

When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not there to see,  
If the *sun should rise* and find your eyes all  
filled with tears for me.  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today.  
While I'm thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me,  
**as much as I love you,**  
and each time you think of me I know you'll miss me too.  
But when tomorrow starts without me please try to understand,  
that an *Angel* came and called my name  
and took me by the hand.  
She said my place was ready in heaven far above,  
and that I'd have to leave behind  
all those **I DEARLY LOVE.**  
But as I turned and walked away, a tear fell from my eye,  
for all my life I always thought I didn't want to die.  
I had so much to live for, I had so much to do.  
It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.  
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,  
I thought of all the love we shared and all the *fun* we had.  
If I could re-live yesterday,  
I thought just for a while,  
I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.  
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your **HEART.**



*Celebrating the Life of*  
**Debra J. Ijiana**  
*April 14, 1960 - March 16, 2023*

Debra J. Iljana, 62, of Moorhead, MN, passed away Thursday, March 16, 2023, in Sanford Health West Campus, Fargo, ND.

Debra Jean Iljana was born April 14, 1960, the daughter of Elmer Iljana and Dorothy Schaff in Fargo, ND. She was raised in Fargo and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School. After high school, she attended Concordia College in Moorhead where she received a degree in Respiratory Therapy. For a number of years, she worked as a Respiratory Therapist in several states.

While living in Ohio, Debra met the love of her life, Arnie Thron, and they were married in 1994, settling in Fargo. She then attended Moorhead Technical College and received a degree in Dental Hygiene. Debra and Arnie then moved to West Fargo, ND, before moving to Minneapolis. She moved back to Moorhead in 2013.

Debra enjoyed music, flea marketing, rummage sales, reading, and traveling. She also enjoyed spending time at the lakes.

She is survived by her sons, Justin (Lisa Bauers) Iljana, West Fargo, and Shane Iljana, Moorhead; granddaughters, Jazmyne and Taina Iljana; mother, Dorothy Schaff, Moorhead; sister, Terry Nassiff, Moorhead; and many nieces and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her son, Noah; and great-grandmother, Hilma Sauvageau.

In Loving Memory Of  
*Debra Jean Iljana*

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***Debra's Funeral Service***

Friday, March 31, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM  
Korsmo Funeral and Cremation Service  
Moorhead, Minnesota

***Officiating***

Pastor Jeff Seaver

***Special Music***

*On The Wings of a Snow White Dove* - Ferlin Husky  
*Landslide* - Fleetwood Mac  
*Remember When* - Alan Jackson  
*Temporary Home* - Carrie Underwood  
*When We Were Young* - Passenger

***Interment***

Helendale Lutheran Cemetery  
Rural Leonard, North Dakota



*The family of Debra J. Iljana thanks you for your presence here today and for your many acts of kindness. Following her Funeral Service please join the family for a time of lunch and fellowship.*

