



Deanna Lynn (Stromsness) Perry

March 28, 2018

Perry (Stromsness), Deanna Lynn, 63, of Maple Grove passed away peacefully on March 28, 2018 at Adagio Manor in Golden Valley.

Deanna was born to Virene and John Stromsness on January 22, 1955. The oldest of five children, she graduated from Hopkins Lindbergh High School in 1973. She graduated from the University of Minnesota, and became a dental hygienist. She married her high school sweetheart Bill Perry Sept. 11, 1976. Their daughters Katie and Jessica were born in November 1978 and October 1980. Following Bill's death in 1981, Deanna remained in her position as a dental hygienist for a short time before becoming a stay-at-home mom. She returned to the dental field in the mid-90s.

Deanna loved spending time with family from the summer barbecues at her parents to the trips to Lake Winnie, Quadna, Kona, and the Houghton reunions. She also enjoyed taking long walks, playing at the park with her grandkids, painting, and drawing. Deanna loved capturing the moment, taking thousands of photos through the years. She was happiest when she was surrounded by family and friends.

She was a natural caretaker always looking for ways to make people smile. Deanna had a positive outlook on life even during the progression of her dementia. She often said, she could either laugh or cry -- most often Deanna

chose laughter and will always be remembered for her smile. Deanna found joy and happiness in the simple things including her weekly painting class and Saturday morning outings to Perkins for strawberry pancakes with her granddaughter Kyleigh. These two had a special bond from day one and although Alzheimer's stole many of her memories, Deanna remembered Kyleigh until the end.

While her daughters were growing up, Deanna was their biggest fan, never missing a softball game, ski meet, or tennis match. She lived for her family and always put them first.

Though Deanna struggled these last six months as the disease aggressively progressed, we are thankful for the dedicated and compassionate staff at Summerwood of Chanhassen, Regions Hospital and Adagio Manor. Deanna's final months were filled with peace and laughter as she was surrounded by family and friends on a daily basis. During these final months we had several moments with Deanna that we'll always cherish including seeing her smile return, watching her contently listen to Kyleigh read, and even moments of clarity where she recognized her daughters, siblings, and other relatives.

Deanna is survived by her daughters Katie Perry and Jessica (Jeremy) Salden; granddaughters Kyleigh and Danica; siblings Steven (Kris) Stromsness, Dawn Olsen, and Stacey Kokales; special friend Steve Sanner; and many other relatives and friends. Deanna was preceded in death by her husband Bill Perry, parents John and Vi Stromsness, brother Doug Stromsness, and brother-in-law Sam Kokales.

A celebration of life is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Friday, April 27 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 13600 Technology Dr., Eden Prairie with a gathering of family and friends one hour prior to the service. Following the luncheon, interment will take place at Resurrection Cemetery, Shorewood. Memorial

donations may be made to Summerwood of Chanhassen to support the art and painting classes Deanna enjoyed.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Andrew Lutheran Church
13600 Technology Dr
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
(952) 937-2776

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Deanna was a beautiful woman who shared her smile and happiness with everyone. She was an inspiration to all of us. My sympathies to her family and friends. Norrie Thomas*

Norrie Thomas - April 26, 2018 at 11:12 PM

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“ *Diana Bauman lit a candle in memory of Deanna Lynn (Stromsness) Perry*



Diana Bauman - April 18, 2018 at 10:43 PM