



Diana E. Brown

September 14, 1971 - January 15, 2023

Diana Elizabeth Brown, 51, died peacefully in her home in De Borgia, Montana.

Diana was born and raised in Turlock, California attending Sacred Heart School, Turlock High School and then St. Mary's College in Moraga, California. From a young age it was obvious that Diana's calling would be in education. She spent the last 24 years and half of her life as a teacher. In 1999, she started her career teaching 5th grade at Coleman Brown Elementary in Modesto, CA. In 2001, she returned back to her hometown and began her tenure at Turlock Unified School District. She taught at Dennis Earl elementary for 5 years, and then after obtaining her Masters in Middle Level Education with an emphasis in language arts and history, transferred to Dutcher Middle School in 2006. Diana loved her Dolphins. She spent the most of her years at Dutcher teaching 7th grade to many students, including some of her own family. In 2017, due to illness, Diana missed her first day of school at Roselawn High. She was very excited to begin this new teaching assignment, and after 5 months, she was finally able to return to the classroom. 2 years later, she moved to Dayton, Nevada, continuing to teach and enjoying the great outdoors.

Diana's first love was always horses, as a young girl she dreamed of owning one. Her dreams definitely came true, she owned multiple and eventually ran

her own, "The Manestay" boarding and lessons, in Atwater, CA. Diana was never as happy, as when she was on the ranch, with her Broadway, or Pretty Boy.

Diana's faith was deep, and everlasting. She was an active member of her parish, Sacred Heart in Turlock. SH Youth group is where she found most of her lifetime friends. From 1990-91, she joined and traveled the country with the National Evangelization Team, a catholic youth missionary organization. Diana loved to travel and more so loved to spread the word of God to others. Upon returning home, she began working in Hilmar at Holy Rosary Church, while she continued her education and eventually moved to Moraga to attend St. Mary's College.

Diana's family will forever miss her beautiful smile, but we know she is now resting peacefully in the arms of her Lord.

Diana was preceded in death by her father, Paul S. Brown; her baby brother, Philip Brown; and sister, Debra Faria. She is survived by her mother, Dolores Brown of Turlock; her brothers, Paul E. Brown, Randall Brown (Lisa), Thomas Brown (Lani); her sisters, Jeanette Hatchell (Jason), Christine Louro (Martin), and numerous nieces, nephews and Godchildren.

Recitation of the Rosary will be at Turlock Funeral Home on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7 p.m. with visitation at 6 p.m. Mass will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Turlock on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 11 a.m. with burial to follow at Turlock Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-9111
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Recitation of the Rosary

FEB 6. 7:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
1200 Lyons Ave
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 634-8578

Interment Following Funeral Mass

FEB 7. 12:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Memorial Park
575 N Soderquist Rd
Turlock, CA 95380-3749
(209) 632-9111

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *David and Marla Sousa purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Diana E. Brown.* ”



David and Marla Sousa - February 06, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diana E. Brown.* ”



February 06, 2023 at 12:30 PM

DE

“ *Diana was a beautiful soul. Her love of Jesus and serving God permeated every fiber of her being. I am blessed to have been her friend. I miss her deeply.* ”

Denise - February 06, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Diana E. Brown.* ”



February 03, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of
Diana E. Brown.



February 01, 2023 at 09:40 PM

CG

“ Childhood friends always hold a special place in your heart and in your memories even when your paths take you in different direction. Diana was my friend for the 8 years that I spent at Sacred Heart School. Leslie Fletcher, Irene Garcia, myself and Lynn Casillian (who passed tragically when we were just 17) were the best of friends. Whether it was jump rope in the fall, swinging on the bars in the winter or field day in the spring, the Sacred Heart playground was our stomping grounds. I loved going to Diana's beautiful old house on Broadway, it flowed with creativity and everything she and her family were a part of sparkled in my eyes. They put on the Sacred Heart talent show one year and it was my introduction to local theater, my "Waiting for Guffman" moment. Truth be told I was a little jealous (Diana got to be Marilyn Monroe, I was Charlie Chaplin). These shared childhood experiences shaped who I became and inspired me to live my life that same way... full of spice, flare and sometimes the theatrical, loving art and science. And props, good props are super important! Diana, Lynn and I were always in academic competition to be the top of the class but we were still always friends. I love the innocence we shared back then, I don't know if that is even possible these days. We weren't in a hurry to grow up. Amid all of it, Diana was always a kind and serene soul but not without charm and beauty. She had perfect hair, another thing I secretly envied as mine was always a series of disasters. I also cannot recall her ever being mean or snobby like some girls with equal beauty or smarts. Our paths diverged when we attended different high schools but then converged when my youngest son ended up in her language arts class at Dutcher Middle School. It was nice to reacquaint although not always for the best reasons, particularly when my son had an "F" in her class. She was still kind and understanding. I was happy to know that the Diana I had known as a child was still there. We don't know how or when we will leave this life but being able to do it peacefully, even if earlier than expected, is more of a blessing than bad fortune.

Christine Gemperle - February 01, 2023 at 03:34 PM

LG

Thank you for sharing these beautiful memories of such a beautiful woman. She is sorely missed.

Linda Gillum - February 03, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *Diana E. Brown*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM

LG

“ *You are always and forever my sister in Christ, , my Spirit Alive buddy, my youth group confidant, my singing partner in youth choir, my NET twin, and the one who taught me to embrace and love my inner country music fan. My life is better because you were a part of it.*



Linda Gillum - January 25, 2023 at 12:55 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Diana E. Brown.*



January 24, 2023 at 06:27 PM

JM

“ Diana is my father's cousin, therefore mine too. When I was the tiniest little girl, I could not bring myself to speak to her because I was so starstruck by her! She was so beautiful and was simply the coolest in my eyes. Naturally I grew out of my fear to talk to her, but I never grew out of my admiration for her- especially during my 7th grade year where I was lucky enough to have had her as a teacher (along with Jackie, her niece and my cousin!). Spending every morning with her and Jackie was quite possibly the highlight of my 12 year old year!

Seeing her every week at mass since I was small, at family gatherings up until the time we both left California, and being one of her students, I guess it goes without saying that she made an impact in my life. That little girl who was starstruck just somehow knew- Diana was special. I'm sending all my love to everyone during this time.

Julia Marson - January 23, 2023 at 07:33 PM

LS

“ Diana was one of my best friends at Sacred Heart school when we were young. What a beautiful soul.

Leslie Santos - January 23, 2023 at 08:18 AM

KW

“ I met Diana on NET 1990-1991, it's been over 30 years but I still remember her smile, her grace and her warmth as a sister on NET. She gave my wife and I a chalice for a wedding gift that we still have today. I never had her contact information so please know that she left a mark on me and my wife. I know she is our Lord now and forever and my prayers to her family. ❤️✝️ Kurt Wollschlager

Kurt Wollschlager - January 21, 2023 at 09:51 PM