

BERTHELSEN, Diane Lynn

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MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD THURSDAY FOR DIANE BERTHELSEN

Memorial Services for Diane Berthelsen were held Thursday, August 20, at 1:00 p.m. from St. Johns American Lutheran Church (1912 West 13th St., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.) with Rev. Ralph Johnshoy officiating. Mattie Bahnson was organist and accompanied by Dorothy Koepsell who sang, "Beyond The Sunset". Two hymns "Rock of Ages" and "How Great Thou Art" were sung by the congregation.

Honorary bearers were Jon Ractliffe, Tom Moran, Larry Larsen and David Sorenson.

Committal services were held at Rosehill Cemetery with Rev. Johnshoy and Rev. Lindgren officiating.

OBITUARY

Diane Lynn Berthelsen, 25 years old, was born in Viborg, S. Dak. on Sept. 27, 1955 and passed away in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. on August 17, 1981.

The first two years after birth were spent on a farm two miles north of Viborg. In August, 1957, she and her family moved to Sioux Falls. Diane attended Garfield Elementary, Axtell Junior High, and Washington High School graduating in May of 1973. Interest in debate, which she actively participated in high school, resulted in receipt of a Regents Scholarship used upon entry to Augustana College. There she went four years, majoring in Economics and Philosophy, and minoring in calculus.

Diane's sincere interest in doing for others included volunteer work at the "Children's Inn" in Sioux Falls. Also she served as a pre-school vacation Bible school teacher. Her niece, Shannon, served as a perfect example of the love Diane held for children.

Preceded in death by her beloved grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. George Berthelsen and Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Larsen.

Diane leaves to mourn her parents, Emmett and Elaine (Tootie) Berthelsen, one sister Sharon, one niece Shannon, three uncles, Maynard and Murnel Larsen of Viborg and Dewayne Larsen of Rapid City; three aunts, Laura Jensen of Freeman, Lillie Sorenson of Viborg, and Elna Snoozy of San Jose, California; 17 cousins and many friends.

As Diane has helped others, may God be with her and her loved ones.

MEMORIAL FUND

"Diane Berthelsen Memorial Fund" has been established at the Western Bank, 12th and Western Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak. All contributions will be directed to the Anorexia Nervosa victims in hope of saving someone else's child. Diane's love for others was her foremost goal and if she could save even one life; as her parents we feel she would have achieved that goal.

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot begin to express the thankfulness in our hearts for the many kind deeds shown toward us during our bereavement at the loss of our daughter, sister, and aunt. Special thanks to Rev. Ralph Johnshoy and Rev. Charles Lindgren for the many visits and comforting words; Mattie Bahnson (organist) and Dorothy Koepsell (soloist), the committee of the month, relatives, neighbors and friends who brought food to our home and the church, and for the memorial gifts, cards and flowers.

May God Bless You All.

Mr. & Mrs. Emmett Berthelsen
Sharon Berthelsen
Shannon Berthelsen
Tom Moran