



Diane Frances Allen Ferrara

February 2, 1940 - May 1, 2024

Diane Frances Allen Ferrara, 84, died peacefully at her Kenner, Louisiana home surrounded by loved ones. Mrs. Ferrara was a Brooklyn, New York native and is preceded in death by her husband Paul Martin Ferrara, her father Francis Allen, her mother, 'Bing' Frances Allen, and granddaughter Kristin Tompson.

Mrs. Ferrara is survived by five daughters, Dona Ferrara Sunseri, (Joseph Sunseri III), Theresa Ferrara Tompson (Jeffrey Tompson), Ann Ferrara Dale (Michael Dale), Suzanne Ferrara Brazda (Scott Brazda), and Jennifer Ferrara Macaluso (Frank Macaluso); thirteen grandchildren, Joseph Sunseri IV, Mary Sunseri, Natalie Sunseri, Jason Tompson (Michelle), Stephen Dale, (Kristina), Paul Dale (Melissa), Grace Dale Fulco (Cody), Marie-Claire Macaluso, Gabriel Macaluso, Corrin Macaluso, Genevieve Macaluso, Sophia Brazda and Nick Brazda; and six great-grandchildren, John Paul Dale, Annalise Dale, Lucy Dale, Joshua Dale, Sadie Fulco, and Ruth Fulco; four siblings, Maureen Allen Holder, Kay Allen Daly, William Allen, and Robert Allen and numerous nieces and nephews.

A devout Irish Catholic, Diane was a graduate of Catherine McAuley High School Brooklyn, New York and immensely enjoyed her family. She'll be best remembered for her extraordinary smile that could light up a room, her great sense of humor and huge heart.

In the 1950s, Mrs. Ferrara joined the team of National Airlines as their first 'brunette' stewardess and was on the airline's last flight out of Cuba after

Castro's coup d'etat. She had a successful retail management career at Saks Fifth Avenue (New Orleans), Gus Mayer (New Orleans), Maison Blanche (Metairie) and the St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store (New Orleans). Once retired, Ferrara coordinated the Food Pantry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Kenner, which provided her with an opportunity to serve those in need, work that filled her with great joy.

The family would like to extend their gratitude for the loving care provided by the nurses and aides of Compassus Hospice.

Family and Friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 1908 Short Street, Kenner, LA, at 12:00 pm. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. A private burial will follow the service.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
1908 Short Street
Kenner, LA 70065

Memorial Mass

MAY 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
1908 Short Street
Kenner, LA 70065

Tribute Wall



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.



May 07, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ Sincerely, Michelle Kiefer Costea planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.

Sincerely, Michelle Kiefer Costea - May 07, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ Loyd & Sharon Hall SIT -HOUSTON purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.



Loyd & Sharon Hall SIT -HOUSTON - May 06, 2024 at 01:10 PM



“ Loyd & Sharon Hall SIT -HOUSTON planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.

Loyd & Sharon Hall SIT -HOUSTON - May 06, 2024 at 01:10 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.



May 06, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ George, Jerry, Margaret, Seth, Pat, Liam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.

George, Jerry, Margaret, Seth, Pat, Liam - May 06, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ Michael and Debbie Pritchard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.

Michael and Debbie Pritchard - May 06, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.



May 06, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.*



May 06, 2024 at 09:33 AM



“ *Kevin , Jeanine Hayes & family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.*



Kevin , Jeanine Hayes & family - May 06, 2024 at 08:36 AM



“ *Richard Neels / Katherine Beard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.*

Richard Neels / Katherine Beard - May 06, 2024 at 08:16 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.*



May 06, 2024 at 08:16 AM

CS

“ Christopher S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.

Christopher S. - May 05, 2024 at 10:24 PM

CW

“ Chad and Jenny Mae Wall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.

Chad and Jenny Mae Wall - May 05, 2024 at 01:47 PM

CW

“ Chad and Jenny Mae Wall purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.



Chad and Jenny Mae Wall - May 05, 2024 at 01:47 PM

LN

“ Love, Greg and Carol Noble planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.

Love, Greg and Carol Noble - May 05, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.



May 05, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ Dona, Kay, Ann, Suzanne and Jennifer,

Our heartfelt condolences to you and your families. We are grateful for the memories of your mom that we have from all the family reunions -- Ferrara and extended family reunions. Will miss this formidable and delightful lady.

Christine and Bob Ewy

Christine and Bob Ewy - May 05, 2024 at 01:58 AM



“ Alexis, James, and Wyatt Donovan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.



Alexis, James, and Wyatt Donovan - May 04, 2024 at 09:49 PM



“ Cherie, Sam and Jordan Ball planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.

Cherie, Sam and Jordan Ball - May 04, 2024 at 09:21 PM

CB

“ Cherie, Sam and Jordan Ball purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.



Cherie, Sam and Jordan Ball - May 04, 2024 at 09:21 PM

TF

“ The Lepre and Prestenback family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.

The Lepre and Prestenback family - May 04, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.



May 04, 2024 at 10:44 AM

CY

“ Jen
You will always have a special place in our heart. 🙏🙏🙏 for you and your family.
Love you always. Jody & Cyndee Vidrine

cyndee - May 03, 2024 at 07:59 PM

SW

“ Dona, Kay, Ann, Suzanne and Jennifer,
I am so very sorry for your loss. I will always remember Aunt Diane as a very pretty, faith filled and strong lady who lovingly cared for her family. She made many sacrifices living a long way from her family! I will always remember her blue eyes and contagious smile. Even though Irish she could really cook Italian cuisine! May she rest in peace with all of Heaven forever! 🙏🏻🕊️🌹🕊️
Sandra Wall

Sandra Wall - May 03, 2024 at 04:36 PM

SH

“ SIT - Hosuton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.

SIT - Hosuton - May 03, 2024 at 04:11 PM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.



May 03, 2024 at 04:11 PM

YN

“ Your brother BOB and NIK purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.



Your brother BOB and NIK - May 03, 2024 at 03:40 PM

EC

“ EOH & SIT and your coworkers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.

EOH & SIT and your coworkers - May 03, 2024 at 03:15 PM

EC

“ EOH & SIT and your coworkers purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.



EOH & SIT and your coworkers - May 03, 2024 at 03:15 PM

KL

“ Kathleen L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diane Frances Allen Ferrara.

Kathleen L. - May 03, 2024 at 03:09 PM