



Diana "Dee" McClellan

March 16, 1944 - August 21, 2020

Diana (Dee) Elizabeth Borg McClellan (76) was reunited with her late husband, Jay, Friday morning August 21, 2020.

Diana was nicknamed Dee by her father and that was the name she used her entire life. Born in Los Angeles, California, March 16, 1944, to William Daniel and Mary Swan Borg. As a youth Dee enjoyed dancing and took tap and hula lessons, horseback riding, swimming and trips to Balboa Island from her home in Inglewood, California. As a teen, her family moved to Rolling Hills and that home became a hangout for the youth members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in that area.

She attended Brigham Young University where she majored in Early Childhood Education. While at BYU, she met her sweetheart, Jay Louis McClellan. They were married in the Los Angeles Temple, January 28, 1966. Dee taught kindergarten and first grade until her first child was born. She later taught at several private pre-schools her children attended. Eventually, she became a private piano teacher and taught lessons from her home for over 40 years. She became a member of Utah Music Teachers Association and gave many young people, including her family, the gift of music. She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints her entire life and held many callings including Relief Society president. She was always a strong and steady example of her faith.

A teacher at heart, she was completely devoted to her three children Kevin, Kimberly and Coray, all of whom learned to read at an early age, play the piano and eventually, all three have done some teaching as well. She never missed a performance, parent teacher conference or public event that one of her children participated in.

She had a passion for needlework and crafts of all kinds making gifts, decorations for her home for every season (especially Christmas) and clothing for herself, her children and grandchildren. Her home was a hub for family gatherings and visitors would always find a clean and quiet place with plenty of home cooked food.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and sister Rosemary Borg Summers. She is survived by her three children and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services August 28, 11am all at Cameo Park Ward, 8945 South 1700 East. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance will be limited to 99 people. However, an audio recording of the service will be made available at rememberingdee.info. Also, the family will hold a “virtual viewing” 6-8pm August 27. Link available at rememberingdee.info. Internment at Larkin Sunset Gardens.

Tribute Wall

LA

“ I worked as a CNA at the assisted living facility that Dee lived in. She and I clicked immediately, and she became my best friend, my one source of comfort when work became very difficult. I knew her routines by heart, and her smile made everything worth it. I miss her dearly.

laurel - October 09, 2020 at 10:35 AM

NL

“ My college roommate Dee and I learned early on that we shared a passion: cleaning! During our Freshman year we discovered this commonality when challenged with cleaning the dorm at least 20 year old tile floors. We took our bucket filled with sudsy water, rags and a cleaning brush and dropped to our knees to tackled the task. No mops used for that job! Last year we laughed as we reminisced together about those times!
I loved Dee's quiet smile and short quips that she shared during our late night "family" conversations those Freshman thru mid Junior college years!
As a new convert to the Church, I learned from my Roomies what being a child of God meant and how important having membership in His church blessed my spiritual life. Dee was blessed with material blessings which she always willingly and graciously shared.
As our post college lives unfolded we continued sharing life's experiences: weddings, precious long distance visits and a few roommate reunions.
These these past three years mylife has been blessed to be able to visit together as white haired Seniors and together gratefully acknowledge that God is good!
Diana Borg McClellan is indeed a happy Angel today who deserves all that she graciously strived for no matter what the challenge.
Until we embrace in yonder Heavens, my dear Sister Roomie💕💕💕 Norma

Norma Benton Lacy - August 29, 2020 at 11:49 PM

MM

“ Dee was the first friend I made at church when I was 16. I had moved to the area after living in a lot of places during my school years and was kind of waiting for her to come into my life. I was there the first Sunday she came to church and seldom a day went by that we didn't see or talk to each other after that. We drove to seminary together, at first with my dad driving then when she got her car we "let" her chauffeur us. We graduated from Palos Verdes High School together with our friend Diane, in the first graduating class in 1962. We couldn't get enough of each other so we went to college together and the three of us were roommates. Marriage came along and separated us by distance and life, but there were always threads keeping us linked. I was in California and she was in Utah for the last few decades and when I moved here we were able to see each other more often again.

I will always remember her bright positive spirit and cheerful nature as a teenager and as a wise senior citizen. Life was a challenge at times for her but she was full of grace as she met those. She looked forward to being with her best friend again and I know she and Jay are celebrating together.

Marjorie McLaughlin

Marjorie McLaughlin - August 28, 2020 at 09:15 PM

BG

“ I enjoyed many youth activities with Dee so many years ago. Even though we were in different wards, we shared the same building. The weekly Saturday night dances, girls' camp, and many fun activities. I remember her as a happy and positive person. It was a joy to see her again this last spring.



Beverly Anderson Goff - August 28, 2020 at 03:16 PM

EF

“ Engle Family lit a candle in memory of Diana "Dee" McClellan



Engle Family - August 27, 2020 at 06:19 PM

DG

“ *Dee and I attended seminary, church and high school together in southern California before heading off to BYU to be roommates for the next 3 years. As mentioned in the obituary, we spent many happy hours at her family's pool in Rolling Hills. She hosted a surprise birthday party for me there for my 16th birthday! We had a great group of roommates at BYU, resulting in many fun memories. During our child-raising years we only saw each other occasionally, but, in our later years it was a delight to get together again and we had some great Palos Verdes/BYU reunions some 50 years later. We send our heartfelt sympathies to Kevin, Kimberly and Coray, the grandchildren, and all Dee's other family members and friends. We rejoice in the reunion she is having with Jay, Rosemary and her sweet parents, Bill and Mary. Sincerely, Diane and Mike Gagon*

Diane Gagon - August 25, 2020 at 03:46 PM