



## Diania Sue Dunlap

March 17, 1951 - June 6, 2026

Diania Sue Dunlap passed away peacefully on June 6, 2026, at the age of 75, after a long illness. Born on March 17, 1951, to Theodore and Mary Lekas.

Diania grew up in Charleston, WV with her grandmother Kathleen (Kak) Lekas, parents, Ted and Mary, and later her stepfather, Dick Ash. She was preceded by her husband, Louie Dunlap, sister, Denise Brewer, and sister-in-law, Misti Ash.

Diania is survived by her son, Tony Dunlap, and wife Shannon; daughter, Kista Whitney, and her husband Bill; her brothers, Mike (Jackie)Lekas, Scott (Julie) Ash and Mark Ash; her sisters, Annette (Warren) Burns, Cathy (John) Linville, and Sadaria (Doug) Shinault. Her grandchildren, Aaron Dunlap, Cole Whitney and his wife Kenzie, Clay Whitney and his wife Kendal, Madeline Dunlap, and five great grandchildren, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Diania attended St. Albans High School, graduating in 1969, and went on to graduate from the WV State Police Academy. She dedicated her career to law enforcement, serving with distinction as a Corporal with the South Charleston Police Department until her retirement. Known for her eclectic, elaborate collections and unfiltered humor, Diania's warmth and wit endeared her to many, as did her unwavering love for family and friends.

Her family extends profound gratitude to Kanawha Hospice Care, and special thanks to Angie Allawat, RN, and Amber White, Home Health Aide. They also wish to acknowledge Shining Star Personal Care Home in Teays Valley for their exceptional care over the last two years, with heartfelt thanks to Kerri Savilla and her staff, Kim, Rachel, Karen, Sherry, Amber, and Sunshine.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Diania's life service at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 11, 2026 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans with Pastor Craig Gillenwater officiating. Burial will be in Hanna-Neeley Cemetery, Charleston.

Friends may visit with the family from 10 to 11:00 am prior to the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the HospiceCare, In Memory of Diania S. Dunlap, 1606 Kanawha Blvd. W, Charleston, WV 25387

You may visit Diania's tribute page at [bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com](http://bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com) to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Dunlap family.

# Cemetery Details

**Hanna-Neeley Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue  
Saint Albans, WV 25177  
(304) 727-4325

### Funeral Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

YC

“ *Your Wehrle Cousins purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Diania Sue Dunlap.*



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**Your Wehrle Cousins** - June 09 at 08:18 PM

DS

“ *DIA is was a special soul. I enjoyed working beside her on PD. May she RIP. Prayers for her family* 🥀🙏🙏

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**David Smith** - June 09 at 08:00 PM

AS

“ *Gonna miss your stories about you and Pop and the kindness you have always shown me..... rest easy!*

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**Alston Schoolcraft** - June 09 at 09:12 AM

JC

“ *She was my friend and training officer; I have a lot of fond memories of her and a whole lot of stories. She will be missed RIP my friend.*

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**Joseph Compton** - June 09 at 08:43 AM

JD

“ *James, Lisa & Taylor Dorsey purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Diania Sue Dunlap.*



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**James, Lisa & Taylor Dorsey** - June 08 at 06:45 PM

JD

“ James, Lisa & Taylor Dorsey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diania Sue Dunlap.

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**James, Lisa & Taylor Dorsey** - June 08 at 06:45 PM