



Celebrating the Life of Diane Marie Cox Nelson

August 19, 1947 - September 9, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Pastor Amy Janssen

PRAYER

SONG

"Here I Am, Lord"

#574

PSALM 23 (read in unison)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff – they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SCRIPTURES

1 John 4:16-19
Matthew 5:14-16

Dale Schlak
Pastor Amy

MESSAGE

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SONG

"Amazing Grace"
Pati Giffney, soloist

(Traditional)

SHARING MEMORIES

PRAYERS

*Each petition ends with the words, "Lord, in your mercy,"
You are invited to respond, "Hear our prayer."*

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

SONG

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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BLESSING

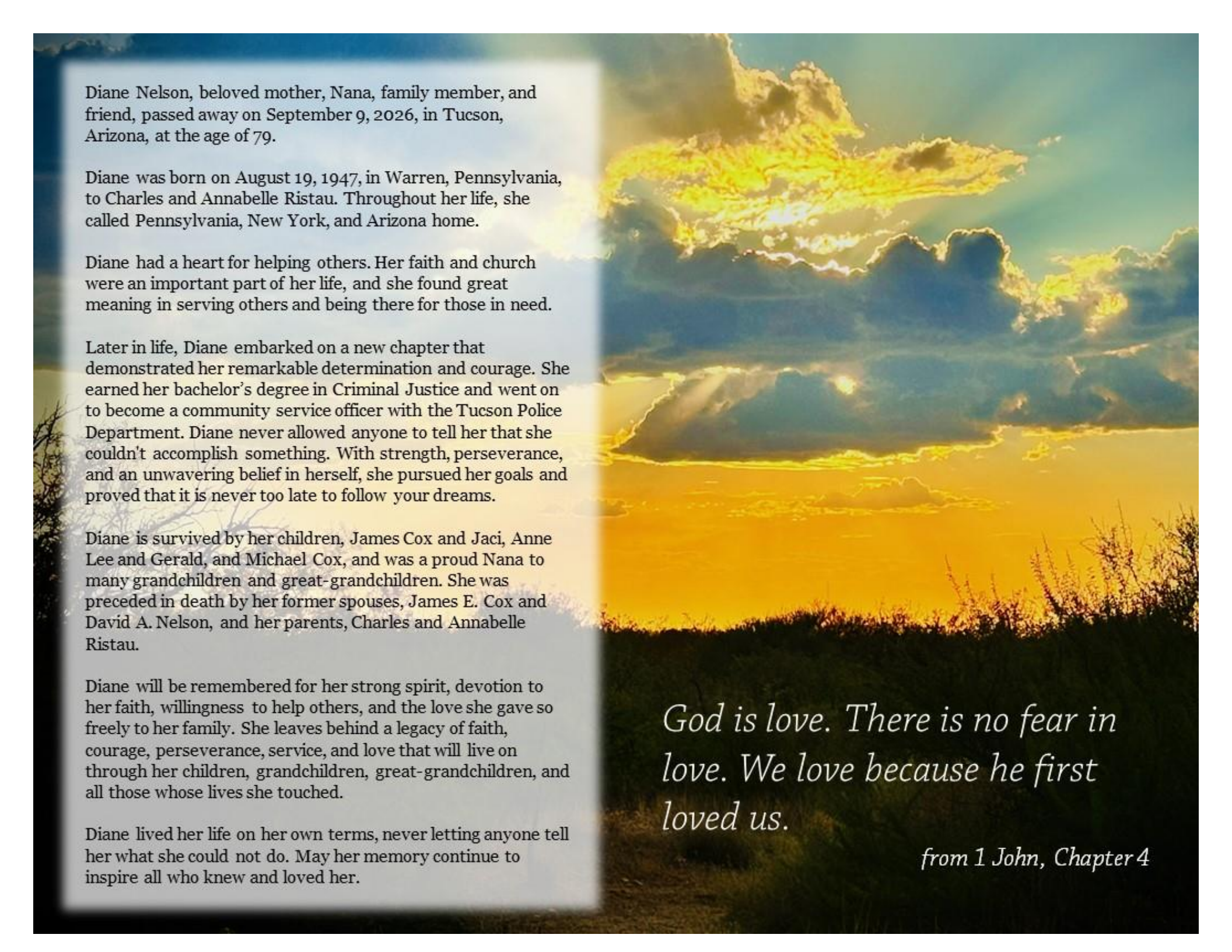
POSTLUDE

All are invited to Linder Fellowship Hall for
a light reception and to continue sharing memories.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Diane may be made to
the Tanque Verde Lutheran Church memorial fund at tvlc.org.



Pastor Amy Janssen, officiating
Lars Andersen, pianist
11:00am, Saturday, September 19, 2026
Tanque Verde Lutheran Church
8625 E. Tanque Verde Road, Tucson, AZ 85749
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Diane Nelson, beloved mother, Nana, family member, and friend, passed away on September 9, 2026, in Tucson, Arizona, at the age of 79.

Diane was born on August 19, 1947, in Warren, Pennsylvania, to Charles and Annabelle Ristau. Throughout her life, she called Pennsylvania, New York, and Arizona home.

Diane had a heart for helping others. Her faith and church were an important part of her life, and she found great meaning in serving others and being there for those in need.

Later in life, Diane embarked on a new chapter that demonstrated her remarkable determination and courage. She earned her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and went on to become a community service officer with the Tucson Police Department. Diane never allowed anyone to tell her that she couldn't accomplish something. With strength, perseverance, and an unwavering belief in herself, she pursued her goals and proved that it is never too late to follow your dreams.

Diane is survived by her children, James Cox and Jaci, Anne Lee and Gerald, and Michael Cox, and was a proud Nana to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her former spouses, James E. Cox and David A. Nelson, and her parents, Charles and Annabelle Ristau.

Diane will be remembered for her strong spirit, devotion to her faith, willingness to help others, and the love she gave so freely to her family. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, courage, perseverance, service, and love that will live on through her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all those whose lives she touched.

Diane lived her life on her own terms, never letting anyone tell her what she could not do. May her memory continue to inspire all who knew and loved her.

God is love. There is no fear in love. We love because he first loved us.

from 1 John, Chapter 4