

Diane Dale (Thompson) Pedersen, 72, of Detroit Lakes passed away on Monday, January 25, 2021 at Essentia Health - St. Mary's in Detroit Lakes, MN.

Diane Dale Thompson was born on October 14, 1948 in Crookston, MN to Elmer and Thelma (Dale) Thompson. She went to school and graduated from Climax High School as part of the class of 1966. Diane then went to further her education earning her bachelor's degree in teaching from Moorhead State in 1970. She earned her master's degree in education from Minot State in the mid 1990's.

Diane met the love of her life and best friend Clyde Owen Pedersen and married on August 30, 1975. Diane put her heart and soul into teaching; she taught first grade/ migrant school in Crookston, MN; then moving to Finley, ND, in 1982 where she taught first grade; she also taught basic skills, music, and kindergarten in Finley-Sharon, ND; and she stayed in the school system until her retirement in 2014. Diane loved teaching music and leading music programs; as well as leading Memorial Day services in both Finley and Sharon. She was known as being fair and non-judgmental towards the children she taught, always gave them the benefit of the doubt and was inclusive to everyone. This was not only in her teaching life but also her daily life.

Deeply loved Diane's passing will be mourned by her husband of 45 years Clyde Pedersen of Detroit Lakes, MN; her children Tina Molacek of Detroit Lakes, MN and Tyler Pedersen Detroit Lakes, MN; granddaughter Sadie Diane Molacek of Lake Park, MN; uncles Glen (Lois) Thompson and Arvid (Joy) Thompson; aunt Muriel (Skip) Baukel; numerous cousins and extended family; and her "adopted" sister Sherry Loen-Bakke and her family.



I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing

I'd like to build a world a home
And furnish it with love
Grow apple trees and honey bees
And snow white turtle doves

I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony
I'd like to hold it in my arms
And keep it company

I'd like to see the world for once
All standing hand in hand
And hear them echo through the hills
For peace throughout the land

That's a song I hear
Sing it along
Let the world sing today
Over and over

I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony
La, la, la, la
To, do, do, do, do, do
La, la, la

I'd like to build a world a home
And furnish it with love
Grow apple trees and honey bees
And snow white turtle doves
(That's a song I hear)

I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony
And I'd like to hold it in my arms
And keep it company
(That's the song I hear)

I'd like to see the world for once
All standing hand in hand
And hear them echo through the hills
For peace throughout the land
(That's the song I hear)

I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony (Sing it all over)
I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony
La, la, la, la
To, do, do, do, do, do
La, la, la
I'd like to teach the world to sing

In Loving Memory of

Diane Dale Pedersen

October 14, 1948 ~ January 25, 2021



Funeral Service

Friday, January 29, 2021 - 10:00 AM
David-Donohewer Funeral Home
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Special Music

"Blessed is the Spot"
"Love Can Build A Bridge"
"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
"I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing"
"Prayer for the Departed"

Pallbearers

Duane Bakke, Sherry Loen-Bakke, Danielle Bakke,
Tom Jenkins, Tyler Pedersen, John Horton

Interment

Birgit Cemetery
Climax, Minnesota