

The Burial and Committal
of
**Melinda Dianne
Brodman**



16 January 2009
1:30 p.m.
Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
San Antonio, Texas

The Burial
and
Committal of the Dead, Rite I
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Melinda Dianne Hines Brodman
17 January 1961 ~ 26 November 2008

Opening Anthems (All Stand) BCP 469

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Burial of an Adult BCP 470

Old Testament Reading: Mary Eleanor Hines
Isaiah 55:6-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 (Reader and People)

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; from
whence cometh my help? My help cometh even
from the Lord, who hath made heaven and
earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be
moved, and he that keepeth thee will not
sleep. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall



neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is thy keeper; the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand; so that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

New Testament Reading: Laura Hines Wittman
Revelation 7:9-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 23 (Reader and People)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters. He
restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for his Name's sake. Yea,
though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with
me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies; thou annointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely
goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of
Lord forever.



The Gospel: (All Stand)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Thanks be to thee, O Lord.

John 11:21-27

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily: The Rev. Robert E. Creasy

Prayer of Intercession (All Stand) BCP 488

The Committal Anthem: (Celebrant and People)

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies, by his Spirit that dwellest in us. Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope. Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.



The Lord's Prayer (Celebrant and People)

Closing Prayers

BCP 503, 504

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to Dianne, O
Lord.

People: And let light perpetual shine upon
her.

Celebrant: May her soul and the souls of all the
departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

People: Amen.

The Dismissal

BCP 486



Today's celebrant is The Reverend Robert E. Creasy, a retired Episcopal priest. Father Creasy was rector of St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Universal City, Texas, when Dianne and Greg were dating, and he married them in 1983. Then, in 2005 he was called upon to bury Greg after an untimely death. Once again, he has been called upon to bury Dianne, concluding the circle of mortal life for this devoted and beloved couple and reuniting them in eternity.



Melinda Dianne Brodman

Dianne Hines Brodman was born in Madrid, Spain, the first of four children of retired Air Force Col. and Mrs. Walter E. Hines, III. She attended schools in Okinawa, Springfield VA, Belleville IL, Norfolk VA and Montgomery AL, where she was co-drum major of the Jefferson Davis High School band in 1978 and 1979, and participated in the Montgomery Junior Miss competition in 1978. She lived with surrogate parents Nancy and Jim Lucci during her senior year when her parents were re-assigned to Randolph AFB TX. She studied piano under Madeleine Farago in Springfield VA, Sara Ellen McGowin in Montgomery AL and Dini Albidress in San Antonio TX. At the end of her music studies in San Antonio, Dianne joined younger sister Laura in a joint recital which served as the catalyst to winning a piano performance scholarship to the University of Alabama.

She married Air Force 2nd Lt. Gregory N. Brodman on July 2, 1983. They had been married for 22 years at his untimely death in 2005, by then a full colonel. As an Air Force wife, she lived in Fayetteville NC, Ft. Belvoir VA, Schertz TX, Lackland AFB, Homestead FL, Hurlburt Field FL, Sumter SC, Beale AFB CA and Newport News VA. Along the way, she worked in various positions with the Federal Civil Service at many of those locations, receiving such honors as Civilian of the Year and Civilian of the Quarter on multiple occasions.

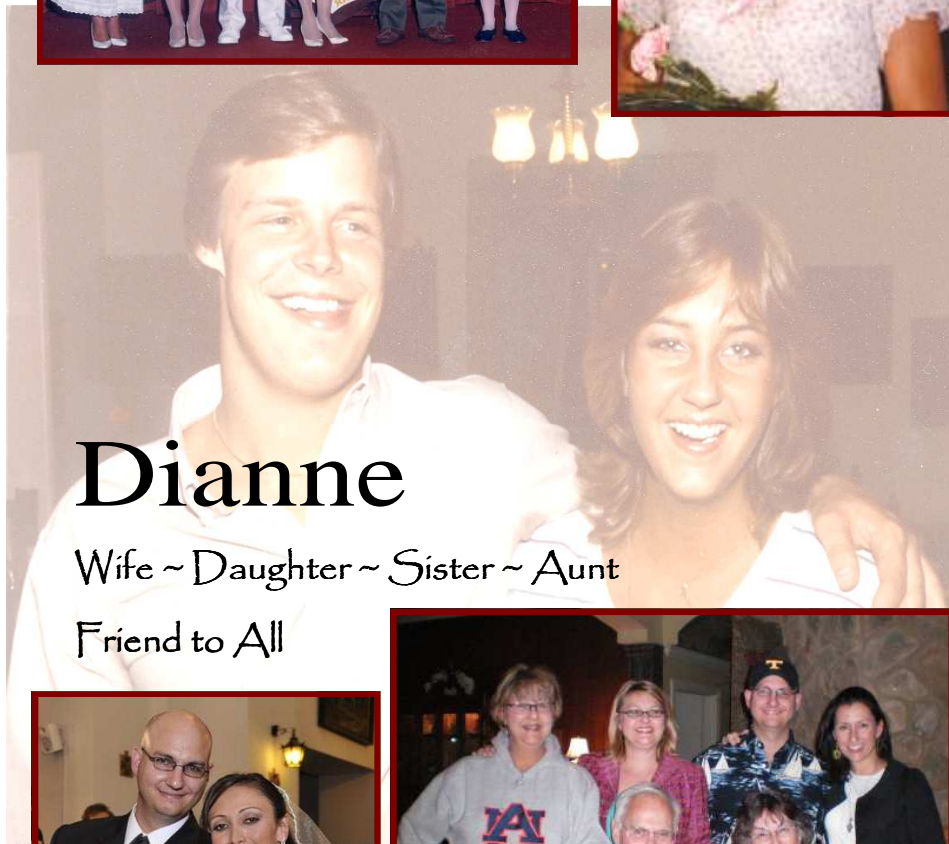
Dianne was active, along with husband Greg, in every community where God planted her, e.g., volunteering in a variety of roles at Special Olympics events, greeting patrons at Spurs' games, and preparing care packages for enlisted airmen and their families. Dianne's compassion and loving service to others made a difference in many of the lives she encountered.

Dianne had just completed her long quest to become a certified Master Gardener and was a member of the Capital City Master Gardener Association. She was a communicant of All Saints' Episcopal Church, where she recently re-affirmed her baptismal vows.



Dianne moved to the Montgomery area from Newport News VA in 2007. She loved her home in Pike Road and shared her generosity of spirit with all whom she met. Dianne was devoted to her family and her friends, new and old, especially those who cultivated her gardening interests. She always looked forward to what each new day would bring. She adored her beloved dogs, Simon and Nellie. To the end, her heart remained forever Greg's.





Dianne

Wife ~ Daughter ~ Sister ~ Aunt

Friend to All



Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery.
Today is a gift, and that is why it is called
The Present.

Anon

To Our Most Treasured Friends,

This event in our lives brings about some of God's most noticeable examples of His grace. Dianne's compassion, generosity, and love are fitting for all of us to emulate. Her devotion to her husband Greg, and loyalty to both families are evidence of Dianne's boundless love.



While Dianne isn't physically accessible, her spirit remains an integral part of all of our lives. She will continue to weave her laughter and glistering smile in the fabric of our daily activities.

Much solace is being brought to our family by your visits, gifts of food and supplies, prayers, and words of comfort. We continue to be reassured by the faith that we have as stated in Isaiah 43:2 — "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you."





We give back to you, O God, those whom you gave to us. You did not lose them in giving them to us, and we do not lose them by their return to you. So death is only a horizon, and a horizon is only the limit of our sight. Open our eyes to see this more clearly, and draw us closer to you that we may know we are then nearer to our loved ones who are with you, the Lord of life and death.

After William Penn, 1644-1718



What a Wonderful World

Thiele and Weiss

I see trees of green, red roses too;
I see them bloom, for me and for you;
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

I see skies of blue, clouds of white,
Bright blessed days, dark sacred nights;
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

The colors of a rainbow so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people going by.
I see friends shaking hands saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying, "I love you."

I hear babies cry. I watch them grow.
They'll learn much more than I'll ever know.
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

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And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.
Yes, I think to myself, what a wonderful world.



The Hines family welcomes you and thanks you for attending this ceremony.



For more information about Dianne and her life, please visit the web site designed by her brother:
<http://www.diannebrodman.com/>



Contributions in memory of Dianne should be sent to the Joanna M. Nicolay Melanoma Foundation, 255 Clifton Blvd, Westminster MD, 21157. This foundation was formed by a cousin in 2004 and sponsors significant research and education on melanoma prevention, detection, care and cure. See <http://www.melanomaresource.org/> for more information.



Man should hear a little music, read a little poetry,
see a fine painting every day of his life
in order that worldly cares may not obliterate
the sense of the beautiful which God has
implanted in every human soul.

Goethe