



Claudia Ann Winkler

March 14, 1954 - August 31, 2022

Winkler, Claudia Ann age 68 of Bloomington, passed away August 31, 2022. Preceded in death by parents, Marvin and Beatrice Wangen. Survived by husband, Bret; step mother, Harriet Wangen; sisters, Diane Landaas and Janis (David) Deyak; brother, Aaron (Jody) Wangen; nieces, Sophia and Cecelia; nephews, Samuel and Nathaniel. Funeral service Monday, September 12, 11 AM at Community of the Cross Lutheran Church, 10701 Bloomington Ferry Road, Bloomington. Visitation 1 hour prior to service at the church. Washburn-McReavy.com Dawn Valley Chapel 952-941-7686 Memorials to Community of the Cross Endowment Fund

Cemetery Details

Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)

9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Community of the Cross Lutheran
10701 Bloomington Ferry Rd
Bloomington, MN

Church Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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10701 Bloomington Ferry Rd
Bloomington, MN

Tribute Wall

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“ *Life brings tears, smiles and memories. The tears dry, the smiles fade, but the precious memories live on.* ”



Al & Gail Batt - September 19, 2022 at 02:29 PM

“ Claudia Ann Winkler, 68, passed away August 31, 2022, after a long battle with cancer. Funeral service will be Monday, September 12, at 11 am at Community of the Cross Lutheran Church, 10701 Bloomington Ferry Road, Bloomington, Minnesota. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to service at the church.

Claudia was born four weeks premature on March 14, 1954, at Sandia Base, New Mexico, where her father, Marvin, was stationed during the Korean War. The family later moved back to Minnesota and made a home in a small trailer on the family farm. Her mother, Beatrice, died from complications of diabetes when Claudia was six years old. Her father remarried two years later and Claudia gained a step-mother, Harriet, and six-year-old sister, Diane. This blended family was complete when Janis and Aaron were born a few years later.

Claudia graduated from Albert Lea High School in 1972, and Winona State University in 1976 with a degree in Art Education. She taught briefly in Frazee, Minnesota, before moving to Minneapolis to begin a career in the printing and graphics industry. She worked at Pillsbury and General Mills for several years.

After surviving surgery and radiation therapy for endometrial cancer, Claudia married the love of her life, Bret, on a chilly, blustery, spring day (April 29, 1989). In the decades that followed, they would love each other dearly as Claudia fought through breast, colon and pancreatic cancer diagnoses, multiple surgeries, procedures, hospitalizations, chemotherapy rounds, and hair losses. Stressful as it was, they always found something to laugh about.

Claudia wasn't afraid to love. She loved (in no particular order) family and friends, art and painting, flowers and birds, hayrides and waterparks, chocolate and ice cream, laughter and Jesus.

She was preceded in death by her parents Marvin and Beatrice (Winterfield) Wangen, grandparents Arnold and Frieda (Drommerhausen) Wangen, Herbert Winterfield, Lanie (Jensen, Winterfield) and Laurence Olson, and many loving aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Bret; step-mother Harriet Wangen; sisters Diane Landaas, Janis Deyak and brother-in-law

David; brother Aaron Wangen and sister-in-law Jody Selberg; nephews Samuel and Nathaniel Deyak; nieces Sophia Deyak and Cecelia Wangen; aunts Charlotte Olson and Marcella Minear; and a whole host of special cousins, godchildren and friends that she loved dearly.

Praise be to God for the gift of Claudia's life on this earth. She was a blessing to everyone who met her.

Memorials may be directed to Community of the Cross Lutheran Church, 10701 Bloomington Ferry Rd, Bloomington MN 55438.

Janis Deyak - September 11, 2022 at 09:59 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claudia Ann Winkler.*



September 07, 2022 at 12:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claudia Ann Winkler.*



September 07, 2022 at 10:53 AM