



Dana Dorrenbacher

February 19, 1955 - February 18, 2025

Dana Dorrenbacher, 69, of Apex, North Carolina, passed into the Savior's care on February 18, 2025 at the end of a two-year battle with cancer.

Dana was born Martha Louise Durkee, the youngest of four children, on February 19, 1955 in Prineville, Oregon. When she was six, her family moved to Portland, where she attended Lynch Elementary School and then graduated from Centennial High School in nearby Gresham, Oregon. In the second grade, she caught the eye of young Chris Dorrenbacher, a classmate of hers throughout school. Two years after high school, Chris and Dana were married and lived for a time in Portland before moving to Troy, ID for 3½ years, and then back to Portland. Chris' employer was acquired by SAS Institute and, in October of 2003, Chris and Martha moved to North Carolina, along with their adult daughter, Rachel. At this time, Martha decided she was ready to ditch the "old lady name" and go by Dana, the name originally planned for her. The family settled in Apex in a house and neighborhood they grew to love. Dana enjoyed gardening with Chris, being active in the Cornerstone Presbyterian congregation, and thrift store shopping, especially at Guardian Angel. And Dana cherished, and was cherished by, her two children and seven grandchildren.

Dana is survived by her husband, Chris, daughter Rachel Steelman (Mark) and her five children, son Evan Dorren and his two children, brother Dale Durkee (Jenette), sisters Daria Durkee and Becki Garner (Ted), along with nieces and nephews. The family encourages donations to cancer research, Alzheimer's research (through <https://www.guardianangelthrift.org/>), and to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Cary, NC.

Tribute Wall

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“ Oh my I just found out that Dana I knew her as Martha also we are friends we went to high school together .If you didn't know dana and Chris and their children growing up ,you missed out on such a true Blessing that lasts a life time.I love you Dana ,Chris and your beautiful family. Vicky Edwards Chase

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