



## Diane Gold Koenig

March 23, 2022

Diane Gold Koenig, a founding faculty member of Columbia-Greene Community College, passed away early Wednesday morning, March 23, 2022 with her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Julie Koenig, by her side. She was 81.

Diane was a native Hudsonian through and through. She was born in Columbia Memorial Hospital, graduated from Hudson High School, and returned to Hudson after college at the University of Rochester and receiving her Masters in Education at Columbia University. In 1967, she began her 35-year career as an English professor when Columbia Greene first opened its doors. First and foremost, Diane considered herself a teacher, not of English, as she would say, “but of students who happened to be taking English.” She received numerous awards for her teaching skills, including the prestigious SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. In addition, she served for many years as Chairperson of the Arts and Humanities Department, and led the opening of the College’s Arts and Science Building. An illness forced her to prematurely retire in 2002, after which she was granted Professor Emeritus status and continued to proudly lead the faculty procession at graduation until Covid hit.

Other than teaching, the love of Diane’s life was her family. Her husband Edmund, a beloved teacher and later vice principal at Hudson High school,

sadly passed away in 1971. With determination, strength and toughness, Diane raised her then three-year old son, Michael, on her own. Her family life took on renewed meaning when Michael married Julie, and even more so with her three grandchildren, Emily (22), Sam (20) and Callie (16). Anyone who ran into Diane over the past 20+ years would know all about her grandchildren, including activities, grades, and pictures. She loved her grandchildren in ways words cannot describe, and the feeling was mutual. Diane was the daughter of the late Toby and Irving Gold, and was particularly close with her sister and brother-in-law, Carole-Beth and Lewis Goldberg, and her nephews, Eric and Jeffrey Goldberg.

Diane was active in many community organizations, including Congregation Anshe Emeth, where she served on the Board for a period of time; Sisterhood, including on its Board and as a past president; Hadassah; the American Cancer Society; and the Hudson Area Library Association. Diane loved baseball (including the old Brooklyn Dodgers, Reggie Jackson, and Shea Stadium) and tennis (including Jimmy Connors, Chris Evert, and the US Open). Her favorite hobbies were reading, reading, and reading, and she loved watching NCIS and classic movies on television.

After mom's illness in 2002, she moved into the Massry Residence in Albany. She hated leaving "her Hudson," but with the care and help of an outstanding Administration and staff, she made the Massry her home for almost 20 years. A special thanks to those incredibly dedicated and compassionate people.

Diane lived her life by the words on the necklace she wore every day: "Live, Love, Laugh." She also proved her favorite poet, William Faulkner, correct when he said in his Nobel Prize acceptance speech that "Mankind will not merely endure, it will prevail." When faced with challenges at points in her life, Diane did not merely endure, but she prevailed.

Funeral services will be held at Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home , 110 Green St. Hudson, NY 12534 on Friday, March 25th at 11:00, followed by internment at Cedar Park Cemetery, 20 Columbia Turnpike, Hudson, NY 12534. The family will be observing the traditional Jewish Shiva period, with family and friends welcome, on Friday following the internment, and Saturday and Sunday between 5:30 and 8:30 at the home of Michael and Julie Koenig, 4 Joshua Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Daughters of Sarah Jewish Foundation at [www.daughterofsarah.org/donate](http://www.daughterofsarah.org/donate), or the Columbia-Greene Community College Foundation by visiting [www.sunycgcc.edu](http://www.sunycgcc.edu)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler  
110 Green Street  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-3371  
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

# Tribute Wall

MI

“ RIP. GOD BLESS YOUR SOUL

MICHAEL - October 02, 2025 at 10:21 PM

RM

“ I was the Religious Coordinator at Daughters of Sarah Senior Community until my retirement last spring. Getting to know Diane was a real honor and a pleasure. We went through good times and bad times - her loss of her special friend being one of the latter. It was painful to see her decline in the past year or so. I'd see her volunteering in the Nursing Center gift shop and we'd talk about current events and books. I once took her out to Peaches for a book discussion with a friend of mine. Both of them were looking for someone to talk about "The Book Thief," and we had a lovely evening! She was always sharp and witty; frequently saying things that would leave me thinking and chuckling. May your memories of this remarkable woman bring you comfort.

Rabbi Beverly W. Magidson - March 27, 2022 at 04:34 PM

NW

“ I had the privilege of learning from Diane's teaching in college. She was a great teacher that brought enthusiasm to the class which resulted in good subject engagement. I recall breaking down the lyrics to the Paul Simon song "Sound of Silence" and having many other discussions like it.

Mike and family, I hope you are comforted as friends and the community remember your mom. May you be lifted up by the collective thoughts and prayers. Peace to you.

Warm regards,  
Nate Winch

Nathan Winch - March 24, 2022 at 09:14 PM

JS

“ Joseph Sandagato lit a candle in memory of Diane Gold Koenig



Joseph Sandagato - March 23, 2022 at 06:53 PM

TB

Mike and Julie ,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you  
Steve and Mary Bjork

The Bjorks - April 03, 2022 at 11:39 AM

TB

“ Diane taught me that i didn't know as much as I thought I did, and that I knew more than I thought I did. She also taught me proper comma usage. I've missed her since she retired from C-GCC, and I'll especially miss her now.

Condolences to Michael and family for the tremendous loss of a wonderful person.

Terri Bellanger - March 23, 2022 at 05:40 PM

MB

Our sincere condolences to Diane's family. We have many fond memories of Diane from the Clover Reach Days and later when we were both in the teaching profession. Ed was my partner in crime at Hudson High when he taught Latin and I French and Spanish. She and I managed to see each other, from time to time, after her retirement but not since we moved south. Diane was a super friendly human being with a wonderful outlook on life through all her trials and tribulation! Rest in Peace my friend.

Mary & Phil Bartolotta - March 24, 2022 at 04:55 PM

BS

*My sincere condolences to you Mike and Julie. I met your mom in first grade at Sixth Street School and so knew her for many years. She was Dinny to us! Although we didn't stay connected, she always attended our Hudson High reunions and it was always great fun to see her and hear all about her family. I had the pleasure of knowing your dad when I worked at Hudson High as well and your mom and dad were a match made in heaven. Her wonderful sense of humor sustained her through thick and thin. She was a wonderful person. You were blessed.*

*Barbara (Call) Supplee*

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**Barbara Call Supplee** - March 25, 2022 at 09:46 AM