



Dyann Kruidenier

August 16, 1973 - March 30, 2026

Dyann Kruidenier was born on August 16, 1973, in Des Moines, Iowa and left this world March 30, 2026. She received her bachelor's and advanced degree from Iowa State University while being a young mother to her beloved daughter Maddie.

Helping kids was Dyann's passion, and she spent most of her career as a counselor at Metro West Learning Academy. This was a perfect fit for her as she always rooted for the underdog and could not abide injustice. She was a fierce advocate for anyone who was lucky enough to have her in their corner. She was a loving mother, a devoted daughter, a caring sister and a wonderful friend.

She was always playful; she loved games, music, the water, fishing, and nature. She loved to laugh, and of course, her favorite role was being a mother. She looked forward to big family gatherings and never tired of hearing the same crazy stories over and over. She was a kind, beautiful soul.

Determined, feisty, and deeply loyal. To know her was to love her.

She cared deeply, loved big, and wore her heart on her sleeve. She gave so much of herself to others but struggled to give that same care and compassion to herself, which over time impacted her mental health. In the end she lost herself and her light. We pray she has finally found peace and that her spirit is flying free.

Dyann is survived by her mother Kathi Kruidenier, her daughter Maddie Christensen and husband Nick, her brother Kyle Kruidenier and wife Jenny

and nephews Nate and Ben, her stepfather Rob Valentine (Debbie), and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her much-loved grandparents Walter and Rita Flinn. There will be a private family viewing. A celebration of life will be held August 16, 2026.

Condolences or memorial contributions for Dyann's favorite charities may be made by visiting Dyiamondmemorial.com.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Dyann was a counseling colleague and friend. I always enjoyed seeing her and collaborating with her- she took good care of the kids at Metro. She loved being a mom too- she was so proud of her daughter. Godspeed friend- I hope you find calm and happiness* 🧡

Jill Duffield - April 11 at 05:05 PM

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“ *I am sorry to hear of this loss. Dyann was my middle school guidance counselor and a major staple in my young life. She was the first adult to validate my feelings and it was obvious she truly cared. I'm lucky to have known her. The world is a better place because of her. Sending much peace and love to the family and friends.*

Sarah Nizzi - April 09 at 06:05 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. My heart goes out to Dyann , her family and friends. Rest in peace my friend.* 💕💕

Deb Ewing - April 05 at 10:42 AM

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“ *Sadly, I don't have a history with Dyann because of living so far away all of my adult life, but I do have a long history with her Mom, and because of this history I know Dyann is as described in her obituary. A beautiful soul that was a joy to her family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

DeEtta Hinger - April 05 at 10:41 AM