.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of your bereavement.

JoAnn Ivie

Jo Ann Ivie - October 08, 2012 at 10:26 AM

EK

“ Rich, so sorry to hear of my Mom's passing. My heart and prayers are with you and your Family. Always remember, Mom will always guide you!

Estelle Kennedy - October 08, 2012 at 10:26 AM

NW

“ Rich,
It's with deepest sympathy I write this note to you and your family on the passing of your mother. We are grieving for you at this very sad time and send our thoughts and prayers.
Nancy

Nancy Wooten - October 08, 2012 at 10:26 AM

TB

“ Rich, We are sorry to hear of your loss. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom Bates - October 08, 2012 at 10:26 AM

CM

“ Rich.....so sorry to hear about your mom. I'll be keeping you and your family in my prayers!

Charla Murphy - October 08, 2012 at 10:26 AM

WS

“ I am writing to extend my deepest sympathies to you and your family. I was so very sad to hear about your mother, she was such a wonderful woman.

I had the honor and the pleasure to meet your mother and I was very sorry to hear about her passing away.

Please let me know whether there is anything I can do to help during this difficult time. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I will light a candle for her tonight.

Will Stewart - October 08, 2012 at 10:26 AM

KW

“ As a long time friend of Rich (Jr's).. my heart goes out to the family. They have been and always will be in my heart and prayers.
God Bless,
Kelly

Kelly Wilson - October 08, 2012 at 10:26 AM

CB

“ Rich, I never had the pleasure of meeting your mother but if I had I suspect your friendly and warm personality came from her. I've know you for 10 years, you have been a delightful friend. You are a warm and caring person no doubt due to Mary's influence in your life. As your faith is tested and as you grieve and go through this trial, know that you have friends that love and care for you, and are praying for you. God bless you, your family and give you peace in your heart.

Chuck BLevins - October 08, 2012 at 10:26 AM