



## Diane Marie (Suvak) Bronikowski

January 21, 1952 - August 5, 2023

Diane Marie (Suvak) Bronikowski, age 71, passed away on Saturday, August 5, 2023 surrounded by her family after a very short battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) in Traverse City, Michigan. She was born January 21, 1952, to Andrew and Edna (Trawick) Suvak in Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated from North Farmington High in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

She married Ken Bronikowski on July 27, 1991, and blended their two families together. In April of 1992, they moved "Up North." Ken and Diane opened and operated a machine shop, C & K Manufacturing, for many years, along with their son, Chris. They closed their shop in 2015 and Diane retired at that time. She enjoyed being retired, which gave her time to care for her great-grandchildren, sew, and make all sorts of crafts. She loved creating paper projects with her Cricut, especially party favors for her grandchildren's weddings and special events. She altered many wedding dresses and special occasion dresses for both family and friends throughout her life. She had a love of crocheting that continued until her death.

Diane held a variety of jobs throughout her life, but her proudest achievement was her large family and all the happy times they spent together. Due to her passion for people and love of sewing, she spent countless hours making PPE for various medical facilities during the pandemic. She also donated her time and talents to create costumes for local schools' productions. Her love was contagious, and her absence will be deeply felt by everyone who knew her.

Diane is survived by her husband of 32 years, Ken Bronikowski. Children, Chris (Lee-Ann) Bronikowski, Rhonda (PJ) Leazier, Mellisa (Ben) Spinella, Rachel (Paul) White Jr., Kristie (Matthew) Wolgamott, Daniel L. Rollins, and honorary daughter, Melissa Tipton. Grandchildren, Zacharey (Becca) Thomas, Justin Thomas, Seth Callesen, Nick Bronikowski, Jacob Leazier, Drew Leazier, Emma (Weslee) Spires, Tyler Spinella, Stephanie Spinella, Paul (Autumn) White III, Michael (Caitlin) White, Grace (Caleb) Szymchack, Alyssah Wolgamott, Jack Wolgamott, Luke Wolgamott, Patience Rollins, and Audrey Rollins. Great grandchildren, Rylan Callesen, Penelope White, Isabelle Szymchack, Cayden Kirby, and Camden Kirby. She is also survived by her sisters, Brenda (Ed) Balon, Linda Suvak, and Sherry (David) Santhuff as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her dear sister-in-law and friend, Kathy Pachota.

A visitation will be held for Diane on Friday, August 11, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. with a memorial service at 1 p.m. at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home in Kalkaska, Michigan. A graveside service and interment will be held at Evergreen Cemetery in Kalkaska, Michigan. After inurnment, a celebration of life will be held at Log Lake Campground Pavilion, 2475 E Log Lake Road NE, Kalkaska, Michigan 49646.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Rachel White the funds will go towards Diane's grandson Paul White III, battle with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home  
106 S. Cherry  
Kalkaska, MI 49646  
(231) 258-5121  
<https://www.wolfeoneill.com/>

## Memorial Service

AUG 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home  
106 S. Cherry  
Kalkaska, MI 49646  
(231) 258-5121  
<https://www.wolfeoneill.com/>

## Celebration of Life

AUG 11. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Log Lake Pavilions  
2475 E. Log Lake Rd. NE  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have nothing but happy memories of my aunt Diane. Though I havent been able to see her most of my adult life, my memories of visiting her and the whole "up north" family will always holding a special place in my heart. My heart goes out to all my cousins, uncle Ken and the rest of the family. She was truly blessed to have such a wonderful and large family and I have no doubt in my mind that she is watching over everyone from a higher dimension now. I'm sorry I am not able to make it to the service but I send all my love.

Evan Fitzgerald - August 11, 2023 at 04:59 PM

LT



Laura Thomann - October 31, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Diane Marie (Suvak) Bronikowski.



August 10, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Diane Marie (Suvak) Bronikowski.



August 10, 2023 at 06:49 AM

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“ Linda purchased the Bed of Pink Roses for the family of Diane Marie (Suvak) Bronikowski.



Linda - August 09, 2023 at 07:07 PM

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“ Linda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Marie (Suvak) Bronikowski.

Linda - August 09, 2023 at 07:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Marie (Suvak) Bronikowski.



August 09, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Diane Marie (Suvak) Bronikowski.



August 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diane Marie (Suvak) Bronikowski.

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“ Dear Kristie and family, wishing you comfort and strength during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. So deeply sorry for your loss.

**Ella Vasilev** - August 08, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ Dear Kristie. Cherie and I send our prayers and thoughts to you and your family during this difficult time. May Diane's memory be a blessing. Eric & Cherie Baal, Bloomingburg, NY.

**Eric P Baal** - August 07, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ Stacy Simon lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie (Suvak) Bronikowski



**Stacy Simon** - August 07, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Diane Marie (Suvak) Bronikowski.



August 07, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Diane Marie (Suvak) Bronikowski.



August 07, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ Carl and Marion Howard purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Diane Marie (Suvak) Bronikowski.



**Carl and Marion Howard** - August 07, 2023 at 07:45 AM



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“ Laura Thomann lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie (Suvak) Bronikowski



Laura Thomann - August 05, 2023 at 10:29 PM



Dear Kristie and family, wishing you comfort and strength during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. So deeply sorry for your loss.

Ella Vasilev - August 08, 2023 at 09:42 AM