



Lavon Jane Schmidt

August 30, 1962 - February 19, 2026

Lavon Jane (Foster) Schmidt, 63 of Coon Rapids, MN, died on February 19, 2026. From the very beginning, Lavon was a sensitive sweet soul with a silly side.

Lavon was raised in Fargo, ND and spent as much time as she could outside barefoot, going to the swimming pool and playing with her siblings and friends. She had a son as a teenager and reunited with her son, Tyler, when he was 19 and this fulfilled her deepest wish.

At the age of 17, Lavon joined the North Dakota Air National Guard and fulfilled six years of service. She obtained her Bachelor of Social Work degree and her career focused on mental health. She became one of the first Treatment Foster Parents in North Dakota and fostered many children and teens. Lavon had twin daughters that she adored and treasured being their mom/momma/mum/mummer. Later, she married the love of her life, Loren, and her family grew with two bonus daughters. Lavon obtained her Master of Social Work degree from UND and worked clinically in mental health. She went on to private practice when Loren and Lavon moved to Arizona to be closer to her parents. Lavon shared her genuineness, compassion, and empathy in assisting her clients with their life's challenges.

Lavon was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer November of 2021 and a short

time later with Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia. In 2023, Lavon and her husband moved to Coon Rapids, Minnesota to be closer with their daughters. Lavon had various surgeries and numerous chemotherapy treatments and didn't let cancer define her. Lavon always brightened when she was with family and friends. Becoming a grandmother of twin grandsons filled her with even more love and joy. She enjoyed hiking, nature photography, and meditating. She remained sensitive, sweet, and spiritual with a silly side just like she had begun in this world.

Lavon is survived by her loving husband, Loren; sister, Anita (Andy) Smith, Sylvania, GA; brother, Byron (Michael) Foster, Savannah, GA; son, Tyler (Heather Scherzer) Redlin, Moorhead, MN; daughters, Brianna (Daniel) Bodunov, Roseville, MN, Mikayla (Ross) Nixon, Lauderdale, MN, Erin (Tom Quinlivan) Schmidt, Fort Worth, TX, Kelsey (Brandon Hansen) Schmidt, Omaha, NE; twin grandsons, Iver and Finn Bodunov; a niece, nephew; and many brother and sister-in-laws. Preceded in death by parents, Donald and Kenegunda "Keney" Foster; parents-in-law, Harry and Lois Schmidt; stepson, Eric Schmidt; and brother-in-laws.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 2 PM with visitation at 1 PM at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN. Donations in Lavon's honor can be made to Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Allinace (MOCA) at mnovarian.org or to Our Lady of Peace Hospice at ourladyofpeacemn.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **28**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

FEB **28**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Lavon Jane Schmidt in memory of Lavon Jane Schmidt



Washburn-McReavy - February 23 at 12:03 PM

DM

I only had the pleasure of meeting her a couple times but she sure made an impression. So much joy and warmth to her. She lit up a room and I can see where her work as a mental health provider must've changed many lives. What a wonderful person to have known. Prayers for strength for the family.

Dawn Mock - February 24 at 08:24 AM

SL

“ While I only met her once, she was a lovely person. Loren and family my sincere condolences to you.

Stephanie Loose - March 04 at 08:05 AM

NB

“ You were an amazing woman and left a legacy of Love. Rest in Peace Dear Cousin ❤️

Nancy Brown - February 28 at 04:33 PM



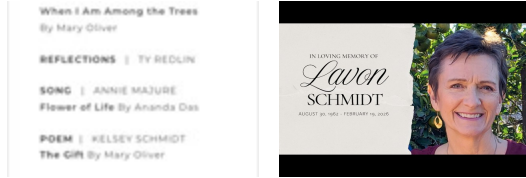
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Mikky Nixon - February 26 at 07:04 PM



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Mikky Nixon - February 26 at 07:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Lavon Jane Schmidt*.



February 26 at 05:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Lavon Jane Schmidt*.

February 26 at 05:47 PM

VM

“ Eternal rest to cousin Lavon. Lavon was a friendly person and cousin. I am 11 years older than her but always good to see her and her family. May the Mercy of Jesus Christ abound for Lavon and we extend our condolences to her family,

Victor Mathern - February 25 at 09:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lavon Jane Schmidt.

February 24 at 10:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lavon Jane Schmidt.

February 24 at 08:07 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lavon Jane Schmidt.



February 24 at 04:45 PM

SE

“ Sheila E. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lavon Jane Schmidt.



Sheila E. - February 23 at 05:57 PM

RK

“ Redlin's - Frank, Nicole, Janna & Kayla purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lavon Jane Schmidt.



Redlin's - Frank, Nicole, Janna & Kayla - February 23 at 12:45 PM

RK

“ Redlin's - Frank, Nicole, Janna & Kayla planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lavon Jane Schmidt.

Redlin's - Frank, Nicole, Janna & Kayla - February 23 at 12:45 PM

BF

“ Bodunov family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lavon Jane Schmidt.



Bodunov family - February 21 at 02:11 PM

BF

“ Bodunov family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lavon Jane Schmidt.

Bodunov family - February 21 at 02:11 PM

SH

“ *Sending Prayers and Condolences to Lavon's Family! She will definitely be missed.* ”

Steven Herrick - February 20 at 06:08 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lavon Jane Schmidt.* ”



February 20 at 02:13 PM