



## Ret. Judge Diane Dal Santo

July 11, 2015

Ret. Judge Diane Dal Santo passed away July 11, 2015 after a courageous battle with a life-long heart condition. Diane was born in Chicago on September 20th, 1949 and moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico at nine months of age. For Diane her family was everything. She is survived by her loving husband, Fred O'Cheskey; her parents, Helen and John Dal Santo; her daughter, Vikky Dehring, husband, Mark; and grandchildren, Bryce and Taylor Dehring. She is also survived by her sisters, Marlene Hubbard her husband, Roger and Paula Dal Santo her husband, Edward Anlian; her brother, John Dal Santo Jr.; her nieces, Arden and Kendall Anlian, and Sara Hubbard; and nephews, E. Quentin Anlian and John Hubbard.

Diane's commitment to the community, her love of people and her high ethical and professional standards were apparent throughout her life.

She graduated from St. Pius High School, the University of New Mexico and University of San Diego Law School. She began her professional career as a juvenile probation officer and moved onto being a planning coordinator/grant writer for the district attorney's office. After law school she was an Assistant District Attorney and Chief Deputy City Attorney. In 1985, she was appointed to Metropolitan Court and later elected Presiding/Chief Judge by her colleagues. In 1989, she was appointed as a District Court Judge and retired in 2000. From 1990 – 1995 she served on the faculty of the National Judicial

College where she taught classes domestically and internationally. Diane was a strong advocate for women's rights, championing education and programs in the understanding and prevention of domestic violence. Diane received many national, state and local community awards during her judicial career, including, the American Bar Association, National Conference of State Trial Judges, Award of Judicial Excellence. She was a co-founder of "Pennies for the Homeless" and on the board of YDI. Diane loved art, history, reading, traveling, socializing and singing. In her healthier years, she was a ballet instructor, an avid scuba diver and loved Pilates.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, July 18, 2015, 10:00 a.m. at the Hotel Andaluz, 125 2nd St. NW Albuquerque, NM. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the Albuquerque Community Foundation and specify for the Pennies for the Homeless, PO Box 25266, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 18. 10:00 AM (MT)

Hotel Andaluz  
125 2nd Street NW  
Albuquerque, NM

# Tribute Wall



“ French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Ret. Judge Diane Dal Santo



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**FRENCH Funerals & Cremations** - July 16, 2015 at 01:16 PM

BR

“ On behalf of the Proscia children, we wanted to express our deepest sympathies for the recent passing of Diane. I have fond memories of her visiting her sister, Paula, at the Techline store. She truly demonstrated the essence of family love. Sincerely - Barbara (Proscia) Roesch

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**Barbara (Proscia) Roesch** - July 22, 2015 at 10:32 AM

RA

“ Diane ... when I think of you, one word immediately comes to mind - spunky! And that's right after courageous, spirited, intelligent, artistic, graceful and always kind. My memories of you go back to Heights Catholic and Brownie Scouts. And then over to St. Pius X where you gave you all as one of super cheerleaders as well as class leader. Regardless of any situation, you always found something nice to say about anyone. Not a mean bone in your body, yet tough when you needed to be. My condolences to your family - especially to Mom and Dad whom I last saw at my Mom's funeral in 2008. They were always so kind to both my parents. Always, Rosemary Alvino-Ditmore!

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**Rosemary Alvino-Ditmore** - July 17, 2015 at 09:23 PM

LM

“ Over twenty years ago a group of Albuquerque women got together informally and called ourselves "The Café Broads" primarily because we met every other month at the Café Broadway to discuss politics, women's rights and anything else that interested us. Today the group still gets together. Diane was one of the Cafe Broads. Some of the other members included Linda Valencia Martinez, Diana Montoya, Scott Alley, Pauline Eisenstadt, Diane Denish, Teresa Chaparro, Loretta Armenta, and Deana Saucedo. Diane was always a treat because she was so savy, smart and funny. She was such a treat to be around. She was a classy women but never pretentious. We were going to have another Café Broads meeting as soon as she was up to it. We are going to truly miss our dear and wonderful friend. God bless you sweet Diane.

*Linda Valencia Martineza*

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**Linda Valencia Martinez** - July 17, 2015 at 07:35 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Ret. Judge Diane Dal Santo.



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July 16, 2015 at 12:28 PM

MR

“ *Diane was literally the first person I worked with at the 2nd Judicial District Attorneys Office. We were assigned to share an office together in 1979. That office held two chairs, one desk, one credenza and had no windows. It was in that setting I first came to know Diane. How lucky was I!*

*Ever elegant and gracious, she possessed an enjoyment for life that was both singular and remarkable.*

*My heart broke when I learned of her passing.*

*But for my attendance at our family reunion, I would be there Saturday. Fred, Paula and Ed, and all of your family, you have my deepest sympathy.*

*Love,*

*Mark Riley*

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**Mark Riley** - July 16, 2015 at 11:20 AM

BL

“ *Diane was a wonderful, loving person. I am grateful that she was a part of my life. My heart and prayers go out to you, Fred, Vikky, Bryce, Taylor, Paula, her parents and the rest of her family and friends. She will be truly missed by all of us.*

*Love, Bobbie*

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**Bobbie Lehman** - July 16, 2015 at 06:57 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am the outreach person for The Compassionate Friends. We are a local group of parents who have lost a child. If the parent(s) of the deceased would like to attend our bi-Monthly meetings, our Facebook pages or receive contact phone numbers please contact me.  
At [jsegura525@aol.com](mailto:jsegura525@aol.com)  
Once again I am so sorry for your loss.  
Joseph Segura

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Joseph Segura & Marc Mirabal - July 15, 2015 at 08:06 PM

JP

“ Stuart and I send our condolences to Fred and the family. Diane was one of a kind, a truly unique woman who was able to chart her own course, in spite of challenges. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Janice Paster

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Janice Paster - July 15, 2015 at 12:29 PM

VF

“ Diane was such a beautiful person - inside and out. Will miss seeing her and Chloe at Joseph's.

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Virginia Ferrara - July 15, 2015 at 11:54 AM

JG

“ Diane,  
  
Don't forget to send us Pennies from Heaven.

Love,  
Joseph

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Julia Garcia - July 15, 2015 at 09:59 AM

AS

“ I enjoyed the years we shared dancing at Krasnoff School of Ballet. Diane will be remember by many for her kindness. May your family find peace and comfort at this time.

*Eve Scolavino*

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**ava shapard** - July 15, 2015 at 07:57 AM

VT

“ Fred their aren't any words that I can say to you about the loss of your precious Diane. It is a shock to learn that she's gone. She was my friend. She was so very down to earth and cared deeply about others. I just lost my best friend from high school and in many ways they were the same. Perhaps that's why I liked Diane so much. Diane was witty, caring,intelligent and was principled. She was loved by many and will be missed by us all. May God bless you and your family and give you strength and peace through this painful time.

*Virginia Trujillo*

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**Virginia Trujillo** - July 15, 2015 at 02:23 AM

CA

“ Dear Fred and family,  
My heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the passing of your beautiful Diane. She was such a talented and committed individual in our community and our state. Diane will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you. My family joins me in sending our deepest sympathy.  
*Clara Apodaca*

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**Clara Apodaca** - July 14, 2015 at 11:12 PM

RS

“ We loved you Diane!!!! You are so missed on the YDI Board of Directors. Now that you have entered the doorway to an eternal home, may you rest in peace. To the family:  
God be with you in your sorrow;  
Through the night and through the day;  
May some blessing come tomorrow;  
That will clear its cloud away.  
God is generous in his giving,  
Give him now the soul that's fled;  
May he bless with strength the living,  
Rest eternally the dead.

*Ramona Sanchez, YDI Board Member*

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**Ramona Sanchez** - July 14, 2015 at 11:03 PM

IV

“ Judge delsanto was one of the finest judges Albuquerque had. She was my favorite and will be sorely missed .albuquerque lost a honest and fair judge. May you rest in peace judge

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**ivansmith** - July 14, 2015 at 07:57 PM

DM

“ Diane you were a awesome lady. Loved to be around you. May you dance with the Angels. Love to you and prayers to your family!!



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**Debbie San Martin** - July 14, 2015 at 07:47 PM

CB

“ I met Diane in the early 1970s when she was a planner for the court system. I was struck by her beauty, intelligence and how she carried her self. She remained a great friend and supporter throughout the years. She always stood for integrity and was always ready to help. She was a pillar of our community and will be greatly missed.

*Chris Baca*

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**chris baca** - July 14, 2015 at 07:21 PM

JG

“ Diane will be sorely missed by many people who enjoyed her dry wit, her common sense, her friendship, and her ability to extend fairness and respect to all. Fred and family, please accept our condolences but also our heartfelt thanks for sharing her with us.

*John and Candace Gillis*

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**John and Candace Gillis** - July 14, 2015 at 03:37 PM

PM

“ So sad to learn of Diane's passing. Diane was TRULY a TRAILBLAZER and TRENDSETTER and an INSPIRATION to Women!!!

*Deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers to ALL who loved her,*

*Patty Eckert Maguire*

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**Patty Maguire** - July 14, 2015 at 12:55 PM

CM

“ I have known Diane and the Dal Santo family since our St Pius days and ballet classes so long ago. I am so sad to read about her passing.

*When my family lived in London, Diane devoted a whole day to spend with me, including attending a poetry recital at my children's school. She was generous in her spirit and an inspiration. I truly enjoyed that special day.*

*I send my deepest sympathy to the family.*

*Love, Cristina Ortega Morris*

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**Cristina Morris** - July 14, 2015 at 11:43 AM

LP

“ I worked at Metro Court for 24 years in Administration and HR. I had the pleasure of working as a fill in for her secretary once. Judge Dal Santo was a beautiful, classy woman and a wonderful judge. She treated everyone with respect and had the gift of being a good listener. So sad to hear of her passing. Her family will be in my prayers.

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**LaDonna McElroy Plew** - July 14, 2015 at 09:59 AM

KG

“ Kristin Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of Ret. Judge Diane Dal Santo



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**Kristin Gutierrez** - July 14, 2015 at 09:42 AM

JO

“ I am deeply saddened at the loss of Judge Dal Santo. Over my career as an Albuquerque Police Officer, her help and support made me feel that my work was appreciated. I have nothing but the highest respect for this fine woman. I hope her family celebrates the wonderful influence she had on them and others. I do....

*Detective Joe Foster  
Albuquerque Police-Retired*

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**JoeFoster** - July 14, 2015 at 08:22 AM

JM

“ Jann Mumford lit a candle in memory of Ret. Judge Diane Dal Santo



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**Jann Mumford** - July 13, 2015 at 06:50 PM

JM

“ These are some of our favorite pictures of Diane from our travels together.

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**Jann Mumford** - July 13, 2015 at 06:43 PM

HH

“ On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.

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**Harold Hamilton** - July 13, 2015 at 03:45 PM