



Diane Shapiro

May 17, 1946 - October 18, 2012

Diane S. Shapiro, who worked as a consultant in the membership department of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, died Oct. 18 at George Washington University Hospital. She was 66 and lived in Haymarket.

She had a heart attack while at work, said her daughter Jennifer Fleming, and died at the hospital.

Ms. Shapiro moved to the Washington area in the late 1960s. She worked in public relations for B'nai B'rith, a Jewish service organization, and Gallaudet University before joining the World Wildlife Federation as a data processing analyst. She worked for the World Wildlife Federation for about 20 years, later serving as a manager in the membership department.

She joined the Holocaust Memorial Museum in the mid-2000s before retiring about three years ago. She was working as a consultant to the museum at the time of her death.

Diane Irene Seidler was born in South Orange, N.J., and grew up in Maplewood, N.J.

She attended the University of Wisconsin, where she worked for the student newspaper, the Daily Cardinal. She was among the first women on the staff to serve as sports editor. During the late 1960s, she was a reporter and editor at the Columbia (Mo.) Daily Tribune.

Her marriage to former Washington Post sports columnist Leonard Shapiro ended in divorce.

Survivors include two daughters, Jennifer Fleming of Spring Grove, Pa., and

Emily Shapiro of Haymarket; a brother; two sisters; and five grandchildren

Tribute Wall

AR

“ I am hugging each one of you, Diane's family and siblings, as I shed many tears for a beautiful life lost much too soon. Diane, the eldest, of my favorite uncle's clan, the first of "the cousins" to leave us. Much too sad to even imagine. We were/are a family bound together by a force not fully understood by me.....to be sure. So many memories of a charmed life we all led, fostered by Nana and Grandpa, assuring us that we were loved and valued. Our children, Jen and Em and all of ours, may not understand to what I am alluding, but must have had an inkling in their own lives. Many stories to come. God bless! I love you all! Cousin Anne and her family.

Anne Seidler Russell - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

DW

“ Such a wonderful woman. Intelligent witty and so caring. She will be greatly missed.

Dawn Walker - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

DJ

“ So many sweet memories of your wonderful mother. Even as I ran into her recently, she was always so proud of her family! May God bless you in your time of sorrow. May He give you peace and comfort!

Danette Laird Jones - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

TP

“ I have so many wonderful memories of working with Diane at the Holocaust Museum. She was so easy-going, intelligent and warm and I will truly miss her. Many condolences to the family.

Tami Pearson - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

JB

“ *I met your mother over 20 years ago when I moved into the neighborhood. She was a great neighbor. She will be missed.*

Joe

Joseph Blatter - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM

MS

“ *No matter the situation, Diane handled it with grace and composure. She was our champion, our advisor, our friend. I will cherish my memories of her.*

Michele Souza - March 29, 2013 at 01:59 PM