

Diana Marie Speidel

Diana (Speidel) Schlener, was born on May 10, 1946, in Breckenridge, Minnesota. She was the beloved daughter of Miron "Jack" Schlener and Ordell Deloris Hackey. Diana's life was filled with love, laughter, and countless cherished memories.

After graduating from Wahpeton Senior High in 1964, Diana embarked on a journey that would touch the lives of many. She married her high school sweetheart, Larry Speidel, on November 6, 1965. Together, they shared a bond that transcended time and distance.

Larry's deployment to Vietnam led Diana back to her roots in Wahpeton, where she made a lasting impact on her community. Diana managed the Valley Motel for several years, ensuring that travelers felt at home during their stay. Her warm smile and genuine care made her a favorite among guests.

Diana worked at Sweetheart Bakery for a few years and always brought treats home for her kids. Diana's passion for education led her to become a dedicated teacher's aide at Zimmerman Elementary. She nurtured young minds, fostering curiosity and kindness. Later, as a receptionist at the Wahpeton Clinic (which eventually became Essentia Clinic), Diana greeted patients with compassion and ensured their needs were met.

Beyond her professional life, Diana reveled in her hobbies. She stitched cozy pajamas for her beloved grandkids, piecing together love and warmth. Puzzles challenged her mind, embroidery threads wove stories, and card games brought laughter. Bowling nights with friends were a highlight, and she cheered loudly from the sidelines as her grandkids played sports. She also enjoyed baking better than sports cake, special K bars and yum yum brownies.

Diana was head of the Wahpeton 100 year Centennial and brought "Willy the Bobcat to her home for a day or so". She was instrumental in the Wahpeton Hockey Association and getting the arena in town.

Diana is survived by her devoted husband, Larry, in Wahpeton, ND. Her legacy lives on through her children: Trever Speidel and his dear friend, Lisa Kelsey, Gilbert, AZ, Teresa (Donnie) Lingen, Wahpeton, ND, Todd (Karen) Speidel, Selby, SD; sisters, Lori (Merlin) Meyer, Wahpeton, and Mina (Ron) Hanson, Moorhead, MN, share in the memories of their beloved sister.

Diana's heart overflowed with love for her grandchildren: Michael, McKenzie, and Halle Speidel, children of Trever; Brock and Amber Lingen, children of Teresa and Donnie; Alexandra, daughter of Todd and Karen; numerous nieces and nephews also carry forward her spirit.

Diana Speidel's life was a beautiful tapestry woven with threads of love, resilience, and joy. She touched many hearts, inspired minds, and left an indelible mark on all who knew her. May her memory be a beacon of light for generations to come.

Proceeded in death by her parents Miron and Deloris Schlener; brother, Brian Schlener; and grandparents.



In Loving Memory



Diana Marie Speidel
1946 -2024

Gods Garden

God looked around his garden,
And found an *empty* place,
He then looked down upon the *earth*,
And saw your *tired* face.

He put his *arms* around you,
And lifted you to *rest*,
God's *garden* must be beautiful,
He always takes the *best*.

He saw the road was getting *rough*,
And the *hills* were hard to climb,
So he closed your weary *eyelids*,
And *whispered* "Peace be thine".

It *broke* our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go *alone*,
For *part* of us went with you,
The day God called you *home*.



In Loving Memory of Diana Marie Speidel



Born

May 10, 1946
Breckenridge, Minnesota

Passed Away

April 8, 2024
Wahpeton, North Dakota

Age

77 Years 10 Months 29 Days

Funeral Service

11:00 AM
Saturday, April 13, 2024
Vertin-Munson Funeral Home
Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Richard Kramer

Music

"Scars In Heaven" by Casting Crowns
"Remember When" by Alan Jackson
"Turn Around" by Harry Belafonte
"Wind Beneath My Wings" by Bette Midler
"I'll See You Again" by Westlife