



Diane Louise Bahr

January 9, 1950 - September 23, 2023

Diane Louise Fahl was born January 9th, 1950 to John and Doris Fahl. She was born in Benson, Minnesota, the youngest of three daughters. Barbara (Barb) was the oldest and Linda (Lin) was the middle child. Sadly, their mother Doris passed away in 1957, when the girls were still young. Their father John raised the girls alone on the family farm until 1967, when he married Amy Spaulding. Amy also had three children (Joan, Terry and Doug), and they became a beautifully blended family.

Diane graduated from Benson High School in 1968. She attended St. Cloud State University until 1972, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. Diane's career started as a teacher. She spent 6 years working in Wanamingo, Minnesota, as a secondary school teacher educating middle and high school students.

In 1979, Diane decided to pursue technical writing, a career she enjoyed until 2020 when she retired. Her first technical writing job was at Control Data Corporation, where she worked for 15 years. The friendships she formed with her Control Data co-workers lasted until the end of her life. She worked for a variety of companies after Control Data, including 3M and Boston Scientific.

Diane was introduced to Harry Douglas Bahr by their mutual friend, Sue Terry. They fell in love and married in 1985. Harry had two sons, Scott and Matt,

who welcomed Diane into their family. Diane even became friends with Harry's ex-wife, Joy. They were also a beautifully blended family.

During Harry and Diane's 30 years of marriage, they spent time cooking, gardening and traveling together. They participated in dinner clubs with friends that met regularly making different types of cuisines. Their Coon Rapids house had an extensive garden, and her Blaine townhome also has lots of planters. Countries she visited include Sweden, Curacao, Aruba, the Holy Land and too many US cities to count. They enjoyed an active and social life together.

In 2014, Harry was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Diane was an incredible nurse to Harry during his illness, which allowed him to stay at home until he passed on December 16, 2015.

After Harry passed, Diane reconnected with her high school boyfriend, Bruce Nelson. They became very close and spent their time together in Minneapolis and Bruce's home, Appleton, Minnesota, until the end of her life.

Diane loved cocker spaniels. Champagne was their first fur baby, who they adopted as a puppy. She was followed by Chanelle, and finally Lady, who were both rescue dogs.

Diane also loved to scrapbook and to design and make her own greeting cards. Barb, Dori (Lin's daughter and Diane's niece) spent many afternoons doing their crafts together. Her home is filled with beautiful scrapbook albums documenting vacations, holidays, and her grandchildren's lives. We are going to miss receiving her handmade birthday, holiday, anniversary and special occasion cards, signed with her perfect cursive signature.

Diane had a beautiful voice and sang in the Zion church choir for many years. Her favorite color was purple and she was kind, loving and always supportive.

She was a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, stepmother, aunt, grandmother and friend, and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service for Diane will be held on October 6, 2023, at 11am at Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka. A visitation will be held on October 5, 2023, at the Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel from 4-7pm and continuing for one hour prior to service at the church. The family welcomes donations to the American Liver Foundation as an expression of sympathy instead of flowers

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Visitation

OCT 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church (Anoka)
1601 4th Avenue South
Anoka, MN 55303

Memorial Service

OCT 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church (Anoka)
1601 4th Avenue South
Anoka, MN 55303

Tribute Wall

BF

“ My family moved to Benson, MN in the fall of 1962. I had just started 7th grade and Diane was one of the first new friends I met. She was smiling and friendly. We both attended Trinity Lutheran Church and were in the same confirmation class. We graduated from high school, class of '68, and went our separate ways. It was not until our class reunion in 2018 that we reconnected, hugged, shared stories and exchanged contact info. She was smiling and friendly as always.
God bless you Diane.
Brian Folsom

Brian Folsom - October 05, 2023 at 03:53 PM

CS

“ Tom and I were classmates of Diane and I am a second cousin of hers so we had many people in common. It was always a pleasure to be in her company. She was always upbeat, smiley, interesting, and heartwarming. We were hoping to see her at our class reunion this past summer, but Diane couldn't make it due to illness. We wish that we could have had one last memory together. Rest in peace, Diane. God loves you and so do we!
Tom and Coleen Swanson

Coleen Swanson - October 04, 2023 at 06:47 PM

LB

“ Diane was a great friend. We were friends for over 50 years. Because of our health issues we will not be able to attend the visitation or service. We send our sympathy.
Love, Hugs and Prayers,
The Bjorngaard's

Lois Bjorngaard - October 03, 2023 at 01:08 PM