



Christine Diane Kellam

June 24, 1960 - January 2, 2026

Christine Diane Kellam Obituary

Christine Diane Kellam, age 65, peacefully departed this life on Friday, January 2, 2026, in the loving arms of her daughter and sister at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Affectionately known as Diane, she was born on June 24, 1960, in Franktown, Virginia, to the late Amos Walker Kellam and Arthureen Eley Crudup.

Diane received her early elementary education in Florida and Virginia, completing the majority of her schooling within the Somerset/Worcester County school systems. She often shared fond memories of playing sports such as softball and field hockey during her youth.

A woman of strong work ethic, Diane began working at a young age, frequently recalling her early years picking crops. Throughout her life, she held several long-term positions, including employment at Campbell Soup Company, Cold Water Seafood, and Eastern Correctional Institution (ECI), where she served as a dietary correctional officer for 16 years before retiring. Diane was a dedicated employee who took pride in her work—often saying she would “show up and show out,” even while undergoing dialysis treatments.

At an early age, Diane accepted Christ and was baptized at New Macedonia Baptist Church in Pocomoke, Maryland, under the leadership of the late Bishop Isaac Jenkins, Sr. After relocating to Delmar, Maryland, and later returning to Somerset County, she became a devoted member of Mount

Carmel Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Carroll Mills, where she remained a faithful member until her passing. Diane attended services as long as her health allowed and made sure her granddaughter, Ava'Amor, was always by her side and actively involved in church. When unable to attend in person, she created her own "church party" at home—gathering Ava and her grandsons in her room, turning up gospel music, and dancing, singing, laughing, and praising God. She took great pride in teaching them about God's love and faithfulness.

Family meant everything to Diane. She was the devoted mother of one child, Shakiea, whom she worked tirelessly to provide for and nurture. Diane loved weekend outings to local markets and garden centers and welcomed family with open arms—often hosting a house full of cousins who affectionately called her "Aunt Diane," whether related by blood or not. She enjoyed trips to Ocean City, relaxing on the beach or simply stopping for Thrasher's fries, as well as barbecues and Sunday dinners.

Diane found great joy in nature, especially gardening. She lovingly tended to flowers, greens, tomatoes, and green beans, sharing stories of how harvesting was done "back in her day." For family gatherings, she was always the one requested to prepare the greens and beans. Above all, Diane loved fishing and crabbing. She could spend hours on the water and would return home excited to share stories and proudly show off her catch.

Diane leaves to cherish her loving memory her only child, Shakiea Kellam of Eden, Maryland; one sister, Brenda K. Whittington (Michael) of Princess Anne, Maryland; one brother, Amos W. Kellam of Jacksonville, Florida; three grandchildren, Ava'Amor, Jayce, and Jasiah Douglas; two nieces, Erica Wright and Karesha Kellam of Salisbury, Maryland; one nephew, Hughes Wright III of Salisbury, Maryland; a special son, Mark Douglas, Jr. and a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, and dear friends who will miss her deeply.

In addition to her parents, Diane was preceded in death by her brothers, Henry K. "Lee" Razz and Tony Razz, her sister, Amy D. Reddick and both her maternal and paternal grandparents.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
30683 Hampden Ave
Princess, Anne, MD 21853

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AJ

“ *Annette Jones lit a candle in memory of Christine Diane Kellam*



Annette Jones - January 19 at 11:59 AM

MH

“ *Mable Holden lit a candle in memory of Christine Diane Kellam*



Mable Holden - January 18 at 12:44 PM

CB

“ *Cassandra Bailey lit a candle in memory of Christine Diane Kellam*



Cassandra Bailey - January 16 at 12:52 PM

PF

“ *Even though we had not seen each other in quite awhile it really hurt me to hear the news of you passing... You Brenda and I had some good times on Spruce Street...Rest in Peace Diane Sincere Condolences to Na, Brenda and the entire family. Lovingly Precious Fontaine-Selby 🙏💕*

Precious Fontaine-Selby - January 15 at 09:09 PM

IM

“ Izetta and Ciarra McEachin purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Christine Diane Kellam.



Izetta and Ciarra McEachin - January 15 at 03:59 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Christine Diane Kellam.



January 15 at 01:03 PM

SC

“ Stacey, Corey, and Caron planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christine Diane Kellam.

Stacey, Corey, and Caron - January 15 at 01:03 PM

FM

“ I worked with Diane at Coldwater in Cambridge and she was always the same Diane every day. We would talk, laugh, and joke. Much prayer for her daughter and family. 🙏💜💜💜

Francine Molock-Osborne - January 15 at 12:56 PM

LB

“ We are sorry for your loss dear cousin. We always had the memories on Rehoboth Road playing .

Lisa Ballard - January 15 at 12:05 PM

SS

“ Going to miss to my Diane. Always laughter when you were around. You showed so much love for everyone you met. Going to miss those good collard greens you often made. May you rest in peace and comfort. No more pain and suffering. Love you.

Shenitta Smith - January 15 at 10:13 AM

DP

“ Debbie Purnell lit a candle in memory of Christine Diane Kellam



Debbie Purnell - January 15 at 04:49 AM

ST

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Keia and Brenda and the family. I remember her hard work ethics at ECI even when she wasn't feeling her best. She loved the water and loved fishing and she would go after work. I know this is difficult but she's resting peacefully. May the Lors be your strength in the days to come. 🙏🙏



Shawanda Tilghman - January 15 at 01:07 AM

CF

“ Ciera, Mary and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christine Diane Kellam.



Ciera, Mary and family - January 14 at 08:17 PM

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NJ

“ Sending condolences to the family, she was my classmate and a friend a sweet and kind gentle soul.

Neenie Jones - January 14 at 07:52 PM

BW

“ I love you more than life Sis, miss you so much. Pick up the phone daily to tell you something that only you would understand.💕💕💕

Brenda Whittington - January 14 at 06:16 PM



Very sorry for your loss cuz. Love you. This is BettyAnn daughter

Moneak Manuel - January 14 at 06:34 PM

PW

“ Still seems unreal, i will miss you Aunt Diane.
Love ❤️ you



Pamela Walston - January 14 at 06:06 PM

MH

“ *Michelle Hearne & Tori Merchant Sorry for your loss praying for you and your family Mrs Brenda*



Michelle Hearne - January 14 at 12:56 PM

KK

“ *I love you aunt Diane*



karesha kellam - January 13 at 07:13 PM

LM

“ *Best fishing partner ever! We love you so much! Mike & Lisa*



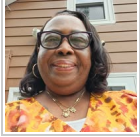
Lisa McGinnis - January 13 at 02:20 PM

JH

“ *Julia Hayward lit a candle in memory of Christine Diane Kellam*



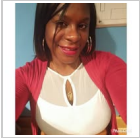
Julia Hayward - January 13 at 01:23 PM



“ MS.KELLAM IT WAS A PLEASURE KNOWING YOU.



Deborah Baines - January 13 at 09:53 AM



“ I love you FOREVER mommy 💔

Kiea Kellam - January 12 at 07:28 PM



“ Deonta Smith lit a candle in memory of Christine Diane Kellam



Deonta Smith - January 11 at 08:27 AM



R.I.P Aunt Diane ❤️❤️

Deonta Smith - January 11 at 08:29 AM



“ Belinda Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Christine Diane Kellam



Belinda Dorsey - January 09 at 06:28 PM



“ *Bertha Ward lit a candle in memory of Christine Diane Kellam*



Bertha Ward - January 09 at 09:24 AM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - January 09 at 08:44 AM



“ *Francine Molock-Osborne lit a candle in memory of Christine Diane Kellam*



Francine Molock-Osborne - January 08 at 07:07 PM



“ *Sylvia Stanley lit a candle in memory of Christine Diane Kellam*



Sylvia Stanley - January 08 at 03:38 PM

SS

Diane and I worked together at Coldwater ,and we discovered we had the same hobby, fishing 🎣 ,we 🎣 fished every where ,she would come over Cambridge ,and I would meet her in Eden ,we went on fishing 🚤 boats together ,I am gonna miss her when fishing season starts ,sleep on my friend ,Diane

Sylvia Stanley - January 08 at 03:43 PM

AJ

Rest my friend I'm going to miss you dearly.

Alfreda James - January 08 at 04:56 PM

DH

Kiea, Brenda, and family. I am so sorry for your loss of a mother and a sister. She was a very special person and you will surely miss her. The memories of happy times that you shared with her will always bring you some comfort. She is now resting in peace awaiting Resurrection Day when I'm sure you will see her again. My condolences to your entire family.

Debbie Heffron

Debbie Heffron - January 14 at 09:36 PM