

*When I Looked At You, Mother...*

*I saw a remarkable woman,  
with a kind and caring heart,  
who was beautiful in every sense of the word.*

*I saw a smile that lit up the room  
and laughter that was truly contagious.*

*I saw a strength and wisdom,  
beyond anything I had ever known.*

*I saw Love ~*

*pure and true, compassion and thoughtfulness.*

*I saw a woman who walked through this world  
with gentleness and grace.*

*I admired you for all that you were  
and all that you did.*

*You were everything wonderful in this world,  
and if I had just one more wish it would be,  
that you could see what I saw,  
when I looked at you.*



*In Loving Memory*

*Diane J. Stegman*

*September 25, 1934 ~ May 9, 2024*





Diane I. Stegman was born September 25, 1934 in Walhalla ND to Lawrence and Ivy (Davidson) Patterson. She grew up in Walhalla and graduated from Walhalla High School. After attending Jamestown College, she went to work at Boeing in Seattle, WA.

On November 12, 1954, she married Melvin Stegman at the Presbyterian Church in Walhalla ND. They made their home on the family farm near Neche, ND where they raised their three children.

Diane's faith and love for Jesus was so strong and important to her, she committed her life to being a faithful servant to Jesus, sharing her gifts and sharing them graciously. She was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Neche, where she shared her love and talent for music. Diane was the church organist/pianist and also sang in the choir for many years. She served and gave to her community in any way she could whether it was volunteering on the Quick Response, NEDCO, and Neche Housing, or acting in the Community Passion Play and accompanying high school musical groups for music competitions. Diane enjoyed participating in: WELCA, Red Hats, birthday club, & Bible study. Some of her favorite times were traveling with her husband and her trips with her sisters, grandchildren, and friends. She shared her gift for business when she and her sister Lou Ann Karel opened the Specialty Shop a women's clothing / gift store in Walhalla.

Diane had unconditional love and commitment to her family. Family was everything to her. Whether it was driving a beet truck, sitting with family at end of life, caring for her grandchildren on a whim's notice, taking her grandchildren on trips, taking her great grandchildren to the park and sliding down slides with them, cooking countless meals, and most of all always being there with endless prayers.

Diane is survived by her children: Doug (Janet) Stegman of Cavalier, Greg (Marla) Stegman of Neche, and Julie (Brian) Hardy of Walhalla; grandchildren: Brian (Tanya) Stegman, Ian (Hannah) Stegman, Samantha (Nate) Simley, Nicole Safranski, Travis (Holly) Stegman, Dustin (Karmen) Hardy; great grandchildren: Sidney and Riley Stegman, Jaylynn and Liam Stegman, Raegan, Reese and Reggie Safranski, Drake and LaVelle Stegman, Wyatt Simley; sister: Patricia Heidmann, Mesa, Arizona. Brother-in-law, Jack Karel, Walhalla, Sisters-in-law: Janice Large, Mahanomen, MN, & Lois Otto, Hatton, ND.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents, husband Melvin Stegman, daughter-in-law Denae Stegman, sisters: LouAnn Karel and Betty Johnson, sister-in-law Eileen Winkler, brothers in law: Fred Heidmann, Bert Johnson, George Winkler, Jim Otto, & Bruce Large.

Diane I. Stegman, 89, of Neche, North Dakota, passed away Thursday, May 9, 2024 at the Pembilier Nursing Center in Walhalla.

## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

*Wednesday, May 15, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.*

*United Lutheran Church*

*Cavalier, North Dakota*

### **CLERGY**

*Rev. Beth Peterson*

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"*

*"Turn Your Eyes" "What He's Done"*

*"Psalm 23 I'm Not Alone"*

*John Dungan, Laura Ermer, Keith Hartz & Nicole Safranski, Vocalists*

*Suzanne Ashpole, Accompanist*

### **CASKET BEARERS**

*Dustin Hardy Nicole Safranski Samantha Simley*

*Brian Stegman Ian Stegman Travis Stegman*

### **INTERMENT**

*Christ Lutheran Cemetery*

*Neche, North Dakota*