



"I love you and don't forget God loves you too"



In Loving Memory



Diane Jeanenne Wash

June 8, 1938 ~ July 25, 2026

Diane Jeanenne Erickson Wash

BORN
June 8, 1938
Grandfield Township, North Dakota

ETERNAL REST
July 25, 2026
Sandy, Utah

Celebration of Life

Friday, August 14, 2026 ~ 4:00 P.M.
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
106 Osage Ave, Bismark, North Dakota

Prelude Music "I Can Only Imagine" Mercy Me
Welcome and Prayer Pastor Hayley Paulson-Moe
Scripture Reading

Psalm 100 Joshua 24:15b
Psalm 103 Philippians 4:4-9
Colossians 3:23-24

Song "Because He Lives" Krisha Wilson
Eulogy Kaylee Whitmer
Memories over the years Family
Song "In the Garden" Krisha Wilson
Message Matthew 7:7-12 Pastor Hayley Paulson-Moe
Lord's Prayer Congregation
Benediction Pastor Hayley Paulson-Moe
Postlude "Blessed Assurance" Krisha Wilson

Interment

Augustana Lutheran Church Cemetery
Sheyenne, North Dakota

Pallbearers

Scott Wash Michael Whitmer
Ryon Wash Gavin Wash
Erik Wash Zachary Wash
Mark Medlock Zane Wash

Diane's Obituary

Diane Jeanene Erickson was born June 8th, 1938 on the family farm in Grandfield township, Eddy County, near Sheyenne, North Dakota. She was born to Harold Oliver and Ethel Marie (Loe) Erickson. Diane went to eight years of country school and graduated from Sheyenne High School in May of 1956. In the winter season transportation to school involved riding in a covered sled behind a team of horses and mom loved to tell about this adventure! After graduating from high school, she entered into the nursing program at CA Lutheran Hospital of Nursing in Los Angeles California. A year later Diane returned to ND transferring to Minot State College receiving a degree in Elementary Education, graduating in 1959. She then accepted a teaching position in Fairview, Mt. where she taught for 2 years.

In 1960, she accepted a teaching position at the Standing Rock Elem School in Ft. Yates, bringing her back to beautiful North Dakota. This is where she met the love of her life, Harlen Wash, marrying on April 1st, 1961. Harlen was the successful athletic coach there in Ft. Yates and that success resulted in the family moving to several different states and having busy years with six children; Scott, Ryon, Erik, Erin, Fara, Shana.

Diane loved being a mom, being active at church with the women's groups and choirs as well as various roles in county extension offices and being a 4H leader. She enjoyed a good sense of humor, a good cup of coffee with a goodie to go with it. She loved the Lord and saw that it was her job to be the hands and feet of Jesus to all those she met. Diane thrived being busy, loved adventure, and was a proud Scandinavian. Diane gardened with a green thumb passion, was an accomplished seamstress, a who-needs-a-recipe-baker, and loved to laugh. She was one with many hobbies to be sure! But one of her best qualities was that she had the ability to make people feel welcome and considered everyone her friend.

Diane is preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Harlen, her parents Harold and Ethel, her younger brother Chuck, and many aunts and uncles. She is survived by her children; Scott, Ryon (Melissa), Erik (Lara), Erin, Fara, Shana (Mark), her sister Elaine (Wayne) Retzlaff, 12 grandchildren, 5 great-grand children, a sister-in law Karen Erickson, brothers-in-law Mick and Warren Wash, and many nieces and nephews. All of whom she loved dearly.