



## Jill Schafer

July 16, 1947 - May 25, 2021

The graveside memorial service celebrating the life of Jill Schafer, of Ottertail, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 26, at the Wadena Cemetery, with Pastor Ricardo Alcoser presiding.

Family and friends may gather at the cemetery on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

Jill, age 73, passed away on May 25, 2021, while in Baxter, MN.

Jill was born to Floyd and Donna (Currie) Erickson on July 16, 1947, in Wadena, MN. She attended Wadena Public Schools, graduating with the Class of 1965. Afterward, she attended NDSU and Moorhead State University and attained a degree in Home Economics. Her occupations included teaching Home Ec. in Crookston, being a County Extension agent, and a Home Health Aid. Her most important task was that of wife and mother.

Jill was united in marriage with William "Bill" Schafer on July 18, 1972, in Switzerland.

Over the years Jill enjoyed time spent with her family and friends. She found pleasure being outdoors when watching and feeding birds, tending her flower and vegetable gardens, and then harvesting the fruits of her labors when

canning and freezing. Jill's creative talents materialized when she was painting, sewing, quilting, or cooking for others.

Preceding Jill in death were her parents, Floyd and Donna; sister-in-law Mary Erickson; and great-grandson Creed.

Memories of Jill will remain with her devoted husband Bill, of Ottertail; children, Heather (Dan) Meyer of Perham, MN, Chris (Steph) Schafer of Hayti, SD, and Erik (Shannon) Schafer of Hazel, SD; 10 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren; siblings John Erickson of Wadena, Jodi (Mark) Miksche of Long Prairie, and Jeri (Don) Scheller of Wadena; along with several nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Wadena Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family & Friends

JUN 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

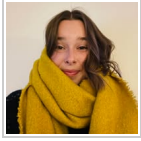
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## Graveside Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *I love you forever Grandma* ❤️



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**Makena Schafer** - November 02, 2021 at 12:36 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jill Schafer.*



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June 25, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ *Jody OBrien lit a candle in memory of Jill Schafer*



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**Jody OBrien** - June 24, 2021 at 09:08 PM



“ *Heather & family: So sorry for the loss of your mom. It is hard to see them leave this world, but she is welcomed in heaven now. Prayers for your comfort and strength during this sad time. Peace to all Dean & Diane Bauck*

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**Diane K Bauck** - June 23, 2021 at 09:55 PM

AP

“ I well remember Jill's parents in Wadena(Floyd and Donna Erickson) My late husband also knew them thru our insurance agency. May God comfort William and the family.  
May Jill rest in peace in the arms of her Lord.



Arleen A Paulson - June 23, 2021 at 11:14 AM

DA

“ I knew Jill as energetic, enthusiastic, & encouraging. May all the cherished memories you share bring comfort 🙏❤️



Di Schiller Anderson - June 14, 2021 at 06:06 PM

EC

“ Our family will miss your visits and friendship. We have been friends for 45 years and won't forget the turtle feeds, fun times in the woods, Long Lake visits and the fun times when the kids were all young. Heaven is receiving a most talented artistic and creative soul. Your talents extended from the brushes to the canvas, from the garden to the kitchen, and from the cotton plant to the quilt. You were truly the matriarch of your family and kept everyone busy. I will miss our bumming around and knowledge of so many sewing activities. Your caretaking of clients was so appreciated in homes and your talents in the classroom. These last years of illness were so many, but you moved ahead with optimism, with Bill attending to your many conditions. Peace be with you Jill. Our blessings to Bill, Heather, Eric and Chris and their families. May the next brilliant star be yours. Peace and grace, Lonnie and Eileen Clemenson.

Eileen Clemenson - June 08, 2021 at 12:37 PM

BP

“ *Barry & Sandi Pratt lit a candle in memory of Jill Schafer*



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**Barry & Sandi Pratt** - June 02, 2021 at 06:18 PM

DG

“ *Oh, we are so sad, shocked and sorry to hear of Jill's passing. Our sympathy and prayers to you, Bill, and Heather, Chris, Eric and their families, too. We treasure our fun years as neighbors on Buchanan Lake enjoying Jill's friendship and all of her various talents and activities! She was a special lady and friend. Bless you all. Dean and Lynn Greenwaldt*

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**Dean & Lynn Greenwaldt** - June 01, 2021 at 10:41 PM

DL

“ *Our sympathies to all of Jill's family, especially Chris as we knew him so well. It is a sad time for everyone. We keep you in our prayers.*  
*Denny & Jo Iverson.*

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**Denny & Jo Iverson from Detroit Lakes** - May 31, 2021 at 02:44 PM

GH

“ *With Sympathy, Gene and Kathy Hinman*



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**Gene & Kathy Hinman** - May 31, 2021 at 12:48 PM

JH

“ To Bill and family. We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Jill. She was always an interesting artistic woman who I knew from quilting. She was always very helpful and spoke often of her family. She will be missed!

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**judy herzog** - May 31, 2021 at 10:58 AM

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“ -LeRoy And Susan Jackson lit a candle in memory of Jill Schafer



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**-LeRoy and Susan Jackson** - May 31, 2021 at 01:12 AM

LJ

“ LeRoy & Susan Jackson lit a candle in memory of Jill Schafer



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**LeRoy & Susan Jackson** - May 31, 2021 at 12:41 AM

MR

“ My deepest sympathy to the Schafer family. Jill was so kind. I remember calling Jill and telling her about a snapping turtle so she would pick me up so i could show her where it was. She was a brave lady catching those snappers!!! Rest in peace dear friend.  
Mary Rotzien

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**Mary Rotzien** - May 28, 2021 at 06:29 PM

PH

“ *Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Jill Schafer*



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**Peggy Haman** - May 28, 2021 at 04:21 PM

DK

“ *Bill and family, our thoughts are with you and your family. Always enjoyed visiting with her when we would run into each other. Rest In Peace!!*

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**Doug Schroeder and Diane Krumwiede** - May 27, 2021 at 07:47 PM

LB

“ *Dear Schafer Family*  
*It is with great sadness to hear about Jill's death. She is a life long friend and I treasure all the times we have spent together (she could remember all the good stories). My sympathy to you, her family, as I know she will be greatly missed.*  
*Linda Busing*

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**Linda Busing** - May 27, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *Jill was a great neighbor and quilting friend. I recall her sharing garden produce and ideas when we first moved to Buchanan Lake. The neighborhood get togethers she helped organize were always wonderful. Jill had many tales and experiences to share at quilting. She will be missed.*  
*Cathy and Mark Hansen*

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**Cathy Hansen** - May 27, 2021 at 01:33 PM

CR

“ A wonderful friend whose passing will leave a big void and hole in my heart . Hope she new how much she meant to me .

Chris Roforth - May 27, 2021 at 12:19 PM

DW

“ Del and I send our deepest sympathy to all of Jill's family. She will be missed and always remembered as a loving friend and fellow mushroom hunter. Rest in Peace dear Jill. From Del and Manila

Del and Manila Wiebe - May 27, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DT

“ David And Norie Trout lit a candle in memory of Jill Schafer



David and Norie Trout - May 27, 2021 at 10:25 AM

TL

“ Prayers to a wonderful friendly person, you will be missed.

Terry and Gayle Langer - May 27, 2021 at 10:24 AM

SH

“ I was so very sorry to hear of Jill's sudden passing. I deeply enjoyed seeing her and discussing quilting, vegetable canning and all of her years as a 4H leader. She was an amazing person who I will deeply miss. Samantha (Loock) Horn, Henning, MN

Samantha Horn - May 27, 2021 at 09:46 AM

DE

“ *David And Harriet Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Jill Schafer*



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**David and Harriet Erckenbrack** - May 26, 2021 at 05:31 PM

JS

“ *Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Jill Schafer*



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**Jim Stoneman** - May 26, 2021 at 04:16 PM