

In Loving Memory...

If I be the first of us to die,
Let grief not blacken long your sky.
Be bold yet modest in your grieving.
There is a change but not a leaving.
For just as death is part of life,
The dead live on forever in the living.
And all the gathered riches of our journey,
The moments shared, the mysteries explored,
The steady layering of intimacy stored,
The things that made us laugh or weep or sing,
The joy of sunlit snow or first unfurling of the spring,
The wordless language of look and touch,

The knowing,
Each giving and each taking,
These are not flowers that fade,
Nor trees that fall and crumble,
Nor are they stone,
For even stone cannot the wind and rain withstand
And mighty mountain peaks in time reduce to sand.

What we were, we are.

What we had, we have.

A conjoined past imperishably present.

So when you walk the wood where once we walked together
And scan in vain the dappled bank beside you for my shadow,
Or pause where we always did upon the hill to gaze across the land,
And spotting something, reach by habit for my hand,
And finding none, feel sorrow start to steal upon you,
Be still.

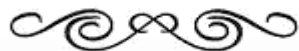
Close your eyes.

Breathe.

Listen for my footfall in your heart.

I am not gone but merely walk within you.

From The Smoke Jumper by Nicholas Evans, 2001



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Dianne Marie Olson

May 2, 1950—August 18, 2023

Dianne Marie (Parmely) Olson was born on May 2, 1950, to F. LaVerne and Mary (Manning) Parmely in Miller, SD. She grew up on a farm near Vayland, SD, until August 1965, when the family moved to Miller. She attended elementary school in St. Lawrence, SD, graduating in 1968 from Miller High School. She graduated from the National College of Business, Rapid City, SD, with an associate's degree in computer programming in 1970.

Dianne and Jerry Olson were united in marriage on June 5, 1971, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Miller. They have made Clark, SD, their home since 1971. They were blessed with three children: David, Mike, and Natalie, and nine grandchildren.

Dianne worked at the library in Miller during high school. After college, she worked at First National Bank in Miller and First Computer in St. Paul, MN. She worked at Citizen's State Bank/Dacotah Bank in Clark from 1971 until May 2019, at which time she retired after 48 years.

Dianne was a member of the First Assembly of God Church of Clark. She was a member of the Women's Ministry, served as secretary for the Sunday school program, taught Sunday school, and worked with the youth organization.

Dianne was selfless, joyful, caring and kind. She enjoyed spending time with family, outdoor time at their backyard pond, gardening and flowers, baking, making Christmas cookies and goodies, traveling (especially to the Black Hills), window shopping and searching for the best bargain, hosting and serving others, playing bridge, taking pride in her work, her appearance, and her family (especially her grandchildren which included the latest addition, little Cambree).

Dianne is survived by her husband of over 52 years, Jerry of Clark; children: David (Janice) Olson of Tulsa, OK; Mike (Fran) Olson of Sioux Falls, SD; Natalie (Jeremy) Clausen of Clark; grandchildren: Olivia Olson of Apple Valley, MN, Lauren Olson of Burnsville, MN; Evan Olson of Tulsa; Sammie, Anika, and Mason Olson of Sioux Falls; Avery, Maverick, and Cambree Clausen of Clark; sister: Mary Lou (Dave) Hepper of Big Stone City, SD; niece and nephews: Nicole (Brad) Plaga of Sioux Falls; Jeremy and Ryan Hepper of Sioux Falls; great nephew: Caleb Plaga of Sioux Falls; aunt: Janice Manning of Miller; mother-in-law: Fern Olson of Clark; brother-in-law's, sister-in-law's, and their children: Jim (Marilyn) Olson, Michelle and James; John (Helen) Olson, Lisa, Jenny, Kathy, and Elizabeth; Larry (Sylvia) Olson, Leah and Elliot; as well as many great nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

Dianne was preceded in death by her parents: F. LaVerne and Mary Parmely; an infant brother: Gary Parmely; grandparents: Archie and Bertha (Daugherty) Parmely; James and Mabel (Rundle) Manning; uncles: Donald, Clarence, Leo, Harold, Arvy, Clayton, and Merlyn Parmely; John, James, Raymond, Martin, Leo, Bill, and Artie Manning; aunts: Florence Danielson, Theresa Peck, Ellen Bawdon, and Sally Brock; father-in-law: Wayne Olson; and several cousins.



Celebrating the Life of Dianne Olson



Services From

United Methodist Church
Clark, South Dakota
Wednesday, August 23, 2023
10:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Mark Cronauer

Music

"Goodness of God"

"I Can Only Imagine" - Jason Wilson

"Scars of Heaven" - Jason Wilson

"In His Time"

Honorary Casket Bearers

Girlfriends known as the "Magnificent 7":

Penny Becker, Ginger Campbell, Carla Miner,
Carol Pomeroy, Betty Stewart, and Sandi Stricker
Current and past Dakotah Bank employees

Casket Bearers

Jeremy Hepper, Ryan Hepper, Brad Manning, Mason Olson,
Maverick Clausen, Aaron Orris, Caleb Orris, and Rod Parmely

Interment

Rose Hill Cemetery



*Please join the family for lunch and a time of fellowship in the
church Fellowship Hall following the burial.*

*The family of Dianne Olson thanks you for your presence here today,
for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.*