



Diane Priebe

August 15, 1960 - September 8, 2011

Diane Lynn Priebe was born on August 15, 1960 in Valley City, ND, the daughter of Earl and Marline (Nelson) Priebe. As a young girl, she moved with her family to Bismarck. She attended school there through her junior year. They moved back to Valley City and she graduated from Valley City High School with the class of 1978. She attended Valley City State University.

She worked at First National Bank in Valley City before moving to Bismarck where she worked as a bank teller and as a caregiver for her niece, Katharine. Diane moved back to Valley City and became a full time caregiver for her parents.

Family and friends were very important to her. She loved to cook and bake and was known to bring assorted goodies to them on a whim and then stay to visit. She also made countless fleece quilts that she gave away, too. Diane's greatest joy was making sure her family stayed connected. She knew every aunt, uncle, and cousin. She sent them cards for birthdays and holidays.

Diane died at her home in Valley City on September 8, 2011. She is survived by her parents, Earl and Marline of Valley City; her brother, Steve Priebe (Lynn Bailey) of Valley City; her sister, Susan (Elroy) Kadrmas of Bismarck, ND; and nieces, Katharine and Emily. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Frederick and Viola Priebe and Albert and Anna Nelson.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW, Valley City, ND, US

SEP **Service** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ Diane will be dearly missed. I have never met someone with such a kind heart. She once brought me a bunch of her favorite recipes in case I would enjoy them as much as she had. What a wonderful lady. God Bless,
Darci

Darci Magnuson - September 15, 2011 at 05:37 PM



“ Diane was an awesome friend who unselfishly gave to anyone she met. Her kind caring ways can be examples to all of us. She always had a gentle caring way about her. I can just see her and Earling catching up and going for walks in heaven! Even though she may have been in pain, that came second to her. Family was number one and I am sure she was met at the gate of heaven hearing...."Diane, welcome. Well done good and faithful servant."

Nicole Powers - September 14, 2011 at 10:31 PM



“ When I think of Diane, and my thoughts are many... (as I am "the other girl" that walked into VCHS her sr yr from Bis with Diane and remained friends with her throughout the many years) ...my thoughts instantly turn to her bright beautiful eyes, her contagious smile, and her strong, inescapable big bear hugs which she graciously gave every time she saw you. Diane's hugs made you feel, (made me feel), immediately "extra special." At the end of our visits in these later yrs Diane was quick to remind me to make the most of everyday and especially to cherish the members of my family. Those precious reminders of what's truly important was her gift to me that will last a lifetime, the best gift a friend could give. Thank you, dear friend. In my best understanding, even today, up in heaven, whether Diane is the one giving the hugs, or receiving the hugs, it's all good, it is blessed, and we are to trust in the Lord with all our hearts and soul. And we are to find peace .. like moments of autumn sunlight on our face.. moments of comfort and peace. Diane you will be greatly missed here on earth, Diane you are at peace, you are in Glory, you are with the Lord. And you will live on in our hearts forever.
Love you, Tammy
God's Gracious Blessings of comfort to Diane's family.

Tamara Bloom Steen - September 14, 2011 at 12:09 PM



“ Our sympathies to the family who must now learn to cope without Diane in their lives. She was a true caretaker. I hope that she will find the peace she needs. Our thoughts are with you today and all the days to come.

Cheryl - September 13, 2011 at 02:21 PM



“ My sympathy to Diane's family at this time. Diane and I worked together at Barnes County Social Services and became good friends. I remember after one of her surgeries when she had the body cast on, I would go to pick her up in my t-top Camaro. I would take the top off on her side so she could get in and then pop it back on. We shared many good times. May she rest in peace.

Janice (Jacobsen) Johnson - September 13, 2011 at 01:53 PM



“ My heart is heavy as I think of the loss of my friend Diane. I had the privilege of celebrating her birthday with her this year at Sabirs. We talked, we laughed, we shared our stories. She enjoyed the card and balloon I gave her. I will always think of her and remember my friend Diane. Her smile could light up a room. May she rest in peace.

Janet Schultz - September 13, 2011 at 01:05 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the Priebe family. I came to know Diane through working at Miller Motors. She always made a point to get to know everyone's name and would always give each person a personal greeting. She was always so happy and sweet and polite. She would bring us too, baked treats and the only reason was "just because". I always thought she was such an inspiration because of her giving nature and her dedication to her family. I will truly miss her. May she rest in peace, pain free. God Bless.

Lynn Pedersen - September 13, 2011 at 10:05 AM



“ I didn't know Diane well but I remember meeting her one evening when both of us were out for a walk. I have to admit that our walking time was cut short because we found so much to share. I learned so much about Diane that evening. One especially was how she treasured her parents and enjoyed doing special things for them to make them more comfortable, how she was devoted to them and was willing to be the loving caretaker that she was. As I walked home that evening, I thought about this woman and how God must be smiling as He looked down upon her. Can you imagine how He is smiling now and so is she!

Pat Beil

Pat Beil - September 13, 2011 at 12:14 AM



“ Our sympathy in such a difficult time. She will be missed.

Sharon and Dennis Coleman - September 12, 2011 at 10:27 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Diane's death. Diane and I were roommates for awhile in college at VCSC. She was very kind to everyone she met including me. She was in an unbelievable amount of pain at times with her back, esp. after surgery. She however never let on and always smiled thru it! Sweet lady, and will be missed by everyone she cared for.

Carla

Carla Bellmore (Hill) - September 12, 2011 at 09:53 PM



“ My heart goes out to Diane's family, what a loss. Diane was a treasured friend of mine, she would pop in at different places I have worked with that bright smile and always some goody she had baked. We had a lot of good times together and I will treasure them always. I know how much she loved her family she talked about them often and would fill me in on all the daily things. She loved my dogs and they loved her, always so happy when she stopped by! Diane was a true friend. Heaven has a new angel, good bye my friend, I will miss you.

Jill Larson - September 12, 2011 at 05:42 PM



“ Priebe Family,
You all are in my prayers. I was so honored to have met your daughter, sister, she made me feel so welcome when I first started at the SCC and taking care of your Dad, Earl. She is a very special person and will be missed greatly. Her smile was inviting and I am so grateful to have met her and may she rest in peace, She will be always remembered for all she did and will do from up above. God Bless You all

Tina Erker - September 12, 2011 at 11:37 AM



“ I pray God will give you comfort in this time of sorrow. Lean on HIM, for HE is our rock and salvation. May HE hold you in HIS arms and you find HIS love and Grace. Diane was a special lady, when she realized I was Hal Klingers wife, whom she had worked with at the bank, she was so thrilled and visited with me several times about her work. We also had some very intimate conversations as well, about her back pain, parents, and difficulties she faced. Diane will be greatly missed. I pray that we can help Earl through this time. May you find GODS peace. Diane Klinger

Diane Klinger - September 12, 2011 at 09:39 AM



“ We remember the joy Diane would bring to Arianne & Aubree while playing with them. She to find time even when in pain. We will miss you.

Dennis, Becky, Arianne, & Aubree Nelson - September 11, 2011 at 11:24 PM



“ First of all, my deepest sympathies to all of the Priebe and Nelson families as we are all dealing with this loss.
Thank you Diane for taking such great pride in caring for your parents for such a long time. You were a big part of the reason why they stayed at home for such a long time. I always enjoyed talking to you about cooking and baking and all of the different reciepes we would share. I also enjoyed the times we would share sewing tips, photo ideas, and making holiday meals together for the family. You told me once that you considered me a part of the family regardless of if I was married to Steve or not because you thought of me as more than a friend. Diane I miss you soooooo much!!!!
Diane I know you are at peace now with the Lord and you don't hurt anymore. Thank you. I love you. Lynn

Lynn Bailey (Steve's girlfriend) - September 11, 2011 at 10:51 PM



“ To Diane's family, my prayers are with you at this time of loss. I have happy memories of our youth and the times we spent together both in Bismarck and after in Valley City. I am sorry we haven't kept in touch like we should have. Hope you have found peace.

Deb Roberts - September 11, 2011 at 08:45 PM



“ My sincere prayers and condolences to Diane's family. I remember the good times we spent together in school. I thought of Diane often and am deeply sad that I had not seen her in such a long while. I know she is at peace now. God bless.

Robin (Roberts) Purlsey - September 11, 2011 at 08:26 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Priebe's. I will always remember our little visits here and there. The love and compassion Diane showed to her family and others. Like she told me one day, it's the little things we do for others that matter. And that she did. Whether it was the walks with Marlene around the block or the hot pudding she brought to her dad on a daily basis, it is the memories that we remember. God bless you Diane.

Karen

Karen Fleener - September 11, 2011 at 07:56 PM



“ I just want to say thank you ever, ever, soooooo much for all you did for everyone, More specifically your family, the way you made taking care of Mom and Dad your priority. You were very proud of how they looked, their health, getting them to appointments and just plain gettng them out of the house for various visitations or bringing people in as you saw fit, you greatly improved the quality of their lives. Sometimes to the detrement of your own. Truly you were sacrificing for them and believe me I noticed. I never told you enough how much that ment to me, or gave you enough hugs and reassurance that everything was going to alright. You would even make cookies and bars for me just out of the blue, and ordered me sweets from various ads when you saw they were gluten free. Your thoughts were always about others, you cared soooo much about everything, that heart was too big for where it was. Thank you Diane, Sister, and one of the best friends I never knew I had. I will sooooooo miss youand I LOVE you, thank you for teaching me the meaning of that word. It was always so nice just to know you were there.....goodby for now, Love Steve

Steve Priebe (Brother) - September 11, 2011 at 11:06 AM



“ Good bye Diane May you rest in peace up with our God It was your life to do as you wanted. You will be missed by us on earth.

Cindy Berger - September 11, 2011 at 10:56 AM



“ Marlene & family,
I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved Diane. You have my most sincere sympathy and loving thoughts.
Having experienced the loss of a child my heart truly aches for you. I will not make it to the service, but will be thinking of you and remembering you in prayer. Lovingly,
Arlene

Arlene Johnson - September 10, 2011 at 01:49 PM



“ When I think of you Diane, I think of us laying in the front yard of your Aunt's house, with Deb and Robin Roberts, giggling like fools just before your graduation. You humor and love of life are what I will always remember the most about you. I know how important friends and family were to you, and I hope that you can feel the love and memories that are with you now from all of those lives that you touched. You have always had a warm place in my heart and I will always remember you, smiling and laughing. With Love, Susan

Susan Ness Taylor - September 10, 2011 at 01:18 PM



“ Prayers to all of Diane's family. I enjoyed the visits Diane and I would have when we would see each other now and then in Bismarck---she always kept me up to date with all things Valley City and she was so sweet to always ask about my family. Diane was a precious person and will be missed. Peace to you all.

Beth Lewellyn Thune - September 10, 2011 at 12:48 PM



“ Although I did not know Diane well, I know that she will be greatly missed in this world. I always enjoyed when she stopped down to my business, such a soft-spoken, kind human being. Always had something cheerful or kind to say. I will miss seeing her.

Marcia Faul - September 10, 2011 at 12:06 PM



“ I feel as though I'm writing a letter to you, just like we did as kids growing up. We shared so much of life together, through your pain and also joys that life brought our way. When we'd come for a visit, I seek you out, take your hand, and we go downstairs to play. I also remember playing in this big pile of dirt as kids by Gr Nelson's house, having such a great time. Then you sat on top of the heap of dirt w/tears, wondering if you'd ever grow up. *smiles* She always was a kid at heart. You showed so much love to my pup, Tasha, who always was the MOST excited to see you. It was a moment you didn't want to miss when you walked in the door to see the reunion of two souls that truly lvd each other and expressed it. Rest in peace my Dear Diane - until we see each other again and walk those streets of gold together...I just know you've made a great addition to Heaven's choir. Love You! Shar

Shar - September 10, 2011 at 10:07 AM



“ Heaven has another angel, my sincere sympathy to Diane's family, I will remember the laughs we had while working together at First National Bank, she was so excited to be an Aunt. Diane suffered with back pain but was always upbeat and smiling. Rest in peace, Diane, you will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time. Joan

Joan Studebaker - September 09, 2011 at 09:43 PM