

Linda D. Schwols passed away at her home in Devils Lake, ND on Friday, October 6, 2023 at the age of 76. Her departure leaves a void in the hearts of all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Linda Diane, daughter of Wallace "Wally" and Donna (Burton) Schwols was born on March 10, 1947 at Breckenridge, MN. She spent several of her early childhood years in Fargo, ND with the family, also some time in Lidgerwood, and Devils Lake ND.

Linda believed in the importance of education and worked hard to obtain her GED at Wahpeton High School the same time her daughter graduated from Wahpeton High School. Linda pursued a higher education at Minot State College, focusing on early childhood education, Head Start and daycare management. While going to school in Minot, Linda worked for the Red Cross and REM. After moving to Devils Lake she continued employment with REM until retiring in 2007.

Linda married Joseph Henry Sandberg in December of 1966. They established their home in Wahpeton, ND and later moved to Fairmont ND. After their divorce, Linda spent most of her years in Devils Lake. Along with her time at REM, Linda previously worked as a waitress at Country Kitchen and other places to help support her family.

Linda faced many challenges, trials, and tribulations in her life, but she never let those things defeat her. She was such a wonderful hostess to family, friends, and the neighbors. Anytime someone moved into the neighborhood, she was the first to greet them and bring them a treat. She always overcooked, and overbaked for any holidays or special family events. She could feed the army. Her go-to favorite and specialty food was her "Yummy Bars". Along with baking she also enjoyed sewing. She always shared any of her creations with family and friends.

Animals held a special place in Linda's heart, and their companionship brought her immense joy. Despite physical limitations later in life, she was determined to overcome any obstacles that prevented her from traveling alongside family and her dear sister. Together they explored destinations such as Mexico, the Bahamas, Cozumel, and Mahogany Bay.

When not embarking on adventures or pursuing her creative endeavors, Linda enjoyed fishing trips and indulging in "special shopping." Additionally, she actively participated as a member of the Rebekkah's Lodge.

Linda leaves behind cherished memories with her dear children Janice (Joel) Carlson of Devils Lake, Janette Diane (Chad) Everson of Boise, Idaho, and Billyjoe Henry (Tara) Sandberg of Killeen, Texas. Her legacy extends to her adoring grandchildren Justinjoe Lee (Amanda) Sandberg-Wieser, Kevin James Carlson (Sydney Shepherd), Devon Gerhardt Carlson, Eric Everson (Laura Beltran), Connor Carlson, Austin Sandberg, two step-grandsons, and great-grandchildren Jamison, Avajo, Addison, and Josie.

Linda's memory will forever be treasured by her beloved siblings Carol Ann (Merle) Johanson of Fairmont ND, Rita (Bruce) Wirth of Munich ND, Patty Jabs of Florida, Charles (Kathy) Schwols of Bismarck ND, David Schwols of Minot ND, and Carla (Greg) Ballew of Oklahoma. She also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, and their families who were near and dear to her heart.

Preceding Linda in eternal peace, she joins her parents, grandson Zachary Sandberg, sister Lynn Rekkedahl, brothers-in-law Gary Rekkedahl, and Dwight Jabs.



In Loving Memory

Linda Schwols

WHEN I AM GONE

To those I have loved and to those who loved me.

When I am gone, release me, let go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess,
how much you gave to me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown,
but now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me if you must,
then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part,
so keep the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call, and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
all of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, and welcome you home.

TODAY

My body no longer tired, no longer sore.

Today is the day I suffer no more.

Do not worry for me, today worrying ends.

I live through love of family and love of friends.

So hold in your heart this memory of mine.

The rain will pass and the sun will shine.

For this life that we live will surely fade,

With problems we've faced and plans that we've made.

And when the gates of Heaven call,

Keep in mind; love survives us all.

Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts Our Precious

Linda Diane Schwols



HER BIRTH

Monday, March 10, 1947

Breckenridge, Minnesota

HER DEATH

Friday, October 6, 2023

At her home, Devils Lake, North Dakota

GATHERING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Friday, October 13, 2023

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Leeds Cemetery

Rural Leeds, North Dakota

Friday, October 13, 2023 ~ 2:30 p.m.