



Dana Shaffer Knoster

September 24, 1969 - February 4, 2021

Dana Shaffer Knoster, 51, of Lebanon, PA, went to be with her Lord Thursday, February 4, after a valiant fight with cancer. Dana was born in Lock Haven, PA to Dewayne and Diane Shaffer. She was a 1987 graduate of Lock Haven High School and a 1989 graduate of Penn College. In 1992 she married her loving husband Matthew Knoster. In 2002 she welcomed the joy of her life into this world, son Matthew Knoster. Dana worked as the Administrative Assistant for Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey. Dana loved life and never met a person she couldn't call a friend. She enjoyed spending time with family and co-workers and will be greatly missed by all. She was preceded in death by her father, Dewayne Shaffer. In addition to her husband and son, Matt and Matthew of Lebanon, PA, she is survived by her mother Diane Shaffer of S. Summit St, Lock Haven. Aunt Darlene (Mark) Weaver of Lock Haven. Cousins, Mark Weaver of Maryland, Nicole (Ryan) Monoski and God Children, Sara and James Monoski of Lock Haven. Father and Mother in law, Christian and Florence Knoster of Lancaster, PA, brother in law, Chris Knoster of VA, Niece Katie (Ryan) Pugh of West Virginia, Nephew Jason (Becca) Knoster of VA.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in Dana's memory to the Four Diamonds at Penn State Children's Hospital, <https://www.fourdiamonds.org/get-involved/donate-now/>

Tribute Wall

JZ

“ Dana, every time I got to Lock Haven you were the first call I would make! I loved spending summers with you! I think how happy you grandma Helen grandpa Bill and Dad were to see you when you arrived in heaven! Diane and Darlene , love to you both, jenzarp@frontiernet.net Rest easy my friend,
Jennifer Bement Zarpentine (Jane Stovers daughter)

jen zarpentine - June 25, 2021 at 06:48 AM

MF

“ We are deeply saddened by Dana’s passing. Matt and Matthew so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Dana was a beautiful presence and soul. Thank you for sharing her with so many that knew her. She has gained her wings May she Rest In Peace.



Malawi Family - February 13, 2021 at 07:01 PM

WM

“ Just as others have said, Dana was an amazing person and always made you feel like she was your best friend and always put you in a good mood. We first met when her family became our next door neighbors in Quakertown, when our boys were toddlers. The boys quickly became best friends and I have so many great memories of mommy/son playdates with her, neighborhood family parties, driving hours to see *The Wiggles* and *Dora the Explorer* shows with our boys, summers at our shore house, going to Dutch Wonderland and Dorney Park with our boys, taking the boys to their first WWE match, birthdays parties, sleepovers, etc. Our family was so sad when they had to move and we kept in touch for several years. I am so saddened to hear of her passing and I know how much she loved and adored her husband and son. The world will not be so bright without Dana in it.

Wendy Mailman

Wendy Mailman - February 11, 2021 at 04:03 PM

LK

“ Dana was one of my best friends in High School and was even in my wedding. We lost touch after our kids were born as we all get busy with our own lives. I was deeply saddened by this news and wish we had kept in touch. I still think of her as one of my closest friends. I am saddened that I didn't know what she was going through and didn't get the chance to reach out. I can only hope that she can rest in peace and know that there are many people who loved her, even if we didn't keep in touch on a regular basis. I will miss and think of her every day!

Liesl Wagner Kreischer

Liesl Kreischer - February 10, 2021 at 11:02 PM

SH

“ I had the privilege to interact with Dana at PSH MSHMC and she was one of the most beautiful people I've ever met-both inside and out. She was dedicated, talented, funny, uplifting, and just an amazing human being all around. This world just became a lot darker without her light shining on everyone in her orbit. May God Bless and bring peace to her family and loved ones.

Stephanie Hollander - February 10, 2021 at 12:58 PM

NL

“ Dana was so beautiful inside and out. Matt, you were the love of her life. It was like there was no one else in the room, when we introduced her to you. It seems like it was love at first sight. Matthew, she told me about you and the joy that you brought her. She loved you very much. Diane, she loved you too. I loved Dana very much and I cried when I got the call that she passed away. My heart is hurting with you all. Our deepest condolences. Nancy and Greg



Nancy Lackey - February 10, 2021 at 04:43 AM

MZ

“ Matt and Matthew, I was so sorry to hear this news. I loved your mom- she was a kind, sweet and fun lady to be around. I have such nice memories of our time on Meadowood Circle while Matt, Katie and CJ were growing up. We are all praying for you at this difficult time. Love, Margie, Katie and CJ. ❤️

margie zerbe - February 09, 2021 at 07:58 PM

JH

“ I will always remember Dana’s smile and sense of humor. I enjoyed catching up with her as we sat in the stands at many lacrosse games. She loved watching Matthew play lacrosse!

Matt and Matthew, our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time.

Sam, Judy, Patrick and Matthew Hansell

Judy Hansell - February 09, 2021 at 04:53 PM

GS

“ Too my favorite cousin We like sister.Dana was a very loving person.I remember when I would go and visit her.We would put on makeup and hang out .We would always have the family hoildays together.She loved grandma mashed potatoes and noodles and turkey.the easter egg hunts we had at my place.We had fun growing up.I will miss her very much.Send my prayers to the family.God bless.

Grace shaffer - February 09, 2021 at 04:31 PM

ES

“ Dana was such an amazing presence in our offices at HMC. She radiated joy and kindness. She often arranged for visitors to be hosted by our department - we knew our visitors were well taken care of and they knew it! She got so many compliments from those who interacted with her. I will remember her infectious laugh, good sense of humor and her liveliness. My heart goes out to her family.

Erika Saunders - February 09, 2021 at 01:08 PM

WE

“ Dana was always so kind and had such a sunny disposition. We would laugh the times I encountered her getting her very large soda in the morning with a ton of ice. It always had to have lots of ice. I am going to miss her. Condolences, hugs and prayers.

Wendy Elmslie - February 08, 2021 at 01:23 PM

RB

“ Dana's smile was just infectious. Everytime I came to the office during my year as a Psychology Intern at PSHMC, my interactions with Dana would just brighten my day. Sending strength to and prayers for Dana's family during this challenging time.



Rosanna Breaux - February 08, 2021 at 01:14 PM

DW

“ I shared an office with Dana at HMC when she first started. She always brightened my day with her wonderful sense of humor. We bonded over stories of our boys who were the same age. She always had a smile and such a positive outlook on everything. My heart is broken at the news of her passing. She touched everyone she met. She will be missed.

Dana Wendling

Dana Wendling - February 08, 2021 at 10:22 AM

CL

“ *Dana will be missed! She touched so many lives with her beautiful smile and presence.*

God Bless the family and may the memories you have offer you peace during this difficult time.

Cathy Lewis - February 08, 2021 at 08:53 AM

CL

“ *Cathy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Dana Shaffer Knoster*



Cathy Lewis - February 08, 2021 at 08:42 AM

SM

“ *Although we lost touch with one another over the years, you will always remain such a special part of my life. I will always remember our fun times as teens and your beautiful smile. My prayers go out to your family. Rest In Peace my dear friend. You will surely be missed. Siao Mei*

Siao Mei - February 07, 2021 at 09:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dana Shaffer Knoster.*



February 07, 2021 at 09:25 PM

AR

“ Dearest Dana - you were the epitome of a sweetheart. From the first good morning of the day until the last good night you brought us so much joy. As a work family you were our mother, our sister, our best friend all rolled into one. We will carry you in our hearts forever. Thank you for so openly sharing with us the abiding love you felt for Matt and Matthew - a reminder that family is the most important gift of all. Rest easy among the angels. Ashley Rice

Ashley Rice - February 07, 2021 at 01:07 PM

MM

“ I am so sorry to learn of your great loss. May your memories bring you comfort in the days ahead.

Maureen McLaughlin - February 07, 2021 at 10:55 AM

CP

“ Thankful for the years of working together with endless memories of a wonderful friend, who provided support to so many. I was honored to see her strength and warmth in her dealing with the ups and downs of family life. Heartbreaking now for her family and all who knew her.... So sad.....
Chris Petersen

Chris Petersen - February 06, 2021 at 05:58 PM

JB

“ I knew Dana from High School. Although afterwards we only saw each other at reunions she was always friendly to everyone around her. Always positive in heart and spirit she could put anyone at ease. She will be missed dearly.

Jason Bitner - February 06, 2021 at 05:36 PM

RM

“ I have known Dana since I dated Nicole. Nicole had been telling me how great cousin that she is and telling me story about her. I am gald to know Dana that how sweet and lovely person that she was. She welcome me with open arm. I am really enjoyed to attend Easter at her house and she and her family comes over Christmas. As her passed it saddest for me and Nicole. Dana you will be missed and I am enjoy of your presence with your smiles around me and my family. Matt and Matthew, Dana will always be with you in your heart and memories. She love you guys always.



Ryan Monoski - February 06, 2021 at 03:33 PM

DW

“ In reading the beautiful comments by everyone I had to share mine. My memories are similar for Dana but go back to her birth. Born 4 days prior to my 8th birthday, I considered her my birthday present and My baby, even though I was only her Aunt. I remember her as a roly-poly baby in a red velvet dress who grew up to be the beautiful person, we all know and Love. We used to sit together and watch *The Nanny* and *The Professor*. I think that's why she started calling me Nanny. Later she shortened it to Nan.

Dana's smile was her biggest asset. She always put others before self and made everyone feel special. I remember her running in the door crying one day. Someone had hit a dog on the highway. She stopped, put it in the back of her car and wanted to know what she should do. The poor thing was already gone but she took it to the vet to be taken care of because she knew it was someone's pet.

That was our Dana.

She valued her friendships at work so much and by the posts I see she touched many of her coworkers lives in a positive way.

She was so proud of her son Matthew. Running him here and there for games and making sure he and his friends had plenty of junk food and had a good time when at the house. Her greatest joy was seeing Matthew grow into the wonderful young man he is today.

To Matt and Matthew, know that she loved you so much and was so proud of you as a family. To her Mother Diane I know that she cherished the time you spent together shopping and going to flea markets. To all others who called Dana their friend, know that she valued each and everyone of you.

Dana will be missed but never forgotten.

With all my Love,

Nan

Darlene Weaver - February 06, 2021 at 01:14 PM

CC

“ Even in her hardest days seeing her the last of our passings she was so up spirited ☐ knowing you were battling your hardest battle you down played so you wouldn't worry me 😊 Love you buddy ❤️ You were and still one of the strongest persons I know. You can finally Rest your body and enjoy all the loved ones in Heaven that we're waiting ❤️ Prayers for Matt and Mathew and my second mom and family . Thanks for being my bestie and sharing all the memories of our happy childhood, and later life gatherings.



christina callahan - February 06, 2021 at 09:26 AM

SM

That's a beautiful photo of the both of you. ❤️

Siao Mei - February 07, 2021 at 09:22 PM

JZ

Chris! So many fun times in the summers with the three of us when I would come up from NY! You look the same! Seeing this pic made me so happy!! Jen Bement Zarpentine

jen zarpentine - June 25, 2021 at 06:56 AM

JH

“ My dear friend Dana, you will be missed by so many. Your beautiful smile and humor always made a bad day better. You were forever "at the ready" with a joke or comment that made everyone laugh. You truly lit up a room. Matthew, your mom loved you so much. I pray that your family can find peace in her passing. Heaven must have needed her.

Jen Hargenrader - February 06, 2021 at 08:37 AM

RE

“ I attended high school with Dana. She was always wearing that brought, beautiful smile. Dana was a friend to everyone. Always full of life and up for a laugh, Dana's memory will live on in our memories of her. Please accept my deepest condolences.

Roxanne Miller Embick - February 05, 2021 at 10:19 PM

CS

“ Dana and I graduated high school together. We haven't seen each other since we graduated in 1987, almost 34 years ago. In this picture she looks exactly the same, still so beautiful and always smiling. I have very fond memories of sleep overs with Dana. Her mom used the best fabric softener - Lavender Sachet - and I would beg my mom to buy it (isn't it funny the things we remember). I just looked through my yearbook, so many memories from so long ago but it seems like yesterday, and throughout the yearbook are so many pictures of Dana with that big, beautiful smile on her face. Prayers and condolences to the family and Mrs. Shaffer, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your family has a perfect angel shining down on you. Hold your memories close to your heart and look to each other for comfort. Rest In Peace Dana!

Cheryl Seddon

Cheryl Seddon - February 05, 2021 at 09:33 PM

CR

I graduated high school with Dana. I haven't seen her since we graduated. She is just as beautiful now as she was in school. Her bright smile so brightly shining that was so contagious it could light up any room. Jesus received a beautiful angel who will always shine down on you. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Rest in Peace Dana! Fly High girl!

Cathy (Merryman) Rickert

Cathy (Merryman) Rickert - February 06, 2021 at 08:28 AM

MK

“ Dana truly had a glow about her with a gift of making people smile. She was such a beautiful woman inside and out. I'll cherish all our chats and laughs at our boys' lacrosse games. To Matt & Matthew, please know we are here if you need anything. We are truly heartbroken and our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, The Kreiders

Maryann Kreider - February 05, 2021 at 08:32 PM

ME

“ I got to know Dana when our sons decided to room together in college. She loved her son Mathew so much and was so excited for him to start his college journey. I'm so sorry we never got the opportunity to meet up and having those apartment cleaning adventures she was looking forward to having. Rest In Peace Dana, we'll all look after Mathew now for you.

Michelle Eddy - February 05, 2021 at 08:17 PM

NS

“ Russ and Matthew - words cannot express how sorry I am. I never got to spend time with Dana but heard nothing but wonderful things about her from your mom and dad. Please know you have been and will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Please reach out if there is anything I can do for you. Love, Cousin Nan

Nancy Ryan Schulman - February 05, 2021 at 08:04 PM

JF

“ My dear friend Dana. There is no one else like you in this world. Your kind and generous spirit will be missed by all who knew you. To Matt and Matthew ... you were her whole world and she lived her life in constant celebration of you both. Please know there are so many of us who wish to ease your grief and pain.

Jennifer Feeman - February 05, 2021 at 06:52 PM

AM

“ For the 5 years that I worked at Penn State Hershey, Dana was the heart, soul, and spirit of our office. She was a force of nature, always ready with a spirited remark. She made everyone smile. I am so sad at her loss.

Alan Gelenberg, M.D.

Alan J. Gelenberg, M.D. - February 05, 2021 at 05:59 PM

JE

“ My condolences to Matthew and Matthew . My prayers are with you . Like Amanda said also, Dana was one of the First Ladies I met at the College of Medicine . We became fast friends . She gave me many gifts over this past year or two and I cherish them . I think Dana was so inspirational with her grace and kindness. I will never forget to try to emulate that grace and kindness everyday. I know she struggled the years I knew her with a battle , but I know our prayers were never in vain . I cared so deeply for Dana , and since COVID, I've missed seeing her so much . I will cherish when she said “ I love you “ a couple weeks ago .so happy to have that memory . She spoke of her family everyday all the time ! I pray for the family today and through this hard time . Dana is a wonderful reason to celebrate Life ! God bless

Jamie Etter

jamie etter - February 05, 2021 at 04:50 PM

AK

“ Dana was one of the first people I met when I started working at Penn State and instantly made me feel at home with her bubbly personality. It was an absolute joy to be welcomed each day with "Good morning, Sunshine!" and a little banter. She had beautiful soul and will be sorely missed because to know her was truly to love her. Sending love and peace to her family and friends.

AK

Penn State Health

Amanda Keeler - February 05, 2021 at 04:10 PM

PS

“ Dana was the sweetest, most upbeat person I have ever met. I had the pleasure of working with her, albeit for a short time, as I was covering for a colleague. She made me feel welcome and always had a smile on her face. It was my great pleasure to have crossed in her path. My thoughts and prayers are with her family as they find solace during this difficult time.

Patty Shipton

Penn State Health

Patty Shipton - February 05, 2021 at 02:42 PM

MK

“ Dear Knoster Family,

I had the pleasure of working with Dana from 2010 to 2013, and she was always full of kindness, joy, and so much fun. She made friends everywhere at work, and I feel lucky to have met her.

I am keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers during this time. I am so sorry for your loss.

- Marisa Klein

Marisa Klein - February 05, 2021 at 01:31 PM

CK

“ Dana was full of JOY. Christmas was GREAT !! at their house. We thank GOD she was a part of our lives.

*From her Father & Mother in-law,
with LOVE--Chris & Florence Knoster*

Chris Knoster - February 05, 2021 at 09:43 AM