

Obituary

Dianne Mae Scheresky Carlill, age 68, died on Monday morning July 19, 2021, at her home in Lynnwood, WA.

Dianne was born in Bismarck, North Dakota, on April 20, 1953. She attended elementary school in Max, ND, and graduated from Minot High School in Minot, ND, in 1971. Dianne continued her education at Walla Walla College, College Place, WA, with a major in Biology. Though an accomplished pianist, she decided to pursue pre-medical studies. During the summer of 1972 she studied general biology at the Walla Walla College Marine Station at Rosario Beach on Fidalgo Island, where she met her laboratory instructor and future spouse, Michelle Carlill. After completing her undergraduate degree in 1975, Dianne pursued her medical degree at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, CA, graduating in 1978. She then did her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, MO, completing her studies in 1983.

Dianne's first practice was in Vancouver, WA, followed by time in the Indian Health Service in Phoenix, AZ. She then returned to Portland, OR, for a time before settling in Seattle, WA. Later in life, she practiced in Everett, WA, for a year before completing her career in Fairbanks, AK. Health issues led her to retire from OB/GYN and pursue a second career in palliative medicine. Those studies were cut short when Dianne was diagnosed with primary amyloidosis while in San Diego, CA, in August 2007.

In addition to her career, Dianne had a lifelong love of gardening and animals, even raising a herd of alpacas for several years. During the last fifteen years of her life, she was constantly comforted by her beloved Shih Tzu dogs. Following her spouse's lead, Dianne became a somewhat reluctant mountain climber, but an avid backpacker and cross-country skier. She also earned her pilot's license and accompanied her spouse on many flying adventures, some a little too adventurous. Photography rounded out Dianne's areas of interest in her short but productive and varied life.



Memorial Service

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Prelude		Wanda Griffiths, Organ
	<i>Bist du bei mir (If You are with Me)</i> BWV 508	J. S. Bach
	<i>Komm, Susser Tod (Come, Sweet Death)</i> BWV 478	J. S. Bach
Welcome and Opening Prayer		Kevin McGill
Hymnal No. 473	<i>Nearer, My God, to Thee</i>	Congregation
Scripture Reading	Psalm 23 New Living Translation	Patricia Gibson
Hymnal No. 478	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>	Congregation
Poem	“God Always Sends Rainbows”	Janna Stern
Life Sketch		Kevin McGill
Homily		John McLarty
Poem	“Slow Dance”	Cathy Batiuk
Cello Solo		Mary Walters
	Sarabande from the C major <i>Cello Suite</i> , BWV 1009	J. S. Bach
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 65:17-25	Dana Waters
Hymnal No. 108	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Congregation
Closing Prayer		Kevin McGill
Postlude		Wanda Griffiths, Organ
	“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme” (Sleepers Awake) BWV 140	J. S. Bach

Bist du bei mir (If You are with Me)

If you are with me, then I will go gladly
unto [my] death and to my rest.
Ah, how pleasing were my end,
if your dear hands then
shut my faithful eyes!

Komm, Susser Tod (Come, Sweet Death)

Come, sweet death, come blessed rest!
Come lead me to peace
For I am weary of the world,
Oh come! I wait for you,
Come soon and lead me,
Close my eyes.
Come, blessed rest!

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Sleepers Awake)

Wake up, the voice calls us
of the watchmen high up on the battlements,
wake up, you city of Jerusalem!
This hour is called midnight;
they call us with a clear voice:
where are you, wise virgins?
Get up, the bridegroom comes;
Stand up, take your lamps! Hallelujah!
Alleluia!....
No eye has ever perceived,
no ear has ever heard such joy.
Therefore we are joyful, hurray, hurray!
for ever in sweet rejoicing.