

Lola Marie Anderson, 80, died on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND from critical injuries sustained in a car accident on Monday, June 28.

Born in Alexandria, MN on May 27, 1941 to Carl W & Anna Anderson, she never lived more than a mile from Echo Lake on which she was raised. She attended grade school in Holmes City and was a member of the first class that graduated from the “new” Jefferson Senior High School in 1959.

Lola was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She was active church member, teaching Sunday school, singing the choir, participating in WELCA, Bible studies and Prayer Shawl Ministry along with holding numerous positions on different committees.

On October 14, 1961, Lola Anderson married David Anderson which made it unnecessary to change her last name. Together they purchased a farm on the east side of Lake Rachel that same year and looked forward to celebrating 60 years together on the farm this coming October.

As a farm wife, her top priority was caring for her family. She always had a large garden and plenty of flowers to care for. Each summer, she canned hundreds of quarts of fruit sauce, pickles and tomatoes along with freezing bags of corn, other vegetables and berries. She excelled at both cooking and baking. When the farm evolved from just beef cattle into a large hog operation, she spent many hours working in the farrowing barn. Even with the busyness of farm life, there was time to enjoy fishing, watching the kids swim or gathering with friends for picnics on shore of Lake Rachel.

Being an active part of her community was important. She served as an adult 4-H leader, was part of the Rose Hill-Trinity Cemetery Association, served thousands of pork chops as a member of the Douglas County Pork Producers and helped plan the 2008 Holmes City Sesquicentennial.

On December 26, 2004, Lola received the Gift of Life when blessed with a Kidney transplant due to polycystic kidney disease. She became an advocate for donation thru Life Source participating in events, speaking publically regarding donation and having a booth at the Douglas County Fair.

Celebrations, whether it be birthdays, anniversaries, holidays or any other reason the gather with family and friends were planned and executed with ease. From decorations to delicious food, she enjoyed planning every detail. We look forward to celebrating with her once again when we too reach our heavenly home.

Lola was preceded in death by her parents, sister Renee and an infant sister, Lorayne.

She is survived by her husband, Dave Anderson of Farwell, daughter, Darla (Jim) Engstrom; son, Daren (Dana) Anderson; grandchildren, Kaylee Anderson and Sawyer Anderson all of Alexandria.

Remembering the Life of



Lola M. Anderson

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Looking down on his planned paradise, God said “If Dave’s going to farm he needs a partner”.

God said, “I need a woman willing to get up before dawn, feed this farmer and their kids, work all day cooking, cleaning, gardening, canning and have supper ready by 6:00”.

“I need a woman strong enough to keep up with this farmer yet gentle enough to cuddle a newborn piglet or kitten. A woman able to run for parts, chase cattle during the night, deliver meals to the field and tell him “I love you and the life we’ve built’ – and mean it”.

God said, “I need a woman to sit up all night with their newborn babies. Clean and bandage their scrapes and bruises. To worry about their active children as they grow up on a farm. To make sure they attend Sunday School and Church. To share about their accomplishments and the choice in spouses. And then do it all over again when grandchildren arrive”.

“I need a woman strong enough to shovel silage, lift a feeder pig and unhook a wagon. Caring enough to be active in the church and local community. Loving enough to make birthdays and holiday celebrations, events to remember. And willing enough to drop everything at a moment’s notice, to help all family and friends.

So God made Lola

And when these tasks had been fulfilled, God took her hand saying. “I need only one more thing, return to me”.

God said “Come.”

In Loving Memory of

Lola Marie Anderson

May 27, 1941 † July 1, 2021

Memorial Service

First Lutheran Church
Alexandria, Minnesota

Thursday, July 8, 2021, 1:00 PM

Officiant

Pastor Kari van Wakeren

Pianist

Randy Morken

Soloist

Paula Odland

Honorary Pallbearers

Kaylee Anderson
Sawyer Anderson

Inurnment

Van Loon Cemetery
Holmes City Township, Minnesota

