



Diane Roberta Burton

January 29, 1941 - February 25, 2016

A celebration of life will be held for Diane Roberta Burton, aged 75. A resident of Fremont, CA, she passed away unexpectedly but peacefully from a massive stroke on February 25th, 2016 at Washington Hospital in Fremont, CA. Diane was originally born and raised in London, England, United Kingdom, to Elsie Proudfoot and Tom Burton. While in London, England she served on the police force as a London police officer for the city of London Metropolitan Police Department. After leaving for America and living in Washington D.C. Diane started work as an International Detective. Before heading to the United States Army as a military police sergeant she was assigned and in charge of training all military police at the Army base in Ft. Gordon, Georgia. While in Georgia, Diane attended both Augusta Law School (where she graduated with honors as a Juris Doctor of Law), and Blackstone School of Law (graduating as a Master of Law). In 1973, Diane moved to Marina, CA where she served as an attorney for a small law firm while finishing her studies in law at Stanford University, and was active in the community and military base in Ft. Ord, CA. Diane Burton also graduated with a Doctorate in Philosophy in Military Sciences, and Doctor of Military Sciences as well as having been ordained as a Minister from the Secretary of State in the Anglican Catholic and Canterbury church. Diane also served in the reserves with the United States Special Defense Corps as well as Special Forces reserves earning her the title as Brigadier General.

Throughout the years she settled in both the South and East bay areas. Diane was proactive in helping many people of many cultures, with their numerous cases, and was well loved by the people she had helped through the years and with those she worked with. They enjoyed her company and considered Diane more to them than just a friend; they stated MS. BURTON was like family. Diane had a positive outlook on life and had a great sense of humor. She was always active in the Indian, Filipino, Fijian, and Pakistani communities, among others. Diane was also honored by the Muslim Center and presented with a certificate from the Mosque. Diane also spoke many languages. Her daughter Michelle thought of her as a Prophet of Earth because of how much knowledge she was able to teach everyone about, boasting that she knew more than the encyclopedia. She was the dictionary of dictionaries. Those who really knew Ms. Diane Burton knew that she loved her McDonald's decaf coffee with 10 cream and no sugar, and her 2 apple pies. She was also a regular at the Kabila Indian Cuisine in Union City, CA. It was her meeting spot for clients, friends, and family, drinking her tea and eating her sweets. Many considered Diane like a mom, a grandma, or auntie to them. Diane often kept a routine, first at the Insurance Exams office, then to Monesh Music, sit with friends at Prime Properties, and then to the Kabila Restaurant, all like clockwork. To her daughters, MICHELLE BURTON AND LISA ROMO, she was a Hero. Gifted in many musical instruments she taught her youngest daughter Michelle to sing. A hero because she worked non-stop, always in constant motion, working hard day and night often 7 days a week because she loved working and helping her clients whom she also considered family, especially those in her office in Fremont, CA. Those who knew Diane such as her Chiropractic friends always said they hope they can keep working just as long as she had.

Ms. Diane Burton will be extremely missed by her family, friends, and colleagues, who loved and adored her. Diane had a gift of caring for others before herself. She is survived by her 2 daughters: Lisa Marie Romo of Tracy,

CA, and Michelle Anne Burton of San Jose, CA; 4 grandsons: Gregory Conlan, Gabriel Castellanos, Richard Castellanos, and Eric Romo; 1 granddaughter: Christina Romo; and 2 great granddaughters: Jackie, and Penelope Castellanos. Other surviving relatives are Keith Proudfoot of Virginia, half-brother Nigel Warren of Essex, England, and several cousins in Canvey Island in the Thames Estuary in Essex, England.

A private viewing will be held on Monday, March 7th at 9am at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. A burial will be held on Monday, March 7th, 12:30pm at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, 32053 W. McCabe Rd., Santa Nella, CA 95322. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, March 7th, 5pm at the Chabad of Fremont Jewish Center, 220 Yerba Buena Place, Fremont, CA 94536. A reception will follow at Kabila Indian Cuisine, 29286 Union City Blvd., Union City, CA 94587.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 7. 9:00 AM (PT)

Fremont Chapel of the Roses

1940 Peralta Boulevard

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Tribute Wall



“ *Uncle Nigel Warren (Diane's Half Brother in England shared photos of Grandpa Tom Burton and Grandma Elsie as well as himself and his wife see below:*

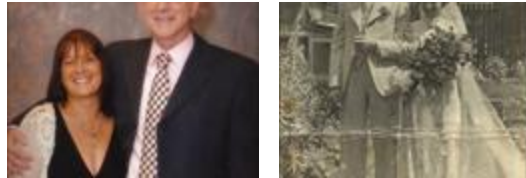
He also wanted to say:

"Rest in peace and I will always have fond memories of the good times in UK and USA. I'm sorry that we never got to see one another in more recent years." Love Nigel

Michelle Burton - April 21, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Michelle Burton - April 21, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *Michelle Burton sent a virtual gift in memory of Diane Roberta Burton*



Michelle Burton - February 21, 2020 at 09:34 PM



Mama Diane it has been a moment since I wrote on this tribute wall but your day you began life in heaven is next week and I am thinking of you now more than ever. I love you and I miss you so much right now. I also wanted you to know about your new grandson baby Lorenzo. I will always miss your stories and humor. Love your daughter Michelle

Michelle Burton - February 21, 2020 at 09:38 PM



“ I light candles for you and my grandmas and grandpas loving and missing you.



Michelle Burton - June 28, 2018 at 10:15 PM



“ Everyday I wait hoping you will tell me that it will all be okay. I put on a smile and am a tough girl but I am always missing you.



Michelle Burton - June 28, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ Without you in my arms, I feel an emptiness in my soul. I find myself searching the crowds for your face—I know it’s an impossibility, but I cannot help myself.

If tears could build a stairway,

And memories a lane,

I’d walk right up to Heaven

And bring you home again. I miss you mama Diane but I know you were near me today just when I thought of you 2 songs about you came on one after the other...

Love your daughter Michelle



Michelle Burton - August 09, 2017 at 04:30 PM



“ Dear mama Diane, I am still missing you each and everyday. Now it is almost Christmas and sometimes it is hard knowing we won’t see you for the Christmas and New year. It has almost been a year but it feels like you left just yesterday. I miss you and love you always...love your lil girl Michelle

Michelle Burton - December 15, 2016 at 07:41 PM

TJ

I cant believe it's ALMOST been 1 year~💋 and hugs to you.

Tracie Juarez - December 15, 2016 at 10:05 PM



“ Michelle Burton lit a candle in memory of Diane Roberta Burton



Michelle Burton - December 15, 2016 at 07:38 PM



“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, we would walk side by side through life. But when I needed you most, I saw only one set of footprints in the sand. The Lord replied, ‘I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.’”- Footprints in the Sand



Michelle Burton - July 09, 2016 at 12:27 AM



Dear Mama Diane,
It has been 3 months since you went to heaven. I think about you all the time and hope someday you will come to me in my dreams and tell me you are okay. I am attending the DV counseling classes to be certified as a DV counselor like we talked about at Jack in Box in Fremont. I hope you are proud of me. Tomorrow is Memorial Day and I wanted to go see you at the Veterans National Cemetery and I hope I can make out there but it may be quite crowded. Rana told me he went to see you, so I hope you get the chance to know he missed you too. I am hoping you remember we all love and miss you. I love you...Michelle



Michelle Burton - May 30, 2016 at 01:14 AM



There isn't a day that goes by where I don't at some point think of you,
Even when no one else understands my loss, you lived in my heart for many years, and the loss of you was crippling. I will forever cradle you in my heart, even if you are just a memory of what should have been~michelle



Michelle Burton - April 27, 2016 at 01:39 AM



“ *I miss having you to talk too~I miss her so much..... My best friend my mama Diane my angel, I still have your number in my phone even though I can't call you I still can't erase it, I still re`listen to your voicemails*



Michelle Burton - April 27, 2016 at 01:35 AM



“ *How i need you right now you always gave me the right advice even when i didnt want it.. i could really use it right now... i miss you so much today is one of those more days. Watch over me and keep me safe i love you.. i will see you soon...michelle*

Michelle Burton - April 27, 2016 at 01:30 AM



“ *sometimes I wish you were here so I could tell you how much I need you and how hard everyday has been without you~michelle*



Michelle Burton - April 27, 2016 at 01:21 AM



“ *The moment that you left me, my heart was split in two~michelle*



Michelle Burton - April 27, 2016 at 01:16 AM



“ I wish I could say All the things I wanted to,
But its hard to get rid of this
Everlasting memory of you.
Because you're fading away
Leaving me here,
I'm trying my hardest trying my hardest
Not to shed a tear.
Please don't fade away
Please stay here with me,
But you had to go
All of you're pictures of you is now all I can see...love you daughter
Michelle



Michelle Burton - April 16, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ “Grieve not, nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk of me as if I were beside you. I loved you so—’twas heaven here with you.” –
Isla Paschal Richardson

Michelle Burton - April 02, 2016 at 03:39 PM



“ more and more each day i still think about you
and how much I miss you mama Diane if only
I could just talk to you once again...michelle



Michelle Burton - April 02, 2016 at 03:35 PM



“ *Michelle Burton sent a virtual gift in memory of Diane Roberta Burton*



Michelle Burton - March 29, 2016 at 10:30 PM



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Michelle Burton - March 29, 2016 at 10:29 PM



“ *Michelle Burton lit a candle in memory of Diane Roberta Burton*



Michelle Burton - March 29, 2016 at 10:28 PM



“ *my beam of light my shining star you will forever be in our hearts and never forgotten...i love you and miss you with each passing day what will I do without you? love michelle*



Michelle Burton - March 11, 2016 at 01:28 PM



“ *i love and miss you more than anything right now I try each day to put a smile on my face but somehow I am still in pain I love you mama diane...*



Michelle Burton - March 11, 2016 at 01:26 PM



“ *Uncle Nigel says Rest in peace he will always have fond memories of the USA and in the UK. Love Uncle Nigel*

Michelle Burton - March 08, 2016 at 11:49 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Michelle Burton - March 08, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Michelle Burton - March 08, 2016 at 11:45 AM



“ love laugh and live well again...



Michelle Burton - March 06, 2016 at 01:13 AM

DP

“ SORRY TO HEAR THE SAD NEWS THINKING OF YOU ALL.I AM DAVID, DIANES ELDER COUSIN BY THREE YEARS.WE WENT TO THE SAME SCHOOL TOGETHER SHE WAS THE BRAINY ONE FINISHING UP HEAD MONITOR THEN HEAD CAPTAIN OF THE SCHOOL.WE WENT DANCING TOGETHER AT THE LOCAL DANCE HALL WHICH WAS THE ASSEMBLY HALL IN MY HOME TOWN WALTHAMSTOW.ONE WOULD PAY AND OPEN THE FIRE DOORS FOR THE OTHER WHO WOULD CREEP IN WITHOUT PAYING THOSE WERE THE DAYS.IN LATER YEARS DIANE WAS WITH ME WHEN I FIRST MET PATSY THE GIRL WHO WOULD BECOME MY WIFE THAT WLL BE 55 YEARS THIS SEPTEMBE STILL TOGETHER. .DIANE STAYED WITH US FOR AWHILE BEFORE GOING TO AMERICA .WE KEPT IN TOUCH OVERTHE YEARS I AM SO GLAD THAT WE MET UP TWO YEARS AGO AT SAN FRANCISCO AIR PORT WHERE THESE PHOTOS WERE TAKEN. REST IN PEACE DIANE LOVE DAVID



DAVID PROUDFOOT - March 05, 2016 at 08:06 AM



Hi cousin David yes I remember you as well and that day two years ago when she told me she was meeting up with you and your wife she was so excited to see you! I wish I could have met you all. Someday we all shall. How beautiful 55 years together congratulations! she did tell me the mischief you all got into i miss her terribly

Michelle Burton - March 05, 2016 at 10:22 AM

BS

“ *What a beautiful portrait. I wish I had had the honor of meeting her. She will be missed.*

Beth Van Schaack - March 04, 2016 at 11:01 PM



thank you so much Beth I just cried again for her she will be missed and i wish you could have met too...you would have loved her and she would have adored you.

Michelle Burton - March 05, 2016 at 12:23 AM



“ On the afternoon of 2/25/2016 when my mama Diane passed away...I feel so lost without her. I still do. And I am heart broken. The funny part is all that night when I left to go home for much needed sleep because I was with her for 2 nights in the ICU, I dreaded getting the call she would pass without me there. But somehow she made it all night and until both my sister and I were both there with her at her bedside, she took her final breath as if she waited for us to be there together. I am at a loss of words I am numb and I am heartbroken, all I could do was try my hardest today to not only cry my hardest almost collapsing as my mama cora and sister Lisa held me up and told me it was ok shes in a better place, but its hard it really is...it was hard to see the most strongest person I ever known just wasting away almost overnight in that hospital bed but I told her dont you worry beautiful woman you gonna look good in heaven, she was loved by so many wonderful people I had people texting her phone as if she could read it saying how much they loved her and I thank the lord above they loved and miss her so much. She was 1 of 2 wonderful parents that I love so very much. I will miss the days of decaf coffee with 10 creamers and apple pies or her favorite indian tea and sweets at the Kabila indian cuisine. The night she passed we all went to her other favorite spot I would go to her with the 50s diner in fremont and again in front of everyone I broke down and cried because Bill Haley was playing Rock around the Clock and I had just taken her there for her birthday last month. Why did she have to go? She was not only my mama but she also like a best friend to me my inspiration and would always give me the best advice that I needed I will miss her so much in my life I have seen her go through many struggles and still stood by her side through all the years you will always be the best police detective lawyer and friend to everyone who knew you I love you and I will see you everyday in my dreams everyday when I walk outside everyday when I wake up I know you will be by me reprimanding me or showing me love because you will always be by my side now you are my guardian angel and I love you don't worry zina be fine your kitty misses you.

Thank you Dr. Bella and Dr. Ray for being there for her and

expressing your love for her Dr Bella when you started crying what are you going to do without her I felt the same pain as you what will we do without her? Thank you to everyone at her office that came to see her also thank you to Rohit and Sobi and Bilal and wife and their mom also to the many people that visited her when I wasn't there including Patrick thank you so much for all being there for her and I am glad that you all will be there for her at her services she was well loved and I see that now although I already knew that because that's where I got most of my humor from and my love from both my parents thank you as I sit here alone in my house I know I'm going to cry because it will hit me again thank you to my own mama Cora my other family my sons for holding on to me when I felt like I was going to die myself without her. I love you miss burton and as I quote one of her favorite songs from her favorite artist Elvis Presley I cant help falling in love with you will always be in my mind... thank you to everyone on here who also showed her love. As if a test from GOD she taught me to accept human beings, to love all, to forgive when angry, but to walk away from abuse, she taught me the ability to empower women, and some men. She taught me to be outgoing, to make people laugh, speak with confidence, to be non-judge-mental, humanity, music, how to be tough when needed, to accept all walks of human life, to sing, to dance, to write. How to love my other mama, and family. Most of all she taught me not to be unsocial, to always have many friends, family, and GOD in my life. Did you ever know that your my hero? What will I do without you?

Michelle Burton - March 04, 2016 at 10:40 PM



“ *I love you mama diane forever and always you are my light...my-love me tender...my angel...you are my sunshine my only sunshine you make me happy when skies are gray you'll never know dear how much i love you please dont take my sunshine away...i remember you sang this to me as a child...*

Michelle Burton - March 04, 2016 at 10:29 PM



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Michelle Burton - March 04, 2016 at 10:28 PM

DR

“ *Dr. Ray Morey*

Diane was my everything. For the last year plus, we communicated daily and met every other day to work on setting up my Chiropractic office. I still need her help.

She was always right. Diane would almost never stop talking and I could listen without end. In some areas of science my knowledge was deeper but in most other areas she was always correct. Her stories were wonderful, like the time her commanding officer called her into his office to chastise her for being out of uniform where he gave her Brigadier General Star to replace the Colonel Eagles. I swear her phone rang constantly because she served a greatly underrepresented clientele. I have a need to use her impetus to make her proud!!!!

Dr RayMorey - March 04, 2016 at 04:36 PM



Thank you Ray, I am listening to her CD of her singing, as I sit here and read these wonderful memories everyone shared she will always remember you. Thank you for helping her out and you will always forever be in her heart.

Michelle Burton - March 05, 2016 at 12:25 AM

AR

“ I am so grateful to get to know Ms Diane. Our family loved her very much. I loved listening to her childhood stories. And i loved how she always took the time to stop and say hello. Every day. I miss her much.

Angel Ramirez - March 04, 2016 at 01:12 PM



thanks for being there for her and calling me to tell me about that sad day.

Michelle Burton - March 05, 2016 at 12:26 AM

MC

“ How sad to hear of the passing of my cousin Diana. Many, many years have passed since our childhood and teenage days where so many happy memories were made. The days when we learnt to jive to Bill Haley and Rock around the Clock; how she cut the top half off an old Austin Seven to make it into a convertible and the time she built a go-out from old boxes and pram wheels. That episode ending with the go cart and Diana crashing into a big tree at the bottom of a hill, much to my amusement; the old Bantam motor bike she rode after overhauling it herself with me running behind picking up the lose parts that fell off.

No one ever found out who it was that took an old wind up gramophone into a church yard and hid behind a tombstone one Sunday morning and played rock and roll songs in between the morning hymns.....it didn't go down very well with the Vicar but now we all know who it was!!

Happy times, you'll always be remembered, your cousin Marion back home in the U.K.

Marion Cunningham - March 04, 2016 at 12:16 PM

MC

so sorry these photos have gone on by mistake How do I remove them?

Marion Cunningham - March 04, 2016 at 12:19 PM



Dont worry i will see if they can remove them

Michelle Burton - March 04, 2016 at 12:29 PM



Loving this awesome memory and i played her bill haleys rock around the clock to her in the icu and elvis

Michelle Burton - March 04, 2016 at 12:41 PM



thank you cousin marion for the beautiful photos

Michelle Burton - March 05, 2016 at 12:27 AM

MC

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Marion Cunningham - March 04, 2016 at 12:00 PM



grandma elsie and mama diane

Michelle Burton - March 05, 2016 at 12:28 AM

DD

“ *Dr.bella D. purchased the Lavender Reflections S pray for the family of Diane Roberta Burton.*



Dr.bella D. - March 03, 2016 at 06:32 PM

DD

“ *Diane was my dearest friend. She had a mind and a heart unlike anyone I have ever met in my life. She was truly a just woman, who was deeply concerned with the interests of those who were suffering, regardless of background. In every sense of the word, she was deeply humanistic. The world needs more people like her, and the fact that she is gone breaks my heart. My daughter would often tell me how much she looked up to Diane and found her to be very inspiring, telling me "Mom, I could talk to her for hours. She is so wise and thoughtful!". So, I would like to give Thanks. Thank you Diane, for inspiring me with your enthusiasm to go out and seize the day, to help everyone I can and to aspire to excellence. Also, thank you for giving that same inspiration and wonder you gave me over our talks with tea and sweets to my daughter. You have truly touched the hearts of me and my family. It was an honor to have met you.*

*Love and condolences,
Dr. Bella Delyaei, D.C.*

Dr.Bella Delyaei - March 03, 2016 at 05:13 PM



thank you doctor bella it melts my heart to know she inspired not only you but your daughter thank you for this beautiful and blessed tribute

Michelle Burton - March 04, 2016 at 11:14 AM

LR

“ A parent that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. Please accept my/our condolences. She will not be forgotten. I love you and will miss you...

Lisa Marie

Lisa Marie Romo - March 03, 2016 at 12:12 AM

LR

“ Lisa Marie Romo lit a candle in memory of Diane Roberta Burton



Lisa Marie Romo - March 02, 2016 at 11:48 PM



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Fremont Chapel of the Roses - March 02, 2016 at 02:45 PM



“ I will miss your decaf coffee and apple pies the chai tea and indian sweets...

Michelle Burton - March 02, 2016 at 12:20 AM



“ *Michelle Burton lit a candle in memory of Diane Roberta Burton*



Michelle Burton - March 02, 2016 at 12:19 AM



You will forever be missed by all who knew and loved you. Rest In Peace~❤️

Tracie Juarez-Vega - March 02, 2016 at 10:32 PM



yes she will be thank you commadre

Michelle Burton - March 02, 2016 at 11:39 PM



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Michelle Burton - March 02, 2016 at 12:19 AM