



Dianne Wheeler

April 6, 1942 - October 31, 2007

Everybody knows her by the smile on her face and the song in her heart. Dianne Wheeler knew just what to do, all the time. That is why she obtained the name "Lady Di". She was born in St. Paul, MN to Marvin and Grace (Dettwiler) Seeman on April 6, 1942. She grew up on a farm in Deer Creek, with three brothers and three sisters. She graduated from Deer Creek High School, in 1963. Dianne married Paul M. Wheeler of Henning in 1963. They had two wonderful children and moved to the Wadena area in 1971. Dianne worked at the Wadena Technical College for 32 years, retiring in 2005. In her spare time she enjoyed bowling with the KWAD-KKWS league. She loved to sing and play piano. Other hobbies included studying the Bible, sewing, embroidery, gardening, canning, baking, needlepoint and crocheting. She was involved in Christian Women's Club and Son Rise Christian School. Dianne was very active in her church. She enjoyed being with her grandchildren the most! We all loved and appreciated Dianne because of the love she displayed to others and how she put her heart into everything she did. If you know her and are reading this, it is because she has touched your life in a special way. We pray that you will do the same for the people in your life. Dianne Wheeler went home to Heaven, at the age of 65, on October 31, 2007. She was preceded in death by her parents, Marvin and Grace; brother, David Seeman; nephew, Douglas Brame; and brother-in-law, Tom McKellop. She is survived by her husband, Paul; son, Jon (Lisa) Wheeler, of Northfield; daughter, Brenda (Leonard) Finch, of Wadena; grandchildren, Joshua Wheeler,

Benjamin and Michaela Finch; brothers, Don (Cheryl) Seeman, of Madison, WI., and Gerald (Bonnie) Seeman of Plymouth; and sisters, Arlene (Gary) Brame, of Maple Grove, Yvonne (Tom) McKellop, of Wadena and Susan (Bob) McKellep, of Sioux Falls, SD. Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren. Active pallbearers will be Dan Wheeler, Jim Wheeler, Gary Brame, Tim Leyh, Tim Fultz, and Craig Seeman. Services will be held at 11:00am at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Wadena, with Rev. Wayne Peterson and Rev. Daryl Jacobson officiating. Interment will be at Inman Cemetery, Inman Township, Minnesota.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jon Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Dianne Wheeler*



Jon Wheeler - October 31, 2013 at 04:28 PM



“ *Jon Dana Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Dianne Wheeler*



Jon Dana Wheeler - October 31, 2012 at 06:48 PM



“ *Dear family, please know how sorry I am. Diane was a special person who lived her testimony. I will always remember her "times of advice", when she taught me how to do things. I will never forget her candid humor and the way she did her work here at the college. She was an example for all of us. May God Bless you all, sincerely Mary*

Mary Ward - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ Dear Ones:

Dianne was my "other mother," my friend and my spiritual mentor. She loved me as I am, and showed me what true faith is all about. She touched so many people's lives in such positive ways....with humor, love and practical, down-to-earth advice. I will miss her terribly as I know you will as well. I thank God He allowed her to touch my life.

My prayers and sympathies. Love, Vicki

Vicki Leaderbrand - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I believe this is the Dianne that I worked with at NW Bell back in the late 1970's. At that time she lived kind of across the street from the high school. I think I have the right Dianne. I am so sorry for your loss - I remember Dianne being a fun lady to work with.*

Jackye Hewitt - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of our very own "Lady Di". I so enjoyed her smile, sense of humor, and just laying it out the table attitude. Never was there a meeting when she didn't share her spunkiness! She will be missed!*

Michele Jenson - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ MOM,

I know I wasn't there in person when you touched the face of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, but I want you to know that I am so appreciative of the 41 years I got to share with you as your son, and I wish that I had 10-20 more to go...However, God felt it was time to call his angel home, and I know we will be playing piano duets again very soon and laughing and crying together.

I love you so much, and only wish I had more chances in the future to tell you that in person. I know you are home now and you are much happier with no pain and suffering. You will always be loved and missed...Your leadership/parenting, your love, your smiles and laughter, your advice, your tears, and yes your unending gift of music that filled our house growing up and afterwards that you lovingly passed on to me to pass on to others in need. I love you, Mom....Rest in peace.

Your son,
JON

Jon - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Diane was a wonderful person, we worked together for the 32yrs that she worked at the college. If you ever needed an answer to a question she was your go to gal. Her organization always amazed me! We were both Grandma's and loved sharing pictures and stories of our grandchildren, We watched each others children grow up and shared their triumphs and tragedys. I will always keep a special place in my heart for her. I will keep all of her family in my thought and prayers. A grateful friend Sandy Baso

sandy Baso - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Paul, Jon, and Brenda,
Diane will be missed by all who knew her. She was a wonderful employee. It was always a day brightener to visit with her. She took her job very seriously whether answering the phone, talking to prospective students, or high school counselors, you could feel her warm and the caring attitude. Her piano playing at graduation always brought tears to my eyes. Mary and I are so sorry we won't be able to attend her funeral service, but a granddaughter's confirmation that same day has to be our top priority. May you rest in peace, Diane, and we hope to meet you in heaven.

Lowell & Mary Rasmussen - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Paul, Brenda, Jon and Family,
We were so saddened to hear of your loss. Dianne will always be remembered for her smile, contagious laughter and love of music. You are all in our prayers during this difficult time. I'm sorry that we can't join you in person but we'll be remembering all of you this weekend.

Love,
Greg, Mary, Brooke, and Addison Thayer

Greg & Mary Thayer Family - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dianne "broke me in" at Wadena Tech and "showed me the ropes" in 1979. She made it a welcome place for me when I had second thoughts. Her humming and singing while going about her work told me she really enjoyed where she was and what she was doing. I believe that she found special fulfillment when dealing with prospective student and their parents, and she was very good at it! Many times I believed our good enrollment was due in great part to Dianne's efforts. She was a trooper! Her care and warmth for her co-workers helped build a family-type atmosphere at the school. Seeing her bright, shining face early in the morning somehow gave me the feeling that everything was right with the world at least right there. We will miss her very much, but I am comforted knowing that she is with her savior, singing in the heavenly choir.

Bill Bates - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Dearest Family,

Dianne was such a special person. Her love of music was contagious to anyone who was close enough to hear her sing or hum. She had such a love for the Lord !! I can picture her right now singing with Jean Leyh, my twin sister, at the beautiful white grand piano. What music !!!!

May you feel God's arms wrapped around you right now as you go through this trial.

God's richest blessings !!

With our deepest love,

Chuck & Judy Jones

Chuck & Judy Jones - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *A special tribute to Lady Di. You will be dearly missed by all of us. I loved when we had Admissions/Registrars meetings. Your sense of humor and your energy kept us going. It was wonderful! You are now in God's hands.*

Mary Buell - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *I cannot tell you how wonderful it was to be able to watch the video tribute and see the Diane outside of work that we didn't get to know. She was truly a blessing each and everytime we were together at college meetings and all of us have and will miss her! Truly she was a class act and the "Lady Di" always seemed to fit her!*
Michele Jenson
Associate Registrar
MSCTC-Moorhead Campus

Michele Jenson - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *What a grand lady! A wonderful sense of a humor and a beautiful soul. She was a wonderful co-worker.*

June Clark - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dianne would share pictures and stories of her family often and her love for her family would bubble out!

You can see her eyes "sparkle" in the video tribute pictures. I had the good fortune of being a former coworker! Wadena and EGF are quite a distance apart, but "Lady Di" could put a spin of humor in each email, call, or meeting. It is true, there is no "distance" between the hearts of friends. Mary

Mary Frendin - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Brenda,

I am so sorry for your loss. I know it must be very difficult for you and your family. Please know we are thinking of you.

michelle epperly - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Paul, Jon, Brenda, and Family;

No words can be written to fill the sorrow and emptiness you are feeling in your hearts. Paul, you have lost the love of your life - your wife. Jon and Brenda, you have lost the one person who gave you an undeniable love - your mother. Grandkids, you have lost a person who gave you love and loved to brag about you - your grandma. Don, Arlene, Jerry, Vonnie, and Suzie, you have lost a person who loved you dearly and you loved her - your sister. Dianne will be remembered and missed by her loved ones.

Our prayer for you is God will give you peace in your hearts to fill this sorrow and emptiness. Dianne would want this for each and every one of you. In Dianne's passing, just imagine how excited she is in meeting her Lord and her loved ones in Heaven, especially her mother who she has not seen in a long-long time. What a glorious reunion for her

Julie, Jacquie, and Adam Waldemar - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Mrs. Dianne was a great woman. She loved her family very much. Especially her grandkids. She was a loyal friend, wife, mother, and grandmother. She had a great personality and everyone loved her. I did from the minute i meet her. She taught me how to play Mexican Train. She was like a second grandma to me. We love you and we will miss you. Like everybody says lost but not forgotten. See ya in heaven one day. We love you, Tori

Most of all I thank God for the mother that Diane was to raise such a beautiful daughter, Brenda Sue who I am blessed to know as my sister in Christ. Diane was a mother that I wish I had and in God's way she was my mother with prayers of healing. She will always remain in our hearts forever. In loving memory, Penny, S.C.

Tori Williams - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Paul, John and Brenda...
What wonderful memories of your mother we have! What a delight it was to have been her (and your pastor). We would have loved to have been at the service to have hugged your neck and cried with you, but were unable. Our prayers have been with you all day however. Paul, I am asking God to come to you in a special way - nearer and dearer than you have ever known Him to be - and help you through this crisis. John and Brenda, savor the memory of a godly mother. You are in our prayers!!

*With deepest love and concern
Pastor and Sharon Bartel*

Dr. LeRoy and Sharon Bartel - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *I Love u and Miss u to death, Im glad your in a better place, and hopefully In the future 100 years from now I can bake with u and Grandpa for eternity.*

Joshua Wheeler - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Dear Dianne,
I wonder why I saw you in my dream last night. This morning I've got a news from Brenda, and I know everything.*

*I stayed at your house for 9-month. But
I learned many things from you and your family. I impressed your love when I stayed at Wadena. I'd like to see you soon if I could. I pray for you.*

I love you!!!

Sachiko Katsuyama(Ogawara) - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Dear Wheeler Family,

Dianne helped me learn about the inner workings of a college when I started my work at the Wadena Campus many years ago, and for that I am thankful. While I am a teacher by trade, the greatest lessons I have learned came my way from people like Dianne.

Every workday I admired Dianne's dedication, her interest in taming all of the details, and the genuine interest she took in the futures of students, co-workers, and the community.

While her work was obviously important, never did a workday go by without Dianne sharing something about what she took the most pride in - all of you, her family.

May your Grandma, Mother, Wife, Lady Di, and the spicy musketeer enjoy eternal peace as she waits to welcome you there with open arms, a big smile, and that joyful laugh.

Sincerely, Teresa

Teresa Theisen - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

T(

“ *What a blessing it was to know Dianne and the joy that she always brought to any room. It was a pleasure to hear her laugh and it was hard not to smile around her. She loved Jesus and she loved the church. You will be missed Dianne. Your family is in our prayers. Much love from TC, Layne, Jonah and Eli*

TC Morsch (Tucker) - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Dear Wheeler Family: I am very sorry for your loss of a great lady who spread her spirit with everyone she touched! Her dedication to others was her signature, sharing anything and everything to anyone in need. From simple information to a shoulder to lean on! She touched so many in her lifetime!

Nancy (Reger) Cunningham - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Dianne and all of the family have always been so good to me. I will miss her very much. Dianne always had a heart of gold. Love to all of you.
Anytime you need anything, you can count on me.

Kelly Wheeler - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Paul, our hearts go out to you in your sadness but oh the memories which cannot be taken from you.

You and Dianne gave us peace of mind when our special girl decided to come to the other side of the world on her own. You opened your home and hearts and became part of our family too. Without you both to guide, love and share with us that part of her life, we would have been lost. Dianne and I had many calls backward and forward over a girl who was very homesick to start but very excited to be part of a family where she had a sister (at last!). When we at last got to meet you both we were also made to feel part of your family and enjoyed many fun moments including Allison's graduation - all very different to us. We will never forget you both. Brenda and Leonard and children, although we only spoke on the phone, and Jon - your Mum was one very special lady and I know that at this sad time you will miss her more than words can ever say but in you her legacy will still live on and she was so proud of her family and her grandchildren. God Bless
Tony and Frances

Tony and Frances Cooper - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dearest Paul, Brenny and Jon. My deepest sympathy to you and your family at this difficult time.

Its not so easy to put all the wonderful memories of such a special lady into words. My 'American Mom' had the largest of hearts and always made me feel like part of the family - as you all did. The love you shared, the time you gave me and the lessons you taught me have stayed with me and will do for the rest of my life.

Dianne was full of life and was always such fun. We shared tears, sometimes from sadness and sometimes from laughter but either way, she was always there with a big hug.

I know that Dee Dee will leave a big hole in your lives but remember all the wonderful times and know that they will never leave you.

May the memories and love you have as a family bring comfort to you all.

My love and prayers are with you.

Your Kiwi Daughter and Sister.

Alli

xxx

Allison Paris (nee Cooper) - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Dear Aunt "B" as you share this time of sorrow as a family, may you draw strenght and hope from one another remembering your mothers life together. The love and memories you share with your mother will remain with you forever. With each memory let our hearts be reminded that nothing can ever take away those beautiful memories.

A true friend can never be replaced, only remembered with love. Give Ben and Michael a hug for me I know they will miss their grandmother so much.

Keeping you close in thought and prayer. We Love You, Pat and "Dunc"

What a Beautiful Tribute to your mother. Brenda thanks for sharing!

Pat Duncan - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *What wonderful memories ... Diane touched our hearts and the hearts of many with an unending love that started with the delightful smile on her face, a twinkle in her eye and often ended with a genuine hug and words of encouragement. The song in her heart was expresses through her piano playing and gave to many a new joyous song to lift to the Lord.*

The heavenly host must have need an addition to their orchestra so Diane was promoted to play and sing in the heavenly choir. I can almost hear them singing around the throne of heaven, "Thou Art Worthy To Receive Glory ..."!

Paul, Brenda and Jon may you sense the presence and love of God in such a special way that it seems like a hug from God. I look forward with you to the day that we will gather around the grand piano of heaven and we will have a "Family Sing" like we have never had before.

Love and Prayers, Jim and Marella

Jim and Marella Thomas - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Mom,
It has nearly been a month now since you departed for your new mansion with Jesus. One holiday has already passed without you, and another one is just around the corner. Even though each day seems to get better, and the pain eases just a bit, there's still that HUGE void there that only a mother, a friend, a prayer warrior like you filled so wonderfully not only during each holiday but also every single day for so many years....I know that is what I and many others will miss here on earth. Although we all know that you are singing amazing harmonies with the angels and are in a much better, happier place, we all truly love and miss you and definitely cannot wait to reunite with you again...SOON!!! Love, your son,
Jon

Jon Wheeler - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ To the family of Dianne....
I am glad I got to know your Mom through SonRise Christian School of which she was a big part.

She will be missed also by the "Grandma's of Son Rise" as things are done for God's children by the Grandma's Group in the future. Her smile, music, and fun ideas's to entertain the young people. She will be missed.

Hug's,

Maxine R. Erickson - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Mom,
Well it has nearly been 6 months now since you left this dark earth to be in a much happier place with Jesus. You are dearly loved and missed so much more 6 months later!!! Today would have been your 66th birthday and you know we would have thrown a big party as usual!!! But then again, the party you're having in heaven as we speak pales in comparison!! Hope to see you soon!! I have so much to tell you!!! I love you and miss you!!

Your son,
Jon

Jon Wheeler - October 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM