

Diane L. Jonardi

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Diane Lawrence Jonardi, born in Hartford, CT, to Albert and Selma Lawrence, raised in Windsor, CT, passed away from complications due to **Alzheimer's** on February 3, 2018 in Winter Springs, FL. She was 85 years old. Diane and her father were survivors of the Great Hartford Circus Fire of 1944. She attended Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, two years at Connecticut College, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Oberlin College with a degree in mathematics although her lifelong love was acting. She worked for Connecticut General in Hartford, then Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, PA, where she was introduced to future husband, Raymond "Jeff" Jonardi, by his sister Lidia Jonardi Ludwig. Ray and Diane were married in 1957 and resided in South Park, PA until 2013 when they moved to **Maitland**, FL. Diane achieved recognition in Pittsburgh as an actress at various local Pittsburgh Theaters and also appeared in several commercials, industrial films, and four movies. Diane was a Notre Dame fan (Ray played football for Notre Dame). Diane is survived by her husband of 60 years, Ray, daughter Dale and husband Mark Burns, son Andrew and wife Lara, grandson, James Jeffrey Burns and his wife Chelsea, granddaughter Caryn Diane Burns and her fiancé, David Smiley, cousin Shirley Martin Dudley, sister-in-law, Valia Keller, brother-in-law Enzo Jonardi, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please make a donation to either the Alzheimer's Association or Alzheimer's Disease Research. A celebration of life will take place on February 24, 2018 at 4:00PM at DeGusipe Funeral Home, 9001 N. Orlando Ave, Maitland, FL 32751.

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