



Corinne Irene Wenzel

March 15, 1952 - October 9, 2025

Corinne Irene (Brakel) Wenzel, 73, of Valley City, ND passed away on October 9, 2025, in Valley City at SMP Health - St. Raphael.

Celebration of life will be held at SMP Health – St. Raphael, 1st floor main dining room on October 18, 2025, at 2:00pm.

Corinne was born in Harvey, ND to Orville and Irene (Page) Brakel on March 15, 1952. She went to high school in Hurdsfield, ND graduating in 1970. Corinne went on to earn her associate's degree in accounting at a business school in Fargo. Her first job was at Clay Wilkins in Fargo. She worked at Sheyenne Care Center from 1991 to 2007. From 2007 Corinne worked at the Barnes County Historical Society and at the Valley City Barnes County Public Library until her stroke in November of 2023. She then entered Ava Maria in Jamestown then in March of 2024 entered St. Raphael in Valley City.

Corinne is survived by children Mike (Robyn) Brakel of California, Teresa Wenzel of Minnesota, Christopher Wenzel, Lindsey (Cody) Jacobson, Angela (Chris) Waters, Kassandra (Darius) Gilbert all of Valley City, ND. Her sister JoAnn Sheets. Grandchildren Christina, Max, Cassidy, Ethan, Kaedyn, Joselyn, Trinity, Deserai, Aveya, Kaitlyn, Christopher Jr. Charlette, Ryder, and another on the way and nieces Melanie, Danielle, and Celeste.

Corinne is preceded in death by her parents and a brother-in-law Dan Sheets.

Corinne's family would like to thank the staff at SMP Health-St Raphael for taking good care of her.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An online guestbook is available at www.olivernathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Goodrich Cemetery

Goodrich, ND

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

OCT 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Raphael's Chapel in SMP Health - St. Raphael, Valley City
979 Central Ave North
Valley City, ND 58072

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - October 16, 2025 at 10:48 AM

PO

“ *Sincere sympathy to Corinne's family. What two better places to work than the library and the museum? Takes a gifted person with knowledge and willingness to assist the public. May precious memories be a comfort in the days to come.*

Phyllis Otterness - October 18, 2025 at 10:07 AM

CT

“ *Sorry to hear of Corrine's passing. She was a good friend.*

Cyndi Twidt - October 13, 2025 at 09:45 PM

WA

“ *Corinne was so much my right hand around the museum for so long. I could always depend upon her. She was very thorough in everything she did and conscientious in her work. She had great ideas, and together we got lots accomplished. We could always laugh together at dumb things. She left a huge hole when she had her stroke. I've picked up some of what she once did for us. It has given me a new appreciation for all she did so easily without complaint. I'm glad to have known her and called her my friend. I shall miss Corinne greatly, but know she is at last free and at peace.*



Wes Anderson - October 13, 2025 at 05:55 PM

AB

“ I am her 1st cousin, a year younger. I did not know her well, until we shared rides to Fargo for college. We had many long talks, and found her to be a sweet and caring soul. I am a retired neurosurgeon and treated many of the conditions she suffered, making me empathic to her health struggles. I am glad I got to talk to her, one last time, at the Brakel reunion last Summer

Arlo Brakel - October 13, 2025 at 02:12 PM

RG

“ Rachel Geisthardt lit a candle in memory of Corinne Irene Wenzel



Rachel Geisthardt - October 13, 2025 at 02:06 PM

SF

“ Corrine and I were classmates at Hurdsfield High School. But my best memories were when we were kids we were neighbors south of Hurdsfield we would walk over to their farm and played for the day and then walk back home! Great memories! 😊❤️🙏

Susan Frueh - October 13, 2025 at 12:22 PM

RD

“ So sorry to hear about your mom. Loved her at the library when she worked there.

Roxanne dekrey - October 13, 2025 at 09:32 AM

DA

“ *Donna Amann lit a candle in memory of Corinne Irene Wenzel*



Donna Amann - October 11, 2025 at 09:22 PM

EH

“ *Estelle Hanson lit a candle in memory of Corinne Irene Wenzel*



Estelle Hanson - October 11, 2025 at 07:11 PM

EH

Corrine meant alot to me. She always helpful at the Library and knowledgeable at the Museum. Shirt tail relations, we knew alot of former family members. Miss her and prayers to her family.

Estelle Hanson - October 11, 2025 at 07:15 PM