



## Diane Bongard

August 18, 1942 - August 3, 2022

Diane Mitman Bongard, born August 18, 1942, of Cincinnati, OH, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2022, just shy of her 80th birthday, surrounded by those who loved her most.

Diane embodied the great Jewish tradition of tikkun olam, 'repairing the world,' both personally and professionally. She found incredible meaning through her life-long work with City of Hope and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Diane always worried about others' well-being and prioritized this before herself. She will be remembered by friends and family for her thoughtful and caring spirit.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nathan Mitman and Florence Mitman Rubin. She is survived by her brother Kenneth and sister-in-law Diane, and her two daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Daniel Gray, and Cindy and Ottis Pagett.

Diane adored and radiated pride over her grandchildren, Noah and Audrey Gray, and Felicia Pagett. She served as a great inspiration for them, and all three have followed in her footsteps to better the lives of others by investing in their communities—Noah as a schoolteacher, Audrey as a fundraising manager for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF), and Felicia as a child life specialist for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). They

will carry her torch and continue her legacy to leave the world a better place than when they entered it.

Graveside services will be held to honor Diane's memory on Friday, August 5 at 11:00 am at Love Brothers Cemetery (1619 Rosemont Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45205).

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations are directed to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's (CHOP) Child Life Fund ([chop.edu/give](http://chop.edu/give)), the Breast Cancer Research Foundation ([bcrf.org/donate](http://bcrf.org/donate)), and the Hospice of Dayton ([hospiceofdayton.org/donations](http://hospiceofdayton.org/donations)).

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Love Bros. Cemetery  
1619 Rosemont Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45205

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Melissa and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

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**Beth Schlaf** - August 12, 2022 at 08:58 AM

AR

“ *Sending condolences from my family to yours. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and hope you can find comfort during this difficult time.*

*Adam Rhodes & family*

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**Adam Rhodes** - August 11, 2022 at 01:26 PM

TG

“ *Melissa and Family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts, love, and prayers go out to all of you.  
Tracy Grindatti*

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**Tracy Grindatti** - August 11, 2022 at 11:32 AM

SR

“ *A mother's love is a song that lives on in our hearts. Praying for you during this time of great loss. Stephanie & Alan Reffey*

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**Stephanie Reffey** - August 09, 2022 at 05:01 PM

ND

“ *Melissa and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. Noel D.*

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**Noel Delgado** - August 09, 2022 at 08:13 AM

DG

“ *Melissa and Family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Doug Gilbert*

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**Doug Gilbert** - August 08, 2022 at 11:54 AM

MB

“ *Dear Melissa and Family,*

*Terribly sorry to hear about your loss, your mothers spirit will be with you always! Praying for peace and comfort for your family during this sad time.*

*Matthew Bowie*

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**Matthew Bowie** - August 08, 2022 at 07:49 AM

MC

“ *Melissa and Family -*

*I'm so sorry for your loss. We hope that good memories will help you through these difficult times. You are all in our thoughts - and we send you our prayers and hugs.*

*Megan and Tom Carr - and the boys*

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**Megan Ivory Carr** - August 05, 2022 at 05:08 PM

MI

“ *To Melissa and your Family  
I'm sending my deepest condolences on the passing of your mother.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this  
difficult time.*  
*Mike Seder*

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**Mike.Seder** - August 05, 2022 at 03:10 PM

KW

“ *Chris and I are both so very sorry for your loss, Melissa and Dan.  
Hoping you, Audrey and Noah are comforted by telling her stories  
and being together. Kelly W*

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**Kelly Walborn** - August 05, 2022 at 02:59 PM

CT

“ *Melissa and Family,  
So very sorry for your loss. I pray you'll be blessed with full  
measures of God's peace and comfort.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Carol Taylor*

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**Carol Taylor** - August 05, 2022 at 02:31 PM

SS

“ *Melissa, so sorry to hear of you mom's passing. Sending you  
thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I hope you have  
many fond memories to sustain you. Sherry Speer*

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**Sherry Speer** - August 05, 2022 at 11:34 AM

JS

“ *Diane was my first "girlfriend" ...we were both about 5 years old and lived across the street from each other on South Crescent. I remember she and I would play "house ball" together on the side of her house. These memories make me smile when thinking about her. Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Jim Sachs** - August 05, 2022 at 10:25 AM

BS

“ *Ken and Diane, my deepest sympathy for you and your family. I will be praying for peace and comfort for you all.*

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**Bertie Spicker** - August 05, 2022 at 07:57 AM



*Bertie, thank you for your kind words. Ken and I hope you are well.*

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**Diane Bachmann-Mitman** - August 07, 2022 at 01:14 PM

KA

“ *Melissa and Family...I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. During this difficult time, I am sending prays and warm hugs. Your memories of her will keep her memory every so present. Kim Aiello (3M HIS)*

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**Kimberlee Anne Aiello** - August 04, 2022 at 04:30 PM

BS

“ *Ken and Diane so sorry for you loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. During these hard times. Didn't know Diane, but sounded like a great women. Take ❤️ .*

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**Bev Schmitt** - August 04, 2022 at 04:26 PM

MN

“ *Melissa, Dan, Noah, Audrey and family,  
I'm sorry to hear of your mother's passing. May memories of her be  
a blessing and a comfort to you now and always.*

*Marlene Newman*

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**Marlene Newman** - August 04, 2022 at 04:10 PM

AA

“ *Deepest condolences to you and your family, Melissa. May all your  
lasting memories comfort you during this difficult time ❤️*

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**Anna Atherton** - August 04, 2022 at 03:46 PM

BS

“ *I have very fond memories of Diane. I worked with her at Hebrew  
Union College back in the 90's and she was a wonderful person and  
colleague. She always had a smile on her face. My condolences to  
your family. She will be missed. BJ Brown Sykes*

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**BJ Brown Sykes** - August 04, 2022 at 03:16 PM

AA

“ *Sorry for your loss, Melissa. Prayers to you and your family. Adrian  
Alexander*

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**Adrian Alexander** - August 04, 2022 at 01:35 PM

RH

“ *My deepest, heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this  
time.*

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**Rahjan Hayes** - August 04, 2022 at 01:15 PM

CS

“ *My deepest condolences on the passing of your mother. You and your family are in my thoughts and my prayers. Sending you all hugs and support.*

*Charlene Scott*



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**Charlene Scott** - August 04, 2022 at 01:06 PM

SH

“ *Cindy, Melissa & Kenny,  
It is with a heavy heart that I write this note. There are no words I can write to ease your pain. Please accept, I am sorry.  
Diane and I were life long friends. Starting in Roselawn and lasting almost 80 years.  
We all have many good memories and that is what will help carry you through these tough times.  
Please accept my condolences.*

*Stuart Hodesh*

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**Stuart Hodesh** - August 04, 2022 at 12:31 PM

ER

“ *My condolences to you and your family Melissa. Praying God's peace will provide you comfort during this time of mourning.*

*Ereka Jones and Family*



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**Ereka** - August 04, 2022 at 09:32 AM

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“ *My condolences to you and your family. I'm so sorry for your loss.*  
*Amy Robinson*



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**Amy Robinson** - August 04, 2022 at 09:00 AM

TH

“ *Melissa & Family,*

*Maria and I send our deepest condolences and share your grief during this very difficult time. Sending our love and wish you all peace and keep the wonderful memories close.*

*With love & respect,*  
*Tom & Maria Hedgpeth*

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**Thomas H Hedgpeth** - August 04, 2022 at 08:39 AM

DL

“ *Melissa and Willie, sending our love and deepest sympathies to you and your families. This is very sad news. Jack valued his long friendship with Diane and has so many wonderful memories of her kindnesses to him and his family and the fun, special times they shared and all of you shared. We all thought of Diane as a thoughtful, kind person, a very good friend, and will miss her very much. We wish all of you the best in the days ahead, Jack and Diane Levi.*

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**Diane Collins Levi** - August 03, 2022 at 10:30 PM

AH

“ *I will forever miss and love you. You definitely have a special in my heart* ❤️



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**April Hester** - August 03, 2022 at 08:04 PM