

# *Diane Faye Carlson*

Diane Faye Hinrichs was born December 5, 1946, in Hankinson, ND, to Bernard and Bette (Meyer) Hinrichs. She grew up on the family farm north of Lidgerwood, ND. She was baptized and confirmed at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Lidgerwood and achieved her High School diploma at Lidgerwood High.

After graduation she moved to Minneapolis and worked in the Sears Warehouse. She met her future husband, Herbert Carlson, through a mutual friend in Atwater, MN. On February 27, 1965, they were united in marriage at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Lidgerwood. They made their family home in Wahpeton, ND, where they raised their two children. Diane was a homemaker and full-time mom while her children were young. She then worked at Wahpeton Canvas and Primewood for many years where her employer raved about her work ethic.

Diane had a kind, gentle manner. Her kids, grandkids, and great grandkids were the joy of her life and she loved, supported, and cared for each of them unconditionally. She had a particularly strong bond with her mother and the two had near daily contact throughout her mother's life. Diane was an avid reader. She enjoyed movies, soap operas, and quiet time at home with her dog(s) and Herb. Diane and Herb were truly two halves of a whole, with her doing the coordinating, paperwork, and detail management, and Herb taking on the role of caretaker, errand runner, and comic relief in later years.

Diane will be sorely missed by surviving family members: husband, Herb Carlson; son, Allen Carlson; and daughter Angie (Scott) Rortvedt; grandchildren: David (Katarina) Carlson, Brianna (Kyle) Swanson, and Carley Rortvedt (fiancée Bennett Rindy); great-grandchildren: Tristen Carlson, Ava Carlson, Charles Carlson, and Eliza Swanson; brother, Rick (Barb) Hinrichs; several aunts and cousins as well as nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.





*For God so loved the world, the only begotten Son  
was given - that whoever believes in him should  
not perish but have eternal life.*



*I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her  
white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean.  
She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her  
until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where  
the sea and sky come together to mingle with each other.*

*Then someone at my side says:*

*“There, she is gone!” “Gone where?”*

*Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull  
and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as  
able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.*

*Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment  
when someone at my side says: “There, she is gone!”*

*There are other eyes watching her coming,  
and other voices ready to take up the glad shout:*

*“Here she comes!”*



*The three white lilies are placed to symbolize Diane’s reunion  
with her beloved parents in eternal paradise.*

*In Loving Memory of*  
***Diane Faye Carlson***



*Born*

December 5, 1946 | Hankinson, North Dakota

*Passed Away*

February 1, 2024 | Wahpeton, North Dakota

*Age*

77 Years | 1 Month | 27 Days

*Funeral Service*

11:00 AM | Tuesday, February 6, 2024  
Vertin-Munson Funeral Home | Wahpeton, North Dakota

*Officiant*

Colette Barton

*Music*

“Love Me Tender” by Elvis Presley  
“Old Rugged Cross” by Johnny Cash  
“I’ll Fly Away” by Vern Gosdin

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Ava Carlson | Brianna Swanson | Carley Rortvedt  
Charles Carlson | Eliza Swanson | Katarina Carlson

*Pallbearers*

Bennett Rindy | David Carlson | Justin Erickson  
Kyle Swanson | Scott Rortvedt | Tristen Carlson

*Interment*

Fairview Cemetery | Wahpeton, North Dakota