



Diane Orchard

July 28, 1939 - February 20, 2019

Diane Spiess (Kouba) Orchard, age 79, of Zumbrota (formerly of Albert Lea), gained her wings on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at Samaritan Bethany in Rochester.

Diane was born in Austin, MN on July 28, 1939, to Cyrol Spiess and Theresa (Uzlik) Greene. She spent her younger years in Austin and graduated from Austin High School. One of Diane's early ventures was modeling for fashion shows at Wallace's Department Store. Her love of sewing kept her busy making clothes for her children and doing projects for friends and family. Over the years, she worked in a former family business and North Park store in Albert Lea. She spent her career in sales, always sharing a smile and kind words with everyone she met. To her, there were no strangers, only friends she had not yet met. One of her great passions was rescuing dogs from shelters and loved keeping them as family pets in her home over the years. Her hobbies included hunting, snowmobiling, hanging out at the lake, and being a kick-ass cook and baker. She was an avid book and movie lover who preferred conversation over a cup of coffee over a phone call and had a distinct, sharp sense of humor. Her pride and joy were her kids, grandkids, and great grandkids, always making sure to send cards or call to check in when she knew a birthday was coming. Her sense of compassion led her to volunteer with the Jaycees, work with children, and spend time serving her family. Even when money was tight, she was always there to lend a hand to those in need. To the very end, her stubborn will and determination kept her alive and thriving until she was called home.

Survivors include: Jeff (Patty) Kouba of St. Francis, Phil (Melanie) Kouba of Brainerd, Liz Bachtle (Curt Benson) of Albert Lea, Joe Kouba of Mazeppa, Sarah (Pat) McGowan of Tucson, AZ, Richard (Christina) Orchard of Pine Island, and Beth (Steve) Kudwa Of Carol Stream, IL. She is also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren in whom she took much pride and her sister, Sharon (Spiess) Pfeifer of Rochester.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Cyrol Spiess and Theresa (Uzlik) Greene. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 am on Thursday, February 28, 2019, at Mayer Funeral Home with Pastor Lauren W. Orchard officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at Mayer Funeral Home. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials preferred to the Humane Society of Freeborn County may be made in her name.

Condolences may be left online at www.mayerfh.com

Cemetery

Events

Oakwood Cemetery

1800 4 St. NW

Austin, MN, 55912

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Visitation

10:00AM - 11:00AM

Mayer Funeral Home

600 2nd Street NW P.O. Box 27, Austin, MN, US, 55912

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Service

11:00AM

Mayer Funeral Home

600 2nd Street NW, Austin, MN, US, 55912

Comments



“ Phil, Liz and family~So sorry for the loss of your beloved Mother & Grandmother. She was a lovely lady who loved her family dearly. Thinking of you at this difficult time. May your memories of family times hold you close to her. Warm Regards, Kathy Pieper Huglen

Kathy Pieper Huglen - February 28 at 10:31 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Diane Orchard.



February 27 at 01:47 PM



“ Bob and Lorraine Kudwa purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Diane Orchard.



Bob and Lorraine Kudwa - February 26 at 08:48 PM



“ Dear Beth and Steve and family;
Losing your mom is hard, we are so sorry; our thoughts and prayers are with you. Praying you feel Gods loving arms around you. Hugs to you all. Love Gwen and Dale.

Gwen Hendrickson - February 24 at 02:26 PM