



Diana Olson

February 2, 1938 - May 27, 2021

The public funeral service for Diana Olson of Wadena, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 7, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Nate Loer presiding. Visitation with family and friends will held at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena, on Sunday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a Prayer service beginning at 7:00. Visitation will resume at the church on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

Diana, age 83, passed away May 27, 2021, with family by her side at her home in Wadena, MN, under the tender care of Knute Nelson Hospice.

Diana was born on February 2, 1938, Groundhog's day, in Fertile, MN to Anton and Lena (Duckstad) Eid. She was baptized and confirmed at Sundahl Lutheran Church. She attended Golden Willow Country School in rural Gary, MN, graduating valedictorian from Gary High School in 1956. She went on to attend Minnesota State University Moorhead on a full academic scholarship to become a teacher. She started and finished her 36-year career teaching 3rd grade for the Wadena School District. Diana was nominated to represent Wadena for the Teacher of the Year in 1990. She was a long-time member and officer of Delta Kappa Gamma. Mrs. Olson was the favorite teacher to many!

Diana married James Olson on June 17, 1962, at Sundahl Lutheran Church.

They began their life together in Wadena and built three beautiful homes on the southwest side of town. They raised two daughters and dedicated their time to family, church, and the community. James and Diana were married over 44 years. James passed away in 2006 after a courageous 15-month battle with cancer. Diana was his full-time caregiver and loved him dearly. Shortly after James' passing Diana lost most of her vision to macular degeneration. This loss of vision did not stop her from seeing the joy in everything she did, such as gardening, crocheting baby afghans and prayer shawls, hosting events, cooking, and listening to more than 2000 audio books provided by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. She was so grateful for this service.

Diana truly enjoyed cooking, and baking cookies and bread to share with others. She especially liked making traditional Norwegian foods as she was so proud of being 100% Norwegian! She was the hostess for countless gatherings in her home and on her patio. Before her vision loss she was a master seamstress and quilter, and many are blessed with her handy work. One of her passions was spending time with her family, especially her five grandchildren. She often held "Grandma Camp" where the children learned skills like reading, baking, and gardening. Diana had yearly reunions with the Whitt House teacher group and with her three best friends from college Lorna, Orpha and Darlene. Their friendships have endured for over 60 years.

Diana was a faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena and took part in many of the activities throughout the years such as the director of the Luther Kid Singers, a member of the Senior Choir, Sunday school director and teacher, member of the Women's Circle, and coordinator of church weddings.

Diana is survived by her daughters Denise (Joe) Huebsch of St. Cloud, and Michelle (Todd) Christiansen of Sartell; grandchildren Ann Huebsch (Clint

Wendt) of St. Cloud, Elizabeth Huebsch (Brian Schreiner) of West Fargo, John Huebsch of St. Cloud, Ashley Christiansen of Sartell and Nicole Christiansen of Sartell; siblings Donald Eid of Gary and Luella Digerness of Moorhead; sisters-in-law Janet Scott of Park Rapids and Karen Harp of Champlin; and her 11 nieces and nephews.

Diana was preceded in death by her parents; husband James; sister Sylvia Gohdes; and two brothers who passed during infancy and childhood.

Honorary pallbearers will be Keith Gohdes, Stephen Gohdes, Harsey Scott III, Paul Scott, Wade Digerness, and Donald Eid.

Serving as pallbearers will be Joe Huebsch, Todd Christiansen, Ann Huebsch, Clint Wendt, Elizabeth Huebsch, Brian Schriener, John Huebsch, Ashley Christiansen and Nicole Christiansen.

Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

A special thanks to many of Diana's wonderful family, friends and neighbors who have been so supportive, helpful and caring over the past year and for the care provided by Knute Nelson Hospice.

Memorials may be directed to:

Immanuel Lutheran Church,

(<https://www.wadenaimmanuel.org/giving>)

National Library Service

(<https://www.loc.gov/philanthropy/online-donation/fund/>) and

Knute Nelson Hospice

(<https://www.knutenelson.org/about-us/foundation/donate-now>)

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

JUN 7. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena
403 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

JUN 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena
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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Diana Olson*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - June 02, 2021 at 12:10 AM

LD

Beautiful!!!

Leenay Doll - June 02, 2021 at 11:09 PM

DH

So beautiful ❤️

Dick and Kris Huebsch - June 03, 2021 at 01:17 PM

GA

Great memories ! Thank you!

Gwen Anderson - June 04, 2021 at 03:10 PM

LJ

Such wonderful memories of a wonderful woman :)

Leah Jordahl - June 07, 2021 at 10:51 PM

SC

“ Sara (Quincer) Christianson lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson



Sara (Quincer) Christianson - June 03, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Diana Olson.



June 03, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diana Olson.



June 02, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ 43 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - June 02, 2021 at 12:06 AM



“ *Jamie Toftum lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson*



Jamie Toftum - June 01, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ *Theresa Sievers And Molly lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson*



Theresa Sievers and Molly - June 01, 2021 at 04:27 PM

RH

“ *A memory I have of Diana is just how joyous she was to receive our Christmas letter each and every year. She cared so much for others and will be greatly missed.*

Rachel Hager - June 01, 2021 at 03:33 PM

DH

What a fun person. We got to have many laughs together. She will be so missed. The world needs more Diana's.

Dick and Kris Huebsch - June 03, 2021 at 01:20 PM

BF

“ *Denise and Joe, Michelle and Todd,
I was saddened to hear of the passing of Diana. She always lit up the room with her smile and her attitude. My deepest sympathy to you at this time of loss. Bob Fransen*

Bob Fransen - June 01, 2021 at 12:18 PM

RL

“ *Ruby L Lynk lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson*



Ruby L Lynk - May 31, 2021 at 10:54 PM

CU

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss... senyyou thoughts and prayers*



Cindy Umland - May 31, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson



Rocky Reese - May 30, 2021 at 03:49 PM

BD

“ Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson



Bob and Kathy Derby - May 29, 2021 at 10:27 PM

BG

“ Bob & Donna Grendahl lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson



Bob & Donna Grendahl - May 29, 2021 at 10:00 PM

LO

“ Diana was the sweetest, most kind person I ever met. It was always a joy to be greeted by her warm smile at family gatherings. One thing I'll always remember; Diana and her husband, James Olson (my first cousin) came out to our farm near Blue Grass, MN with a special gift. It must have been my 5th birthday, October of 1955. They presented me with a little black puppy! I named it Toby and it was my best friend for many years while growing up. A sweet gift to a little farm boy from two sweet people. Thanks, Diana, for all the love and kindness you spread throughout our extended family and all who met you in Minnesota.
Lory Olson

Lory Olson - May 29, 2021 at 08:01 PM

EG

“ Diana loved everyone. She was always interested in talking to people and making them feel special . . . so kind and compassionate. Along with her husband James, Diana made me feel like a part of the family the first time I met her over 51 years ago. When we lived in Fargo for several years, we had many opportunities to dine with James and Diana whenever they were in the area. Such great times! And what a cook Diana was as well! She was a blessing to so many and will be missed greatly. My deepest sympathy to Denise, Michelle, and their families.
Evelyn Gedde

Evelyn Gedde - May 29, 2021 at 06:39 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Diana Olson.



May 29, 2021 at 05:53 PM

TF

“ *The Howard Folkestad Families' purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Diana Olson.*



The Howard Folkestad Families' - May 29, 2021 at 05:49 PM

GA

“ *The sweetest, kindest person in the world! Heaven's gain is our loss! Enjoyed so much the times I spent with her! She will be missed and am praying for her family as they walk through this time!*

Gwen Anderson - May 29, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ *Jane Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson*



Jane Erckenbrack - May 29, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *Diana was a woman of MANY talents and cheerfully shared them with her family, friends, students, church family, and community. Diana was always enthusiastic, and welcoming and had SUCH a friendly smile and optimistic attitude!*
We're grateful for the many times we were fortunate to cross paths with her. We are still enjoying several big beautiful bunnies that she made for us.
I loved being at her home and seeing all the handwork she was doing, touring her beautiful garden, and enjoying a delicious dinner with our dinner club.
Diana ran the good race, lived a good life, and has left a legacy of love and blessings to the world!
The world definitely needs more people like Diana!

Marilyn Nervig - May 29, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ *Marilyn Nervig lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson*



Marilyn Nervig - May 29, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ *Jon And Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson*



Jon and Patty Johnson - May 29, 2021 at 08:50 AM

DG

“ *Dee Goerge lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson*



Dee Goerge - May 29, 2021 at 08:48 AM

TH

“ *Tammie Klawitter Hamlin sent a virtual gift in memory of Diana Olson*



Tammie Klawitter Hamlin - May 29, 2021 at 08:44 AM

LW

“ *Diana has always been a very special lady to me since she married my cousin. She was one of the third grade teachers at Wadena Elementary. I was in the class at the other end of thee hall. I was in awe of the beautiful bride I saw standing on the steps of the little country church. So glad James chose Diana to be his wife. She was a wonderful part of our family. My deepest sympathies go out to Denise and Michelle at the passing of their sweet mom. 🙏*

Linette Winger - May 29, 2021 at 08:20 AM

SB

“ *Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson*



Sharon Boline - May 28, 2021 at 11:14 PM

SB

“ I'll always remember Diana as one of the first persons in Wadena who stopped to visit and welcome me to Wadena. She was a very caring and kind person and a devoted teacher who loved those children.

Sharon Boline - May 28, 2021 at 11:13 PM

MW

“ Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson



Myron and Karen Winkelman - May 28, 2021 at 09:59 PM

LG

“ Lyle & Cindy Goeden lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson



Lyle & Cindy Goeden - May 28, 2021 at 09:34 PM

KE

“ Kelly(Anderson)Bain lit a candle in memory of Diana Olson



Kelly(Anderson)Bain - May 28, 2021 at 09:11 PM

DM

“ Dale & Liz Miller lit a candle in memory of
Diana Olson



Dale & Liz Miller - May 28, 2021 at 07:40 PM