



# **Diane Boren Wheelock**

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**D**iane Boren Wheelock, born in Memphis, Tennessee March 30, 1943, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 19, 2008.

She was the daughter of the late Lorene Griggs and Eldred Boren and beloved wife of Armando José (A.J.) Wheelock. She is survived by her sister Nell Box (wife of David Box) and four children, Carmen W. Dessauer (wife of Patrick Dessauer), Christine W. Sy (wife of Bernard Sy), Joseph A. Wheelock, and Alexander P. Wheelock (husband of Crissie Wheelock). She was a devoted grandmother to five grandchildren; Katherine and Ian Dessauer and Noah, Olivia and Benjamin Sy.

Diane Wheelock was organist/choir director at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Mandeville for over 27 years. In that capacity, she led choirs to sing twice at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican; in Germany/Austria; Spain/Portugal, Ireland; and Poland/Czech Republic. She was also a member of National Pastoral Musicians, Organ Historical Society, Northlake Petroleum Wives, Red Hat Grits and was the recipient of the St. Louis Award for service to the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Friends and family are invited to attend the wake services on Wednesday, May 21st from 5:30-8 pm at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W 21st Ave, Covington, LA. A funeral mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 316 Lafitte St, Mandeville at 10:30 AM on Thursday, May 22, 2008.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to All Saints Free Community Medical Center at 840 N Columbia St, Covington, 70433 (985-871-3939).



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RG

**Ralph Griggs** posted:

Oh how we will miss this wonderful lady. Being her older 1st cousin, I've known her from day one and she has been a joy to her family from that day until her last day before meeting her savior. AJ my heart goes out to you and the children for you loss is so great. Anyone who didn't love Diane, didn't know her...

June 4 at 7:00 PM

BF

**Beatmann Family** posted:

Please accept our sympathy. We are so sorry to hear of Diane's passing but know she is making beautiful music in heaven. We are so grateful for all the years she gave of her musical talent to all the parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake. She will be missed.

May 24 at 7:00 PM

SS

**Sarah Turner Swindle** posted:

To the Wheelock family and Nell, I send my deepest sympathy, as does the entire Turner family in Mantachie. Diane, Nell and I played together as little girls and then as teenagers as our families lived across the street from each other as we were growing up in Mantachie, Mississippi. She and I shared the same birthday (even the same year). I have so many happy memories of our times together: movies; acting out the "Greatest Show On Earth" swinging on a make-shift trapeze in her barn loft; our going to see Elvis Presley's first performance at the fair in Tupelo, MS; birthday parties; Diane stepping on a rusty nail; learning to ride the bicycle together. What fun times! Then after high school and college we went our separate ways. What an amazing lady she became! It's wonderful to read of all her accomplishments; especially a loving husband and precious children and grandchildren. To view her picture gives my heart a thrill. She looked so much like her mom. How I wish I could be there today. God bless each of you as you heal and treasure the memories you have of your loving wife, mom, grandmother and sister.

May 20 at 7:00 PM

MH

**Missy Mccarthy-Hoover** posted:

Joe, So very sorry to hear about your loss.

May 20 at 7:00 PM



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GC

**Glenn And Janet Craddock** posted:

We are proud to have known such a gracious, courageous lady. Her strength and kindness are inspirational and heartwarming. She will be missed, but remembered with happy thoughts.

May 20 at 7:00 PM

MC

**Michele Neumann Carroll** posted:

Dear Christy and family, I am sorry to hear about your mom's passing. She was such a sweet lady. I am sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Michele (Neumann) and Sean Carroll

May 20 at 7:00 PM

MS

**Marla Schoonmaker** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. I have fond memories of Diane and her willingness to share her great musical talent. Sincerely, Marla Schoonmaker

May 20 at 7:00 PM

AC

**Amy Farris Cuevas** posted:

Dear Christy & Wheelock family, I am sorry to hear this news. I will always remember your mother as very talented and a nice, funny lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless.

May 20 at 7:00 PM

SB

**Susie And Jeff Bishop** posted:

Alex and family, We are so sorry to hear about your loss, Diane was such a special and sweet person, she will be missed by all. I'm sure she is up in heaven with my mom.

May 20 at 7:00 PM

CR

**Chad & Jenna Raymond** posted:

Alex, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are very sorry for your loss. We are here if y'all need anything.

May 20 at 7:00 PM



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RS

**Robert Sullivan** posted:

I first met Diane in 1993 while traveling with Peter's Way. I remember in 1996 while traveling Italy (once again) with Peter's Way, Diane was very, very ill. Her daughter Christine was traveling with her. Those of us who had traveled with her before were so upset, because once we arrived in Italy, we were told she was terminally ill. She was so determined to visit the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi one last time. After our visit to that wonderful town her entire demeanor changed, and it was as if she had received a miracle and was determined to fight harder. When I last saw her in 2000 (once again in Italy) she looked wonderful. She fought this dreadful disease with such grace and dignity for over 12 years. Her love of her family and church was overwhelmingly obvious. Thank you Diane for touching my life. My prayers are with her family.

May 19 at 7:00 PM

JF

**Joey Faust** posted:

Alex, my deepest sympathies to you and your family. Your Mom used her gift of music to provide joy to countless people. Now she receives the ultimate joy.

May 19 at 7:00 PM

TS

**Tina Stephens** posted:

Diane, I know you and Fr. Joe are enjoying heaven together. I miss you.

May 19 at 7:00 PM

AT

**Anwen Thomas** posted:

Diane and A.J. were like a set of god-parents to me. I'm glad she's out of pain and safely in God's hands, but, boy, will I miss her smile.

May 19 at 7:00 PM

CB

**Cliff And Antoinette King , And The Belesimo Fam** posted:

Our sympathy goes out to the family. She was very much loved.

May 19 at 7:00 PM



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MF

**Magner Family** posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Diane's passing. She was a very special person in the Our Lady of the Lake family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

May 19 at 7:00 PM

PA

**Phyllis & Stan Anderson** posted:

Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Loved One.

May 19 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Diane by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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