

DiAnn Elizabeth (Carlson) Bakke was born on August 12, 1944, in Alexandria to Elmer and Ida (Peterson) Carlson. She graduated the class of 1962 from Jefferson High School in Alexandria, MN. After high school she went to the cities and worked with an insurance company for a short time before returning back to Alexandria.

DiAnn was united in marriage to Allen Bakke on June 27, 1964, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria. The couple was blessed with 3 children, Jodi, Scott and Chris. DiAnn provided daycare for about 10 years out of her home when her kids were young. In 1988, DiAnn and Allen bought the Answering Service from Bill and Marlene Collins and have operated Anytime Answering Service out of their home for 30 years. At their peak, they were answering the phone 24 hours a day 365 days a year for 35 businesses across our region.

DiAnn loved children and helped raise a lot of her nieces and nephews. She enjoyed crafts and sewing, especially making Halloween costumes for the kids. DiAnn was known for spoiling her grandchildren and showing them the love she had for them. She also loved for family, friends and customers to come and go at their house no matter what the time. DiAnn's favorite place was spending time with her family and friends at their cabin in Nimrod.

DiAnn died on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at the Douglas County Hospital at the age of 73. She is survived by her husband, Allen Bakke; daughter, Jodi (Brad) Holmquist of Alexandria; son, Chris (Dustie) Bakke of Menahga; daughter-in-law, Shelly Bakke of Hugo; grandchildren, Tyler Holmquist, Travis Holmquist, Brie Lynn Bakke, Grace DiAnn Bakke and Fynn Bakke; great-grandchildren, Calvin and Colt Holmquist; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. DiAnn is preceded in death by her son, Scott Bakke in 2017; parents, Elmer and Ida; sister, Judy Carlson Wilken; Delores Johnson, and Phyllis Jensen; and brothers, Eugene Swanson and Robert Swanson.

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.*

He knew that you were suffering.

He knew you were in pain.

*He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

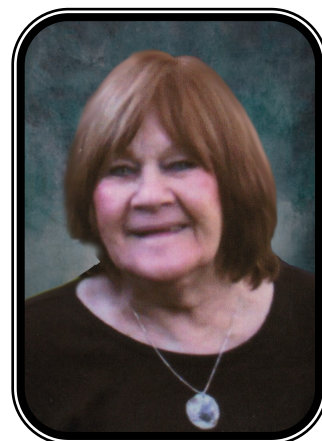
In Memory of **DiAnn E. Bakke**

August 12, 1944



February 17, 2018

Memorial Service
Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota
Sat, February 24, 2018
1:00 PM



Officiant

Reverend Carol Olson

Music

by Alan Jackson ~ Precious Memories CD
Blessed Assurance
Softly And Tenderly
How Great Thou Art
I'll Fly Away

Honorary Urn Bearers

(DiAnn's Grandchildren)

Tyler Holmquist Travis Holmquist
Brie Lynn Bakke Grace Bakke

Fynn Bakke

(DiAnn's Great-Grandchildren)

Calvin Holmquist Colt Holmquist