



Sylvia Maves

June 19, 1945 - June 2, 2003

Sylvia Diane Anderson was born to her parents Raymond and Helen (Johnson) Anderson on June 19, 1945 in the Bertha Hospital. She passed away after a lengthy illness on Monday in the Lake Region Hospital in Fergus Falls. She graduated from the Bertha-Hewitt High School in 1963. Sylvia enjoyed traveling to Alaska, spending time at the lake, fishing, crossword puzzles, collecting beanie babies & porcelain dolls, antiques, her grandchildren and living life to the fullest. She was currently working as a middle school administrative assistant in the Park Rapids school system and has lived in the Sebeka area for the past 12 years. Sylvia was preceded in death by her father, Raymond. She is survived by her husband Dale; mother Helen of Hewitt; sons Mark (Juanita Brewer) Lorentz of Anchorage, Alaska, Steve (Sherrie) Lorentz of Elk River; grandchildren Taylor & Peyton; brothers David (Ardy) Anderson of Ottertail, Chuck (Mary Ann) Anderson of Hewitt, Bruce (Gloria) Anderson of Deer Creek; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Burial will take place in the Oak Valley Cemetery in Oak Valley Township west of Hewitt.

Tribute Wall

OS

“ To the Family of Sylvia Maves,

Please accept my most sincere condolences.

Sylvia was a neat lady with a soft voice and a great sense of humor. She never gave up hope. She was such a giving person. I will miss her.

Olive Springborn

Olive Springborn - June 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Sylvia was a wonderful part of our school system and she will be missed.*

Joe Merseth - June 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *I'll always remember Sylvia's kindness and helpfulness when I was a substitute teacher and she was the worker to call subs. She was so easy to work with!*

My prayers go out to her family and friends. Sylvia was such a blessing!

Carol Sievers - June 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *It was a pleasure to have worked with Sylvia. She was a very sweet person. I just lost a grandson, 4 months old, who was born premature, just last week. These are very difficult times to get through. My heart goes out to your families. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Shelley Robbins - June 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KY

“ I'll always remember the first time I subbed for Sylvia about 11 or 12 years ago. I answered the phone and it was Dale. She was still Sylvia Hahn then and he thought it was her. I told her about this last winter and we had a good chuckle. She was also a heck of a dice player. The last time we were at the Potter's she won all the money. We laughed a lot that night and talked the hours away. We'll all miss her, her smile and her love of life, family and friends.

Kathy Yliniemi - June 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Sylvia and I worked together at Park Rapids School. She was a great lady to work with, very professional and always tried to find the positive in any bad situation.

I remember her talking (more like bragging) about her wonderful grandkids. She was very proud to be a grandmother. My last few memories of Sylvia was when she called me one morning at work -- so concerned that she couldn't make a workshop that she was expected to attend, she had just received a call from her doctor with more bad news that the cancer had spread.

Early this school year, a few of the girls from the office got together at my house for a fun night. We played dice for quarters (Sylvia won) and talked for hours.

My sincerest sympathy to her family. May God help you get through this sad time.

Shirley Potter

Shirley Potter - June 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Sylvia and I only worked together a few months because of her illness, but from the first time she worked in our office during the summer of 2001 to her last visit last month, she never stopped surprising me. Many times when she wasn't feeling well or things were difficult in the office, those beautiful blue eyes would start to sparkle and she'd do something so silly that the two of us would be beside ourselves with laughter. I remember the time she was making copies in the copy room and it was so hot that she was very uncomfortable. All the sudden she pulled off her wig and sort of danced beneath it. We laughed until we cried. This last visit she told me about trying to keep up with a nurse recently who was walking very fast down a hallway. Sylvia--who would never give up on anything--tried to keep up but eventually she tripped and fell. Like she said, nothing was hurt but her dignity and even then, she joked about her wig coming off and the nurse not even realizing she wasn't there until she got to the room they were going to. That was Sylvia, though. She always found a way to enjoy the days, even when they were very hard for her. I admired her strength and her courage. The world is a better place because God shared Sylvia with us for these past years.

Sandy - June 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ I will always remember Sylvia as being a fun and happy person who always had a big smile and would laugh all the time. She was a very independent and strong person. She was someone I would look up to and admire. She always talked about her grandchildren and spending time with them. She knew family was very important. She would bring pictures to work to show us all. She loved spending time with her family and traveling back and forth to Alaska when she could. She will be missed by all of us whose lives she made a huge impact on.

Wendy Holden - June 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

LQ

“ *Sylvia was a very special friend of mine, I was saddened by her death. Her life affected mine,I will miss her in it.*

Linda Quinn - June 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Sylvia was always so helpful and friendly at work. She made me feel very welcome when I first started teaching in Park Rapids. And when my daughter was born she was so happy for me. She was a gentle, kind person that touched many lives.*

Tiffany Besonen - June 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM