



Diana Eunice Scargill

March 30, 1938 - May 27, 2023

Diana Eunice (Coutanche) Scargill, 85, of Sarasota passed away on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at the America House in Sarasota. She was born on March 30, 1938 in Edenbridge, England to the late Ernest and Violet (Stangroom) Coutanche.

She is survived by her daughter Caroline (Bret) Lee of Sarasota, Florida and her son Richard (Elizabeth) Scargill of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin; and her six grandchildren, Ian, Sarah, Joshua, Andrew, Hannah and Emily. She is further survived by her sister Yvonne Angela (Michael) Parkes, brother in law Lawrence King, former husband Philip Scargill and many nephews and nieces.

She is predeceased by her parents and sister Valerie Ruby King.

Diana spent her early years working as an administrative assistant in London. She enjoyed telling stories of her commuting experiences into the "big city". In 1970, she moved with her family for the first time to Geneva, Switzerland where she made many close friends and was involved with her children's school. The family also lived briefly in Greenville, South Carolina, making more lifelong friends, and had a second move back to Geneva before moving to Sarasota, Florida in 1980 where she spent the rest of her life. After her move to Sarasota, she worked as the Executive Assistant to the Chairman for MoneyShow Investment Seminars for 25 years.

Prior to her career and starting a family, Diana was an avid dancer with tap being her favorite. She was also happy sitting on the beach enjoying a good book. She liked to knit and was a gifted seamstress. Through her job at MoneyShow, Diana had the opportunity to travel around the world. One of her favorite trips was traveling to England on the slowest form of transportation, the QE2 and returning on the fastest form of transportation, the Concord! Many summer vacations were spent camping throughout Europe and north Africa. While she thoroughly enjoyed these trips, she probably would have preferred them even more from a hotel room versus a tent cooking over a campfire stove and washing dishes down at the campground sink! However, with her usual grace and dignity, she made these trips so memorable that Caroline and Richard still talk about them to this day. Diana was a loving Nana to her six grandchildren. She took an avid interest in all their activities. Whether it was cheering from the pool bleachers, the sidelines of a soccer field or at a dance recital, she was very proud of their many accomplishments. In recent years,

she relied on her grandchildren to assist her with all her technical needs!

There will be a Celebration of Diana's Life on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 1:00 pm at Maloney Funeral Home, 2401 Cattleman Road, Sarasota, FL 34242.

Memorial contributions may be made in Diana's honor to Tidewell Hospice at www.tidewellhospice.org or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org. Memories and condolences may be left for the family online at www.MFHcares.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Maloney Funeral Home
2401 Cattleman Road
Sarasota, FL 34232

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diana Eunice Scargill.* ”



June 14, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diana Eunice Scargill.* ”



June 07, 2023 at 02:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Diana Eunice Scargill.* ”



June 07, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Diana Eunice Scargill.* ”



June 04, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diana Eunice Scargill.* ”

June 03, 2023 at 08:38 AM



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“ *My memory of Di goes back to an important time in both our lives. We were both with young families in Switzerland, and I was just starting a new career as headmaster in the La Chataigneraie International School, just outside of Geneva. Di joined me as my secretary and as such had close contact with parents and staff. It was a small school then and we shared the ambition of developing a larger, family-orientated community, so her role was key in that development as she was normally the first person from the school that potential school families met.*

I am left with my memory of an incredibly talented secretary who helped me so much in those early years, representing our school community to potential parents and students - full of humour, eager to share with others her own positive approach to family life in Switzerland. She was a joy to be with. Sadly we only worked together for a few years but I am sure her positive input made a massive contribution towards the La Chataigneraie school community becoming so important in the lives of numerous expatriate families who were working in Geneva.

It is typical of Di to declare that it is a privilege to have the opportunity of growing old within your own family - and I would add to that how fortunate was the family of having her with them for so many years.

Michael Lee (ex-Headmaster of La Chataigneraie International School.)

Miike Lee - June 01, 2023 at 09:07 AM

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“ *May 30, 2023*

Irene Holland wrote a sympathy message

“Caroline and family so sorry for your loss. Diana was a fun sweet lady and I treasure our friendship.

Irene Holland. Mount Pleasant. SC”

Nancy - May 31, 2023 at 03:00 PM

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“ Heartfelt sympathy to Caroline and Richard and families. Your "mum" talked about you so often and her grandchildren. She was a beautiful sincere lady inside and out who I and others at work liked to call Lady Di. What a smile and always had a kind word for everyone. She referred to so many as "treasures" but she was the treasure. Caroline, it hasn't been easy on you these last months, but I know it was your joy to be with your mother and make sure she had the best of care right til the very end. You accomplished that and more and even in her final days she knew that and was so deeply appreciative. Nancy and Tony Evenden

Nancy Evenden - May 31, 2023 at 10:34 AM