



Dianne Louise Raoul

May 21, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden but peaceful passing of Dianne Louise Raoul on May 21, 2025 at the age of 71.

Born in Sydney, Dianne was one of four children born to Michael & Bertha Raoul. We lost her father in October 1989, and her mother just recently in February 2025.

Dianne graduated with honours from Mount Saint Vincent University with a degree in Home Economics. She was an educator, and lifetime volunteer; an example set for her by her mother. Dianne spent her entire teaching career in Canso, Nova Scotia, and volunteered as the staff leader for a variety of student clubs and activities, including the graduation ceremony and related events. In 2006 Dianne was awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence in Nova Scotia.

Dianne volunteered with several organizations but most notably the Canadian Cancer Society, the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, the Family Studies Teachers Association of Nova Scotia, and Girl Guides of Canada.

Dianne was lucky to have a small group of close friends who were in touch every day and regularly went to plays, concerts and out to dinner. They will remember her sly jokes and always being a shoulder to lean on.

She is survived by her only daughter, Michelle, and her grandson, Marshall, both of Halifax. Dianne was never more proud than she was of her grandson whom she loved so very much.

As per Dianne's wishes, she will be cremated and there will be no service. Donations in her memory can be made to one of the charities she volunteered with. Or, we are certain Dianne would be especially touched if you found an hour or two of your time to donate to a charity of your choice.

Retirement: "there is never enough time to do all the nothing you want" - Bill Watterson.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Michelle

So sorry to learn of Diane's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Marshall. Over the last number of years both myself and my sister Nancy had developed a real friendship with Diane as we shared our care and concern for my good friend Denise. Your mom was always so kind and supportive to help Denise and support my visits to Sydney and arrange outings with Denise. A truly kind and compassionate person. Diane will be missed by many. rest in peace Diane we will truly miss our friend. Jane and Nancy.

Jane MacNeil - June 12, 2025 at 03:52 PM

RS

“ To Michelle, Marshall and the Raoul family,

I was so very sorry to hear about Dianne's sudden death. I send you my deepest condolences and am keeping Dianne, and you, in my thoughts and prayers.

Rosalie Starzomski

Rosalie Starzomski - June 12, 2025 at 01:35 AM

DW

“ *Condolences to you Michelle and your son. I have so many fond memories of your mom from both school but Girl Guides as well. She was always so patient and encouraging!*

Denise (Dort) Werner - June 08, 2025 at 03:27 PM

MM

“ Sincerest condolences, Michelle. They say it takes a village, and I can say your mom was a big part of mine. Both in the classroom and through our many Girl Guide activities, I learned so much from her and have many fond memories. Sending much love your way.

Marcy (Lumsden) MacKinnon - June 04, 2025 at 02:39 PM

NB

“ Michelle, your mom was a great teacher and did so much for the school. I have many fond memories of her cooking classes. My thoughts are with you and yours.
Nancy Bray

Nancy Bray - June 03, 2025 at 10:52 PM

MR

“ Michelle (Marshall), I was saddened to hear of the passing of your Mom. I have many memories of your mom during my school years. She was patient with me and I am sure I gave her some grey hair, especially in Home economics. My sincere condolences during this difficult time.

Michelle Richard - June 03, 2025 at 08:26 PM

WW

“ Michelle I'm very sad to hear the news that your Mom had passed. My sincere condolences during this difficult time. I worked with your Mom for twenty years and I seen first hand the energy she devoted to her teaching and her volunteer projects to ensure successful outcomes. Very sorry for your loss.

Wayne Weir - June 02, 2025 at 08:06 PM

CR

“ Michelle and Marshall,
I have many fond memories of your mother/grandmother as a teacher and colleague. Please know I'm keeping you in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

Crystal Richards - June 02, 2025 at 05:35 PM

KC

“ Michelle, so sorry to hear of Diane's passing. Please accept my deepest condolences.

Ken Chislett - June 02, 2025 at 02:35 PM

CM

“ Michelle, my deepest condolences on the passing of your Mom. You were a very little girl when she was my Home Economics teacher (her 1st year in Canso). I continue to use the skills and some of the recipies from that time.
I hope all the wonderful memories will help ease your grief in times ahead.

Coleen (MacDonald) Martinello - June 02, 2025 at 02:07 PM

HB

“ Dear Michelle, Marshall and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Dianne's passing.
Dianne was a wonderful lady. She taught me in school and we also had the pleasure of working with her.
Keep the special memories close to you to get you through the days ahead.
Sending our sincere condolences.
Take Care and God Bless
Hattie and Russell Borden
Canso

HATTIE AND RUSSELL BORDEN - June 02, 2025 at 12:02 PM

AR

“ Sorry for your loss. I still use my skills she taught me , daily. She was a wonderful teacher. Deepest condolences to her family and friends

Angela Richard Rhynold - June 02, 2025 at 10:21 AM

NM

“ I am very to hear of the passing of your mother Michelle. Sending my thoughts and prayers your way.

Neil MacKinnon - June 02, 2025 at 10:00 AM

DJ

“ We are so sorry to hear of the death of your Mother. She was always pleasant and ready to help. May she rest in peace.

Donald and Jane - June 02, 2025 at 09:38 AM

MD

“ Michelle,
So sorry to read of your mother's passing. She was a valued colleague and a great asset to Canso High School. Many of her fellow teachers and countless students share your sense of loss at this difficult time.

Mike and Laura Dallien - June 02, 2025 at 09:12 AM

DG

“ So very sorry to hear of your Diane's passing. She was a wonderful teacher and person, I always looked forward to her classes. My sincere condolences to the family.

Donna Grigor - June 02, 2025 at 09:04 AM

KS

“ So very sorry for your loss. I think of her often and the life skills she taught me in the kitchen when I cook/bake. May she rest peacefully

Kara (MacDonald) Scott - June 02, 2025 at 08:38 AM

AR

Michelle & Marshall, we are very sorry to hear of the sudden passing of cousin dianne. When i was young, she was always kind to me & my brother Doug when we visited Aunt Bertha. she will always be thought of as a kind soul and will be missed. Allen & Christie Raoul of Fort Frances

allen raoul - June 02, 2025 at 09:39 AM

BM

Michelle and Marshall just got the news of your mother's passing. Diane was such a caring person she was always looking after someone, such a good person went to high school with her and of course she moved away so didn't see her till the last ten years coming back to Cape Breton I've been doing her taxes for awhile she took such good care to Denise and than her mother and helping Arnold also I'm still in shock . Marshall she talked about you with so much pride she loved you and your mother so much. Hugs to you both

Belinda MacPherson - June 03, 2025 at 03:24 PM

PR

“ Sorry to hear of Dianne passing condolences to Michelle and all the families.

Patrick Ryan - June 02, 2025 at 08:09 AM

MR

“ Saddened to hear this. My condolences to all her loved ones. I loved to sew from an early age, I hung onto everything she showed/told me. When I am working with patterns I hear her and see her hands showing me the way. I will never forget you lovely lady! RIP

Michele (Butler) Richard - June 02, 2025 at 08:09 AM

SL

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to Michelle and family.

Sonja (LeBlanc) Lonsdale - June 02, 2025 at 07:58 AM

RD

Sincer sympathy to Dianne's daughter Michelle and family. Dianne was a great friend who will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace.

Rose Ann Delorey - June 02, 2025 at 08:11 AM

TI

Sending sincere condolences to Michelle and all of Dianes family. She certainly made an impact on my life and im sure that all the stud3nts she touched can say the same thing. RIP Ms Raoul

Tina - June 02, 2025 at 11:36 AM

DF

Sending my deepest condolences to you, Michelle and her family and friends. Your mom was an amazing woman. She taught me in sewing and also in cooking. Sometimes she would allow me to hem my pants after school and I was forever grateful. Rest in peace Ms Raoul 🙏

Doris Feltmate - June 02, 2025 at 03:10 PM