



Leslie Ames Dimond

April 20, 1950 - November 28, 2023

Leslie Ames Dimond (Lair), was born to Joyce and Felt Lair in Minneapolis on April 20th, 1950. On November 28th, 2023, she was freed from a long, difficult struggle with dementia. She passed peacefully surrounded by family.

Leslie married Steve Dimond in 1981. Together, their greatest joy in life was raising and home-schooling their two daughters, Kyla and Margaret. Their family was deeply bonded in everyday life. Leslie created a loving, joyful home and in her, God created a mother. She was happiest when surrounded by her family. With them she shared a love of hiking, camping, road trips and the family dogs. Leslie loved cooking, homemaking, knitting, calligraphy, nature, and long walks. She had a strong affinity for ducks. The simple pleasure of sharing a cup of coffee with her daughters, sister and niece always resulted in much laughter and joy.

Perhaps her greatest passion other than family was simply books. In her youth, her first job was at a bookstore. That led to other book related work and later to book-cover design. Leslie loved to read aloud from an early age. It began with reading to her siblings and continued with reading aloud countless stories to her children, husband and grandchildren.

Leslie was so blessed to live to know her four beloved grandchildren. They completed her. She marveled at their uniqueness and could never get enough

time with them. Unfortunately her illness took a toll on her ability to interact with them. Nonetheless, they remained in her life and she was aware. The twinkle in her eyes said it all.

As a young adult, Leslie studied at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Through the years she followed her passion for art, building her skills in calligraphy and graphic design. This ultimately led to a 20 year career, later in life, at Jostens Creative where she made meaningful and lasting friendships.

Leslie was humble, kind, eloquent and a friend to all who knew her. She had a wicked sense of humor and the world's most beautiful and genuine smile.

She is survived by her best friend and loyal husband, Steve, her daughters and their husbands, Kyla (Casey McGraw), Margaret (Joe Klenner), granddaughters Rowan and Hannah McGraw, grandsons Wyatt and Luke Klenner, sister Jaye, niece Emily and brother Abbott. In passing, she is reunited with her beloved father and dog, Belle.

Leslie will forever be missed by all who knew and loved her. Her faith was strong. Until we meet again...

Cemetery Details

Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)

9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Leslie at Southwest (Junior) High and spent some time at her house on 47th. Her creativity was evident at that time and I am glad she was able to express herself in a meaningful way. Marjie Smith

Marjie Smith - June 28, 2024 at 07:51 PM

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“ Leslie was one of the first friends I made in kindergarten. We walked home from Lake Harriet Elementary School together - she the little artist, me the big mouth singer. But then she moved away. I missed my friend. I would walk by her old apartment that was 1/2 block from Lake Harriet off West 42nd and say, "That's where Leslie used to live."

Many years later, I saw her again in high school and always greeted her with a smile and a "hello" when we'd meet down the halls of Southwest. I got lucky and had the occasion to converse with Leslie's husband, Steve Dimond, a couple of years ago. He is smart, kind, and insightful. I say this as I'm of the opinion that Leslie garnered a special relationship when she married Steve. Their ceremony took place on the north shore in Grand Marais. How beautiful.

May you rest in peace, Leslie,
Julie Peterson Freeman

Julie Peterson Freeman - June 28, 2024 at 05:09 PM

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“ Her lovely, warm smile and love of reading bonded us when we met...she was my son's "second mommy" and the beloved co-grandma to Rowan May and Hannah Leslie. She was and always will be a dear friend of my heart, and no one can ever take her place.

Chrisanne M McGraw - December 02, 2023 at 02:45 PM