

Diana Christine Schlesinger was born in Los Angeles, CA on August 8, 1945, She passed away on December 5, 2023, after a diagnosis of inoperable brain cancer.

Diana's early years were spent in Santa Monica, CA. In 1953 the family moved into a new tract home in Sherman Oaks, CA, located in the rapidly growing San Fernando Valley. Diana was part of the first graduating class from Robert A. Millikan Junior High School and then attended Our Lady of Corvallis High School. During her college years at California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly), Diana developed her lifelong love of reading, travel, and adventure, earning a bachelor's degree in English, despite skipping classes to spend afternoons at Avila and Pismo Beaches.

After college, Diana worked at various jobs as a receptionist at Hooven Letter Company (her father's mail advertising company) and even a short stint as a Change Girl at the casinos in Lake Tahoe.

Diana became a Stewardess for American Airlines and flew from 1968 to 1969, later serving for 24 years as President of the OC/LB chapter of The Kiwi Club.

After flying, Diana settled into a career as Personal Manager for several companies, including the regional offices of Kemper Insurance, Heron Optical and Bausch & Lomb, during which time she met her soul mate and the love of her life, Donald (Don) Schlesinger. Don was a successful Equities Marketing Manager and Financial Advisor. Diana and Don married in 1980 and enjoyed 37 years of charmed life together, living in Laguna Niguel surrounded by terrific neighbors and friends.

During their years together, Diana and Don not only started Schlesinger Financial Services, assisting several hundred clients with financial security, but also were able to indulge in their love of travel, visiting close to 100 countries and 5 continents. Diana was the travel planner and always kept Don on schedule all while never using a mobile phone.

Sadly, Don passed in 2017, with Diana at his side, and forever after she wore Don's wedding ring on a chain around her neck. Diana made and kept many friends throughout her life. She was a volunteer at the Discovery Shop, supporting the American Cancer Society, and through her love of gardens and nature, Diana and Don supported the El Niguel Botanical Preserve, where Diana served as Treasurer for many years.

Everyone who had the opportunity to know Diana will miss her, especially her adored cat, Swagger. Diana impacted many lives and was admired for her beauty, kindness, intelligence, worldliness, generosity, strength, and optimism.

Donations in Diana's memory may be made to Saddleback Medical Center Foundation (Laguna Niguel), or to the Niguel Botanical Preserve (Laguna Niguel.)