



Steven and Diane Christianson

October 2, 2020

Steven Christianson, 72, and Diane Christianson, 71, died on Friday, October 2, 2020.

Steve was born to Walter and Dorothy Christianson on September 22, 1948 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was the oldest of four children and took his role as big brother seriously. He grew up in Fergus Falls and graduated from Hillcrest Lutheran Academy in 1967. Steve was a fierce competitor and played multiple sports. He also took an early interest in fishing and got his Dad to take him out on occasion. Later, he loved to teach and take his little brother out.

Diane was born to Ingvald and Lavina Askeland on June 5, 1949 in Buffalo Center, Iowa. She enjoyed living on the family farm and especially loved her sheep - one of which she snuck into the house for a picture with her and the Christmas tree. Diane learned generosity from her mom at their strawberry patch. They sometimes gave away more strawberries than they sold and sent pickers away with even more food. Diane's friend Becky interested Diane in attending Hillcrest, where she met Steve. Diane also graduated in 1967.

Steve and Diane were high school sweethearts, but that's not to say there weren't bumps in the road. Steve liked to travel around the country with his friends after high school, even hitchhiking on occasion. He attended Fergus Falls Community College and Moorhead State University, where his dad dropped him off at the door and told him to go to school. Diane attended Moorhead State University and Bethesda Nursing School in St. Paul and worked as a nurse in Blue Earth for a short time until Steve proposed. They were engaged for one month, during which Steve traveled, and Diane wasn't quite sure if he would show up for the ceremony. He did, and they were married on September 30, 1972 in Rake, Iowa.

Despite a challenging courtship, they celebrated 48 wonderful years of marriage just two days before their death. Diane would jokingly say Steve was "the worst boyfriend and the best husband." Steve recently remarked that soon after they got married, he learned what

marital bliss was. They spent their first year of marriage in Pelican Rapids, where Steve's first post-college job was as a live turkey hanger. Soon after, they moved to Fergus Falls, where they bought the "starter house" they would live in for the rest of their lives. Steve then worked at the Regional Treatment Center in Fergus Falls as a Human Service Technician for over 32 years before retiring in 2005. Steve was well known for his pranks at work, but he was also known to be kind and generous with his time. Even after retiring, Steve traveled along with group home residents on road trips around the area. He was a loyal volunteer at the VA home and helped out at many of their Sunday church services. Steve loved fishing and especially loved taking people fishing with him. He was a phenomenal fly fisherman and treated many people to the fruits of his labor by hosting fish fries.

Diane worked as a nurse her entire career, with a break of several years to focus on raising their children. Her last job before retiring was at Prairie Community Services, where she was a Licensed Practical Nurse in group homes. Diane had the heart of a servant, which extended far past her nursing career. She touched an untold number of people with her cooking, baking, friendship, and countless other acts of service. She was a gifted, artistic gardener, evident through their yard filled with colorful blooms. Diane loved antiques, thrift stores, rummage sales, and found objects. She had a beautiful fashion sense and also decorated their home and garden in a warm, unique style that was hers alone. One step into their front door brings a hundred memories at once due to this passion for decorating, as well as the lingering aroma of the amazing meals that she lovingly cooked.

The light of Steve and Diane's lives were their children and grandchildren. Trevor was born in 1976, and Titus was born in 1981. They devoted their time to their boys' activities and hobbies. Steve taught Trevor and Titus to play tennis, and he rewarded them with a savings bond the first time they beat him. He continued to challenge them in table tennis once he could no longer handle a full court game. Steve and Diane spent untold hours at the rink and in the gym, not only during their boys' school years, but also long after. They were frequent fans at Otter, Comet, Rocket, and Spartan activities of every type, from football to Nordic skiing. Diane provided chocolate chip cookies for a countless number of kids, and Steve often wrote the athletes personal notes after their games.

They delighted in their five grandsons, spending time with them more days than not. Steve spent hours fishing with them and patiently teaching them the basics. He would take them into his basement shop and teach them how to use tools, afterward teasing their parents that the kids were "playing with power tools." They both loved singing the boys songs and rocking them to sleep. Diane thrilled the boys with her thrift store finds and was always

ready to play on the floor with them. Buttermilk pancakes and fish fries were a breakfast tradition, and Steve fished throughout the week to ensure he'd have a large enough catch for their company. Summers were full of day trips to Glendalough State Park, with Grandma's overflowing picnic basket and Grandpa's fishing gear ready to go.

In their retirement, Steve and Diane enjoyed traveling, taking trips with family and friends, and visiting family members in Iowa. They loved last minute adventures with Steve's siblings, including cruises and trips to the West Coast.

Steve and Diane loved people, and they showed it through friendship, food, fun, and service. It was not uncommon for total strangers to be invited to their dinner table, such as international students from Hillcrest. Diane's tender heart and Steve's gift for gab were a perfect combination in hosting hundreds upon hundreds of guests for meals throughout the years. Diane will live in infamy for her chocolate chip cookies; paired with Steve's world-class fish fries, a regular meal to them looked like a five-course dinner to new guests.

They also loved their dogs, Maggie I and Maggie II. Both Maggies were spoiled with hikes around the county. Steve and Diane could be found in nature more often than not, whether it be fishing at a lake, biking, or hiking through the woods. Steve took many photographs on all of their journeys and happily shared them in his frequent letters to friends and family. Their love of music took them to concerts near and far, and the radio above the refrigerator was playing Classical MPR or a favorite album even if they weren't home.

Steve and Diane were open-minded and open-hearted. They gave people the benefit of the doubt and always helped those in need. They were relentlessly kind and optimistic. They were gracious, patient, and without complaint. They were encouragers and cheerleaders. They were the world's best mom and dad, sister and brother, and friend to all. Their foundational faith in God was all-encompassing and guided their every decision in life. Blessed be their memory.

Steve and Diane were greeted in heaven by their parents, Walter, Dorothy, Ingvald, and Lavina; Diane's sister, Lila; Diane's brothers-in-law, Donnie, Arlyn, and Butch; Diane's sister-in-law, Pam; their great-nephew, Carter; and their favorite four-legged companions, Maggie I, Maggie II, and Maddy.

They are lovingly remembered by their sons, Trevor (Katy) Christianson of Fargo, and Titus (Mindy) Christianson of Fergus Falls; their beloved grandchildren, Soren, Leif, Thomas, Finn, and Walter; Steve's siblings, Joanie (Bruce) Ver Steeg, Heidi (Kurt)

Mortenson, and Chuck (Ramona Jacobs) Christianson; Diane's siblings, Koreen (Karen) Askeland, Orv Askeland, and Carolyn Skogen; a host of nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

An outdoor funeral will be held for family and friends on Saturday, October 10 at 2 p.m. in DeLagoon Park. Masks are required, and social distancing is encouraged. Steve and Diane were very careful to follow public health guidelines, and we want to honor their wishes by doing so at their service. Please bring a camping chair and dress comfortably for the weather. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Glendalough Park Partners and Young Life.

Arrangements are provided by the Olson Funeral Home in Fergus Falls.
Online condolences may be sent to www.olsonfuneralhome.com

Events

OCT **Memorial Service** **02:00PM**
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DeLagoon Park

1941 Delagoon Park Dr, Fergus Falls, MN, US, 56537

Comments



“ Memorial Service Part 1



Olson Funeral Home - October 12 at 11:25 AM



“ Thank you so much for posting this beautiful service. Blessed be the memory of dear Steve and Diane. Praying for all of you!

Val (Moline) Hobbs - October 12 at 09:57 PM



“ A beautiful tribute to two amazing people.

Karla Connelly - October 12 at 11:30 PM



“ Dear Trevor, Titus, and family: I just came across this memorial today for the first time. Like everyone else near and dear to these two wonderful people, I am left with a huge hole in my heart and my life. I have such fond memories of meeting both of them when our boys were involved in youth hockey in the 80's, shortly after we first moved to Fergus. I immediately sensed something special that these two shared with each other and all the others they touched. Steve and I played "old-timer" hockey together, and we eventually went on to be close friends and fishing pals. After I left Fergus in 1993 for a new life in the Northeast, I continued to return to Fergus almost every summer. The highlight of those visits was usually a day with Steve and Diane biking around Glendalough, along with a yummy picnic lunch that Diane had "thrown together", or a day of fishing, usually on Wall Lake, with the friendly barbs and banter that only occur between close friends. Steve would always out-catch me by at least 5 to 1, then we would head back 1008 N. Marien where Steve would clean and deep fry those sunnies and walleye filets while Diane prepared a feast, much of which came from her garden. Usually Titus and/or Trevor would join us, along with their wives and some or all of their boys, along with Diane's dear friend Connie Peterson, and it would be Thanksgiving in August. Stuffed as I would be, there was always room for Diane's home made bread and oatmeal cookies, handcrafted with love. Their home and lifestyle was a testimony that one does not need a fancy career to live a happy, fulfilled life. They were the happiest couple I've ever known, living a life that should be the example and envy of everyone. I am so blessed and thankful to have known them, and am a better person for having had the honor of their friendship. John Coleman, Scarborough, Maine, Oct 17th.

John Coleman - October 17 at 11:18 AM



“ Memorial Service Part 2



Olson Funeral Home - October 12 at 10:34 AM



“ What a comfort it was for me to watch this video since I was unable to be there. The beautiful setting, messages, music brings great peace and comfort. Steve and Diane were open minded and open hearted ... always. What a blessing to have them as a loving aunt and uncle. Gina

Gina Williams - October 14 at 05:51 PM



“ Thank you for sharing this video as many of us in the Torkelson family are still trying to process this and with the Pandemic we are in it was better to honor them from afar for everyone's safety. God's Blessings to that family as they move forward as they are left with a void that cannot be filled. Being Diane's first cousin I knew her well from growing up with her and I always delighted that I could see her and Steve at family "reunions". What we have to look forward to is that "Great Reunion" that awaits us which will far surpass any reunion we have on earth! But it still is hard for us to accept & understand the "whys" of life and in this case particularly!

God Bless their memory,

Warren & Margaret Torkelson

Warren - October 15 at 04:22 PM



“ Diane & i had fun in yoga class at the YMCA & said Chelsea you are a very good & some times are yoga class go out to eat what your favorite food too she asked & i said my favorite foods to eat are & to drink she said & i said chocolate milkshake no wripcrem please & said Chelsea do you have a boyfriend is he nice to you & i said yes & she said what's hes name & i said hes name is Nate & she said the yoga class missis you when your not in yoga class & said on Friday's i have work & she said where do you work i work at Roadwayinn holte what you do Chelsea im a housekeeper & she said Chelsea do have any pets at your group home i said in my bedroom i have a fishtank what in your fishtank she asked i have a sucker fish & a glo fish & i youse too a pet & he died I'm sorry to hear that your pet died & i said at mom's mom & i have a black & i said her name is Gracie & she asked is black kitty friendly yes i said when class was over we said goodbye & & I miss Diane so much



Chelsea Carlson - November 12 at 06:46 AM



“ WHAT A SHOCKING AND TRAGIC LOSS TO OUR COMMUNITY. MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. STEVE AND DIANE LIVED MANY YEARS ON MARIEN STREET ON THE OPPOSITE CORNER OF THE BLOCK WHERE MY PARENTS HAD LIVED AND I GREW UP AS A KID. I KNEW STEVE FROM PLAYING PICK-UP BASKETBALL GAMES AT THE YMCA AND BOTH WERE REGULAR FANS AT OTTER, COMET, AND SPARTAN GAMES. YOU WOULD OFTEN SEE THEM ON WALKS TOGETHER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. BLESSED BE THE MEMORY OF STEVE AND DIANE. DEAN NIELSEN

Dean S. Nielsen - October 13 at 02:27 PM



“ Kelly And William Gullickson lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



kelly and william gullickson - October 13 at 12:50 AM



“ We want to extend our sympathies to Trevor and Titus and families as well as the Christianson and Askeland families. We have known Steve and Diane for many years. They were such a warm couple. I enjoyed working with Diane on a serving group at Bethel. They will be greatly missed. The entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. We know they are at home with the Lord. Lee and Lavonne Rogness

Lavonne Rogness - October 11 at 11:39 AM



“ Dear Family of Steve and Diane.
I am so sorry for the loss of these two dearest friends. They were the kindest and two of the most caring people I knew. They were also so funny together and always made me laugh. We were talking about going to the Blues Festival near Fergus for a number of summers and were never able to make it happen - due to my work schedule! I regret that I didn't make that happen - but they went anyway of course and each year sent me pictures of themselves with people they met and news clippings of the fest and funny cartoon clippings. Priceless!!
I wish all of you - their dear family - all the comfort and peace at this time.
Love,
Patt (Gudim) Dalbey

Patricia Dalbey - October 10 at 07:46 PM



“ Dear Titus and Trevor and family members of Steve and Diane,

I remember being awestruck by the Steve and Diane Christianson backyard. From the street you could not see the beautiful gardener's wonderland...inspiring, as well as a comfortable spot to sit around a cozy campfire and enjoy the superb conversation with Steve and Diane...two of the loveliest and warmest people we know. As you grieve and look backwards remembering, may you be comforted in knowing, they are now ahead of us waiting with the LORD.

Love to Trevor and Titus and your families and relatives from George and Beth Townsend

"He has sent Me [Jesus] to heal the brokenhearted." ~Luke 4:18~

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." ~Matthew 5:4~

George and Beth Townsend - October 10 at 06:34 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Steve and Diane. I got to know them when Trevor and our son, Eric were running for Hillcrest at cross-country meets. The parents tagged along and I met Diane and Steve, Bruce and Joanie VerSteeg, Heidi Mortenson and Walter Christianson. Trevor and James really had a following! That showed me what a close family they had. I would see Steve and Diane later at Hillcrest and community events and walks around Lake Alice, the last one being not that long ago. They were such a loving, close, and caring couple and always sincerely interested in and giving to all they met, as evidenced by all the wonderful tributes on this website. One time when meeting at their house for a cross-country meet, Diane said, "Oh, let me make a sandwich for you." And it was delicious! Both of them were so generous!

My sympathies go to Trevor and Titus and families, as well as the Christianson and Askeland families. I pray for comfort for you as you think of all the loving family memories you have of them. The whole community will miss them!

Jane Uggerud

Jane Uggerud - October 10 at 04:07 PM



“ I started working with Steve at " The Cottage" in January 1976. He worked daily as a Human Service Technician working in various groups and recreational events. He was quite athletic in a number of sports and I remember trying to learn table tennis from Steve. Why not - he was pretty good and who better to learn from? In my first game I lost by an enormous number of points! Game two and again Steve won ,but I showed promise getting within 7 points points I believe! Game 3 - bring it on ! I was ready - it was then that Steve told me he wanted to play with his dominant arm ...!! Steve had a bit of dry humor ! We both lived for 20 plus years by Lake Alice. They always lived in the same house and I can not think of it any other way. Steve and Diane Christianson were two of the finest people to have walked the face of this earth.



Paul Anderson - October 10 at 04:04 PM



“ I was not physically able to be with today as I was working at Prairie Community Services. I know if anyone would understand it would be Steve and Diane. Diane and I worked together for 20 plus years. Bless You Both



Vonnie Swenson - October 10 at 03:33 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Steve Fishing



Olson Funeral Home - October 10 at 11:55 AM



“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



Olson Funeral Home - October 10 at 11:55 AM



“ Lisa Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Lisa Rodgers - October 10 at 11:34 AM



“ My name is Lisa Rodgers...how blessed I am, to have gotten to know Dianne. The numerous times that she frequented my shop “Liza Jayne’s” here in Fergus Falls was a gift to me..I always looked forward to seeing her sweet smile and hearing her soft and tender voice. She touch my heart in such an amazing and special way ,and I will always think of her,and I’ll smile with the memories that I am blessed with of her. She was a special friend to me , always thoughtful in many ways.I also heard many loving thoughts and stories of her husband and of her boys and their families. A million hugs are being sent to you all.

Lisa Rodgers - October 10 at 11:34 AM



“ I worked with Steve at the Regional Treatment Center, fished with him, and ate with him and Diane. Steve knew I liked photography and he sent me beautiful fall pictures he had taken. The last time I saw them I had invited Steve to have breakfast at the Viking Cafe. He said there are so many people there it's hard to talk. He said why don't you come over to the house for lunch. I said ok. I was met by Diane at the door and Steve was out back frying fish. We had a great lunch and great conversation. They showed me pictures of their kids and grandkids. Diane made the best choc chip cookies and bread! She sent some home with me. I have so many great memories of Steve. When fishing with him he would catch about 10 fish for every one I'd catch. He knew how to fish! We ran groups together at the RTC, we laughed with the clients.

I was shocked by their untimely deaths. My heart goes out to all of their family and friends. I'm so happy that they are believers in Jesus. I like to think of them having new bodies and eternal life. I look forward to seeing them again!!!

Lowell William Wandke - October 10 at 10:11 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Steve Fishing



Chuck Christianson - October 10 at 10:01 AM



“ I did not know Steve and Diane directly but knew of their goodness through the high regard they were shown by my neighbors, Trevor, Katy, Soren, Thomas, and Walter. Their comments through the years proved them to be loving people.

Tim Mathern - October 10 at 01:53 AM



“ Mary Hauser lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Mary Hauser - October 09 at 11:40 PM



“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Gina Williams - October 09 at 11:23 PM



“ 14 files added to the album Steve Fishing



Chuck Christianson - October 09 at 10:26 PM



“ This past week has been so sad to think that Steve and Diane are no longer with us. After reading their obituary, I related to so many wonderful things about this beautiful and loving couple. We met them 23 years ago after moving to Fergus Falls and felt like we had known them for years. Steve invited my husband fishing on a few occasions and also to their home for fish fries. We loved the ambience of their home and delighted in Diane's love of antiques and her fun finds at rummage sales, etc. Diane knew I was looking for a coffee barrel and we found one in an upper floor of a barn antique shop. She was determined we could get it in her car and we did. We had that in common as well as our dogs. After arriving home from a Otter basketball game, our two dogs had opened the cupboard and ate into a new bag of flour. They were covered as well as the floor. The next night at the basketball game, Diane handed me a baggie full of flour! Steve was laughing the whole time. When our dog past, Steve made a donation to the Otter Tail Humane Society in his name. Their anniversary was marked on our calendar and we were blessed to have Diane's chocolate chip cookie and blueberry pie recipes. We shall keep them in our hearts and send our prayers to their Family.

Gary and Shawna Schuler

Gary and Shawna Schuler - October 09 at 10:05 PM



“ Cathy Ericson lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



cathy ericson - October 09 at 10:00 PM



“ A favorite memory of mine being at Steve and Diane's home is when Grandma Kilde complimented Steve on the chicken she was enjoying and seeing the look on her face when Steve told her it was squirrel! Was it?

Blessed be the memory of cousin Steve and Diane. They were a true reflection of God's love through their kindness to me during my Hillcrest and FFCC years. My heart breaks for the whole family and not being able to be with you tomorrow. Love to you all!

Raymond Seaver, Jr. - October 09 at 09:08 PM



“ 12 files added to the album Steve Fishing



Chuck Christianson - October 09 at 05:38 PM



“ To have gone to school with for four years, to have know both Steven & Diane for so many years and now to hear that their lives were cut short saddens our heart but at the same time we are joyful knowing that they are now with our Lord and in his presence for eternity. They have had such a Testimony of God's grace & mercy. We Pray for you the remaining family that God will give you peace and strength.
Classmate,
Herb Freeland and my Wife Nancy

Herb Freeland - October 09 at 03:38 PM



“ I'm very sad for your loss of these two loving people.
My sincere sympathy to the entire Family , and God bless you all.

Wayne Mortensen

wayne mortensen - October 09 at 12:10 PM



“ 16 files added to the album Steve Fishing



Olson Funeral Home - October 09 at 11:54 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Chuck and Ramona - October 09 at 11:44 AM



“ While I did not know Steven and Diane - I had the pleasure of playing College Tennis with their son Titus. In reading the obituary it is obvious where Titus got his kind heart, quick wit, sense of humor, and flare from. I can't imagine what your family is experiencing with the loss of such wonderful parents and people. My heart goes out to you. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Kelley Juell (Severson)

Kelley Juell - October 09 at 11:22 AM



“ Trevor And Becky Marohl lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Trevor and Becky Marohl - October 09 at 09:42 AM



“ Becky Zuehlsdorff lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Becky Zuehlsdorff - October 09 at 09:10 AM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Chris - October 08 at 10:55 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



Chris - October 08 at 10:53 PM



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Tammy Zabel - October 08 at 10:11 PM



“ Beverly Grimm lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Beverly Grimm - October 08 at 10:11 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Tammy Zabel - October 08 at 10:07 PM



“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Gina Williams - October 08 at 07:59 PM



“ Titus, Trevor and family,
I am so sorry for this terrible loss. Even though I didn't know your parents, I have only heard wonderful things about them. May your parents Rest In Peace and watch over your family during this difficult time. God bless you!
Rachel Karst

Rachel Karst - October 08 at 06:10 PM



“ Diane was in my Tops group and was always such a inspiration to all of us with her love she and kindness. She was always there to help anyone in need, and thought so much of her grandchildren caring for them many times. She will be deeply missed at the Tops meetings when we can have them again.
Marlene wahlgren

Marlene Wahlgren - October 08 at 05:19 PM



“ Trevor, Titus, and families, I am your mother's first cousin and I am sure you don't know us very well but I did communicate with your mother from time to time because we were about the same age and grew up playing together. So I have many of those memories that we both liked to reflect back on when we would get together. I did communicate just recently this summer via Facebook and she said that she wished she lived closer as she would bike with me because both of them did biking up where you live and I told her I did biking just completing 800 miles since starting this spring. When I got the message from Carolyn I was just shocked that such a tragic accident could happen. Please know that you have our deepest sympathy and we will definitely keep you in our prayers as you try to move forward and deal with the void that you have in your lives. We are having trouble processing it I can only imagine that it will be a very long time before you will move on from this! I wished we could be at the service but with the Pandemic we are concerned about the safety of both your families as well as ours. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that they loved you very much and that there will be a "Great Reunion" that awaits us all.
With Deepest Sympathy, Warren & Margaret Torkelson



Warren Torkelson - October 08 at 04:53 PM



“ I had the wonderful opportunity to be able to work with Steve for many years. He always made things better whenever he was present and treated all with professionalism, kindness and respect... That twinkle in his eyes when he was teasing co-workers, celebrating his children's growing up and especially while sharing his love for his wife without divulging any secrets! Thank you for so many things. You made this world a much better place for so many. I am so sorrowed by your passing and praying for the rest of your family for comfort and healing.

Laurie Grotnes - October 08 at 04:46 PM



“ My sympathies to the families. This is a tragedy to us, but we know God had His hand on them throughout everything!
I remember years ago when Steve would tease Diane and me because we were Iowa farm girls. He said Iowa was such a smelly state due to all the hogs raised there. After we graduated, he sent me my very first mask to help me breathe better at home!
I also remember riding with Diane's family up to Hillcrest the year after we graduated and how disgusted her dad was with her Mom. We were supposed to leave very early, but they didn't wake us when they said they would. It turned out that Mrs. Askeland had packed the cord to the coffee pot in the suitcase and we couldn't leave until Ingvald had his coffee!!
Love and prayers for all the families! Steve and Diane will be greatly missed!
Love,
Nancy Osmundson

Nancy E Osmundson - October 08 at 04:12 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the families. I am so sad to hear of this news and will miss seeing Diane's smiling face at the library.

Arielle Krohn - October 08 at 03:36 PM



“ I wanted to send my condolences to the family. I worked for many years with Diane and met Steve a few times. She was always there with kind words and a hug when things were tough at home. She was one of the sweetest, tender people I had ever met. She would come in to work in the morning with her little thermos and a big smile always. They will be missed. We know they are in a happy place. Barbara Nelson

Barbara - October 08 at 03:26 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to all Steve and Diane's family and friends. My Dad, Howard Sowden considered Steve the son he never had, and took him fishing often at Jewett Lake. Steve told me later that he learned his fishing skills from Dad. God bless your memories and give you peace and acceptance.
Hazel Sowden Anderson

Hazel Anderson - October 08 at 12:40 PM



“ What a shock! Two lives shortened by something so unnecessary.

I've been thinking a lot about our Hillcrest days, especially senior year. Diane and I were in a trio together doing city missions, singing at nursing homes, etc. At our 50th class reunion we were trying to remember who the 3rd person was. I think it started out as Mary Erickson Rinden but don't remember who took her place. Anyway, wonderful times of fellowship (and fun) through music. Choir tour was an outstanding opportunity to bond with everyone as a group. At our class reunions I always would always seek out both Diane and Steve. They were the most gracious, engaging, and funny people in our class.

Steve always had a story or two about "Dianeisms". What great times. As time went on, they showed what it really meant to be in love with each other and with God.

They will be greatly missed by the Hillcrest Class of '67 and everyone who are family and friends. God bless their memory and comfort their families in this tremendous time of sorrow.

Anita (Balkan) Thompson

Anita J Thompson - October 08 at 10:04 AM



“ Although we never had the pleasure of meeting Steve and Diane or Trevor's family, Titus, (and Mindy, Leif and Finn) have felt like part of our family for 6 years. Our two sons, Zach and Noah have played Tennis for and with him and had Mindy in school. Titus, you have been an outstanding role model and friend to our boys and all of the kids on the team every year. We can only imagine what amazing parents you had to have raised you up to be the kind of coach and man you are. Please know that our hearts, along with so many others of parents and players are breaking for you and your family. We can only imagine the void they will leave in your family and this community. Sending prayers and love and any support you need.
-Will and Leanne Tarczon

Leanne Tarczon - October 08 at 09:21 AM



“ Sue B lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Sue b - October 08 at 01:28 AM



“ Mary Jo And Marian Igelstad lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Mary Jo and Marian Igelstad - October 08 at 12:07 AM



“ May their memory be a blessing. Kris Olson Jorgenson



Kristing Jorgenson - October 07 at 10:56 PM



“ Our hearts are broken for your entire family, Trevor and Katy. We will continue to lift your family in prayer.

David and Jana Wisthoff - October 07 at 10:28 PM



“ Praying for you in this time of loss. May God surround you with His loving arms. Diane was so loving and caring. We will miss her in our TOPS.

Mary Rubink - October 07 at 08:57 PM



“ I was so very sorry to learn of the loss of our dear friends Steve and Diane. I knew Steve from working with him for many years at the treatment center and he was truly kind, compassionate and caring to each person he met. My Sue knew Diane through Bible study together and they were both our very dear friends. They will truly be missed indeed. Titus and Trevor, please know that both of you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. God bless the memory of Steve and Diane Christiansen.
Joe Herder

Joe Heeder - October 07 at 08:39 PM



“ Prayers continue

Cheryl Hardyman - October 08 at 08:18 AM



“ Steve and Diane were my god parents, and extremely close to my family over the years. I am deeply saddened to hear of their tragic passing. I remember their sweet dispositions and feel so grateful that they were chosen to be in my life. My deepest condolences to the family. My family shares in your heartache.

Paula Grace - October 07 at 08:35 PM



“ A number of years ago, I told Steve and Diane how much I admired how they had chosen to live their lives. Most of us had been driven by earning money to afford some luxuries, things like new cars, bigger houses, trendy clothes, dining out. But Steve and Diane lived their values. They chose careers in fields that reflected their care and concern for people in need. They created time for hunting, fishing, and wild-ricing, to name a few. Because they didn't get caught up in the acquisition of things (they still resided in the same house that they had bought shortly after getting married), they were able to retire earlier than most of us. Retirement allowed them to pursue their passions in earnest. On my last visit, we chatted in the garage, surrounded by cross-country skis, fishing rods, life jackets, waders, bikes, hunting jackets--the list could go on and on.

This is what I will miss most from Steve and Diane . . . Great conversation, lots of laughter, the gift of wonderful food and warm ambiance. I will also miss their empathy (their lack of judgment, their acceptance of our differences); the affirmations; the occasional challenge set in the context of caring; and Diane's "thank you for being my friend." Steve and Diane will be deeply missed, not just by me but by so many! We were blessed to call them "friend".

Michelle Halverson - October 07 at 07:36 PM



“ Words that come to mind when I think of Steve and Diane: generous, gentle, steadfast, supportive, encouraging, loving, fun, chocolate chip cookies, fish and most of all, Kind. Steve is my (35 years older) first cousin. I have fond memories of being a kid at Bethel Church and hearing his jovial greeting, "Hey Cuz!", always with a twinkle in his eye. I think of all the fish dinners we ate at the Kilde house because my dad had been out fishing with his nephew and Steve shared his bounty with his uncle (a less skilled angler :). As for Diane, could there be a more perfectly lovely person? She shared her bright smile and exceptional baking with anyone in need. Their mutual love and respect for each other, and all human beings, was as evident as their love of Jesus. Speaking of Jesus, I hope He likes chocolate chip cookies! We already know you like fish.

Debi Kilde - October 07 at 05:07 PM



“ With my poor memory for names I did not recognize them when it was mentioned in our Y swim class.
But seeing the photo in today’s paper. Oh my goodness! That Diane and Steve!!
As is often the case in our small community, one meets the same people wearing different hats.
First, she brought her clients to me at FFMG and was also very supportive of them.
Second, through Larry and Nancy Eisinger we XC skied with Steve and Diane.
Third, she was in our aqua aerobics class at the Y. She didn’t fuss when I cannonballed into the pool, drenching her and several others.
They were each such impressive people.
Fergus Falls will be so much the poorer for having lost them.
I hope her sons know how much we are all sorry to have lost this neat couple.
I don’t know you guys. But coming from Diane and Steve you are probably great young men.

Jerry Hendel - October 07 at 05:07 PM



“ When Dorothy died Dr. Christianson responded to my condolences by telling me, "Seeing a loved one move on is easier when you know their forwarding address."
His words have come to mind to comfort me many times since as I hope they will for you now.

Edie Quam - October 07 at 04:51 PM



“ Walt was a great guy along with Dorothy. Spent lots of time with them in my younger days.

Deane Williams - October 07 at 07:42 PM



“ Steve Mortenson sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Steve Mortenson - October 07 at 03:38 PM



“ I'm so sorry to the family my condolences to the family

Lindsey Mickelson - October 07 at 03:57 PM



“ Beth Duenow lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Beth Duenow - October 07 at 03:34 PM



“ Kathy Lehn lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Kathy Lehn - October 07 at 03:24 PM



“ Steve volunteered many hours at the MN Veterans Home-Fergus Falls assisting Veterans and their spouses to Sunday Chapel. He will be greatly missed by residents and staff. My sympathy to the Christianson family. May you find peace and joy as you remember the wonderful times.

Kathy Lehn - October 07 at 03:28 PM



“ What a wonderful family. I am so sorry for your loss. May they rest in peace and God Bless all.

Donna Nelson Rogers - October 09 at 08:38 AM



“ I used to work at Service Food in the produce department and I could tell you so many stories about Steven and Diane that bring a smile to my face. Steven always told me about his family and you were able to tell how proud he was of everyone. To hear the news about their passing broke my heart. In these trying times I wish nothing but comfort for their family and close friends. They were more than loved!!!

Elli Larson - October 07 at 03:10 PM



“ I remember Diane from alpha...she was a very sweet lady...she adored my and my husband's son.



Michelle Seggermann - October 07 at 12:50 PM



“ Wanda & Jim Hough lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Wanda & Jim Hough - October 07 at 12:47 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Our deepest condolences are with you and your family. They were amazingly nice people and I enjoyed my time with them growing up. They will be truly missed. Again so sorry for your loss. -Chad and Taylor Johnson



Chad Johnson - October 07 at 12:27 PM



“ David Bird lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



David Bird - October 07 at 12:14 PM



“ David talked of you often. He had great memories of you as a coworker Steve.



Cindy Nelson - October 07 at 12:06 PM



“ Jim & Linda Gnahn lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Jim & Linda Gnahn - October 07 at 11:19 AM



“ Moved to Fergus Falls in 1966 across the street from the Christiansons. Got to know Chuck and Heidi, but Steve and Joani were older and didn't know them as well. I have got to know Steve in the last couple years as we would meet and talk while ice fishing on Wall Lake. Also, he was a Spartan fan, so we would converse during Spartan ball games. Like all the Christiansons, he was a really nice person, and will be missed. So sorry to the families of Steve and Diane, cherish all the good memories, and may they rest in peace! Jim Gnahn

Jim Gnahn - October 07 at 11:35 AM



“ JEFF KERR lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



JEFF KERR - October 07 at 10:59 AM



“ Don & Jan Lindblom lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Don & Jan Lindblom - October 07 at 10:57 AM



“ I have known the Christianson family for my entire life. Steve and Diane were so kind, giving, and always had smiles on their faces. The sweetest couple. Lots of fond tennis memories. My deepest sympathies and all my love to Titus, Trevor and the entire family. Let God be your strength.



Kim Masters - October 07 at 10:33 AM



“ Diane was the sweetest person I have met. I traveled to Fargo every day on the Otter Express for work and I was blessed to meet Diane. She would ride occasionally to Fargo to watch her grandkids. It was always a bright conversation when she was on. My heart goes out to the family. RIP Diane and Steve

Judy Everett - October 07 at 10:30 AM



“ Diane and Steve were the kindest people in the world, Diane had the most beautiful flower garden in the world she would be out there every day working in her garden! this just breaks my heart!! Prayers to the family and friends! God gained two beautiful angels. Rip Diane and Steve u will be missed!

Ashley Hansen - October 07 at 10:01 AM



“ So sad to hear of your loss. My deepest sympathy to the family. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Blessings to all
Lucinda Hanekom

Lucinda Hanekom - October 07 at 08:57 AM



“ Barb Rick lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Barb Rick - October 07 at 08:37 AM



“ Steve and Diane were two of the kindest people on the planet. RIP

Brenda Daniels - October 07 at 08:13 AM



“ Trish McClelland lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Trish McClelland - October 07 at 07:49 AM



“ Jenny Hill-Sorum lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Jenny Hill-Sorum - October 07 at 01:31 AM



“ Dear Family of Steve and Diane ~ We are so sad for all of you, Trevor, Titus and your families. To Steve and Diane's brothers, sisters and extended family and their close friends - our sympathy to you as well. Our words are not adequate to express the sorrow we have for you in your great loss! We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and our prayers and we will continue to remember you! Steve and Diane were gracious, kind, and caring friends! Most importantly, they both loved Jesus! Working together with them at church, in kitchen and serving ministries of one kind or another is something we will always remember! May God bless their memory, and may God's peace and comfort be real to you in these difficult days ahead. With Love, Les and LeAnn Rogness

Les & LeAnn Rogness - October 07 at 12:43 AM



“ I am so very sorry, Trevor. Praying for your family during this time.

Kathy Erickson - October 06 at 11:29 PM



“ Jeff & Robin Drechsel lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Jeff & Robin Drechsel - October 06 at 11:12 PM



“ Steve and Diane were two of the nicest, caring people we have ever known. They will be so terribly missed. May you be comforted by the wonderful memories of these beautiful souls.

Tom and Sharon Hintgen - October 06 at 10:49 PM



“ Craig & Janelle Scheidecker lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Craig & Janelle Scheidecker - October 06 at 10:02 PM



“ Jeff Westerberg lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Jeff Westerberg - October 06 at 08:36 PM



“ Dennis & Joni Mosher sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Dennis & Joni Mosher - October 06 at 07:17 PM



“ Trevor, Titus and families, we are so very sorry for your loss. Steve and Diane were such gracious and kind people. Sending our sympathy and our prayers.

Dennis and Joni Mosher - October 06 at 07:19 PM



“ Kari And Brian Carr lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Kari and Brian Carr - October 06 at 06:55 PM



“ Our family has lived behind Steve and Diane for 6 years. They were so kind and welcoming. They always said hello when we were in the backyard. They let my son come play in their yard. Diane even allowed my cat to sleep in her garden. It won't be the same without them. We lost some incredible, good people. There are special angels watching over us all now.

Stephanie Wright - October 06 at 06:12 PM



“ To see Steve and Diane's obit was a real shock. How tragic! They were my Mom and Dad's loving and caring neighbors across the street and they had the best rhubarb in Fergus. Steve brought fish to them sometimes. Diane and I loved talking about Norway. Prayers, love and caring for their sons, family and friends.

Wyonne Maack Long - October 06 at 05:32 PM



“ I had never experienced such a genuine and Warm reception into my new home next door to Steve and Diane. Their kindness was evident from the get-go. We interacted on a very regular basis and both shared so many things about themselves. I hadn't lived next to them long but it was one of those quality over quantity type friendships. Diane had baked us the most delicious chocolate chip cookies ever once in a whim because she was always thinking of others. They were staples in that neighborhood and I cannot/don't want to imagine living there without them. Like many, I will never understand why this had to happen. I am praying for and thinking about their family constantly and I am reminiscing about all of the wonderful interactions we had. I was so fond of them; a person couldn't not be. Because of their friendly nature, even the visitors to my house had gotten to know them, that's how personable they were. I'm sure that Diane is tending to her immaculately abundant garden and that Steve is shootin the breeze with the Maker in Heaven but Earth has lost a couple of its finest citizens. Peace unto the family. I will never forget my brief but potent time knowing such wonderful and pure people.

Lesley Barry - October 06 at 05:30 PM



“ Dear Christianson families. Lifting you all up in prayer during this most difficult time. I was so blessed by Diane's friendship spanning many years. She wore that angel necklace almost everyday. I bought that for her to remind her, that she truly was an angel among us. Steve and I had our knee surgery two weeks apart. We both would compare healing and challenges of being part of the zipper club. I will miss these two so much. I won't say goodbye, but see you later.

Irene stolpman - October 06 at 03:23 PM



“ Marlyne Johnson lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Marlyne Johnson - October 06 at 03:11 PM



“ Jessica Nelson lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Jessica Nelson - October 06 at 03:06 PM



“ Mindy and Titus;

We are sorry to hear of the loss of your parents. Comfort and Peace to the family during a difficult time.

Tim, Lisa Yue

Minnetonka Lacrosse parents

(Meredith)

Lisa Yue - October 06 at 02:25 PM



“ Dear Titus, Trevor, and your families – I am profoundly sorry for your great loss. I am praying that the peace of Jesus would be at home in your hearts despite this unspeakable tragedy. Your parents were a gift to so many people. For a short bit of time I lived on Beech Street and my bedroom window looked out onto their backyard. It was always a joy to see them tending their garden, and I always looked forward to a friendly hello and conversation in the neighborhood. And, one does not quickly forget the legacy of the Diane Christianson chocolate cookie. Young Life Club was always more delicious for her generosity.

Rachel Drevlow Schunk - October 06 at 02:20 PM



“ Dear Trevor and Titus and your families.
Words seem so shallow at a time like this. Your Mom and Dad were incredible people. We have so many wonderful memories with them. Your Mom and Dad were so close, I feel like they needed to go together. Each would be lost without the other.
Steve and Diane were so giving and caring for others. When I broke my leg and came home from the hospital, Diane had a big container of soup, 2 casseroles and a bucket of cookies on our kitchen counter. She brought food over when my parents died. Always caring for those around her.
Titus, you are like one of our son's. So many activities and fun times.
Praying for God's peace and comfort to surround you in these coming hard days. Dave and Joanne

Joanne Erickson - October 06 at 04:57 PM



“ Titus and Trevor and families, I pray God wraps his loving arms around you and holds you close. I was so sorry to hear this news.

Dave Swenson - October 06 at 02:02 PM



“ Dear Trevor, Titus, and family of Steve and Diane,
We are so very sorry for all of you and pray for God to bring you comfort, He is close to the broken-hearted. God is your refuge and strength and a very present help in times of trouble. We have many memories of couples get-togethers from Bethel. They were special friends with gifts of kindness and love for others. We will continue to pray for you.
Love and sympathies, Dave and Barb Ellis

David and Barb Ellis - October 06 at 01:45 PM



“ Ginger Newborg Asleson lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Ginger Newborg Asleson - October 06 at 01:35 PM



“ Karrie Carlson lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Karrie Carlson - October 06 at 01:25 PM



“ Lee G Nelson lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Lee G Nelson - October 06 at 01:18 PM



“ Ruth Johnson lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Ruth Johnson - October 06 at 01:05 PM



“ Kevin Wahl lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Kevin Wahl - October 06 at 12:56 PM



“ Jody Soland lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Jody Soland - October 06 at 11:38 AM



“ John Gillund lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



John Gillund - October 06 at 11:18 AM



“ Steve was a gentle man among friends and that includes all past clients and personnel from the Regional Treatment Center. Whenever I bumped into Steve he would always say, "Hey Father Mike, how you doing?" Everyone else at the treatment center always referred to me as Chaplain Mike. He had a special gift of making people feel special. I remember at times he would bring clients to our worship service and always had a positive attitude. I will miss his mild, loving, caring, soft spoken manner. Say "Hi" to Jesus for me, Steve. Steve and Diane showed a great love for people. We will miss their smiles and humble, selfless spirits. We are praying for God's peace, presence and comfort for Trevor and Titus's families. In Christ's love, Mike and Marcia Voorhees

Marcia Voorhees - October 06 at 11:11 AM



“ Juli McCabe-Hastings lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Juli McCabe-Hastings - October 06 at 11:07 AM



“ My deepest condolences to their family and loved ones. I got to know Steve through our mutual love of Otter and Spartan sports. He was a battery charger. No matter how one's day was going a short conversation with Steve, his soft voice, smile, and chuckle would lift a person up. Steve reminded me of Ward from “Leave it to Beaver” with one big exception. Steve was real and genuine. Not only Steve but Diane touched so many people in such a positive way. RIP Steve and Diane

stuart klovstad - October 06 at 10:37 AM



“ Prayers sent to the family of Steve & Diane. Keep your memories close to you.

wsyne & Beth Anderson - October 06 at 08:30 PM



“ Patty Becker lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Patty Becker - October 06 at 10:27 AM



“ This sweet, kind, fun, and humble couple will be so missed by so many. They will want everybody to keep living a good life, the selfless folks they were! Wishing all family and close friends will be able to find peace again soon.

Jackie Stradtman - October 06 at 10:13 AM



“ I first met Steve many years ago at the RTC. He was easy to be with because of his friendly, calm nature and he had a great smile. He was the perfect type of person to work at the RTC. He loved to fish and I ran in to him on the shoreline of Annie Battle Lake several times since his retirement. May God bless his family and close friends.

Mike Lathrop - October 06 at 09:40 AM



“ Bob and I remember working with Diane as volunteers at the Center for the Arts. She was a sweet spirit with such a warm smile for all. Our hearts ache at their loss.

Gail Johnson - October 06 at 08:52 AM



“ I worked with Diane at PCS many years ago. I would hear of her adventures and at times see her at Glendalough State Park. She was such an sensitive, encouraging person. Mike and I are praying for your family. We are so sad for your loss and ours also. Jo Lathrop

Jo Lathrop - October 06 at 08:36 AM



“ I knew Steve through working at the RTC. What a genuine, kind guy. He talked about his family often and especially his wife Diane. They had a true love story. My deepest sympathies for the family.

Barb Miller - October 06 at 08:15 AM



“ I remember Steve from working at the RTC. He was a very kind and gentle man, working well with the sometimes difficult people in his care. I only met Diane a few times; she was equally as kind and gentle.

Patty Renstrom - October 06 at 07:34 AM



“ Sorry for your loss

Deanna Tonneson - October 05 at 11:29 PM



“ So sorry to hear this Trevor, prayers for you and your family.

Suzie Egge - October 05 at 10:49 PM



“ My sympathy to the family. We will miss Diane in our TOPS club.

Barb Melkert - October 05 at 10:46 PM



“ I was also in TOPS with Diane. I will miss her beautiful smile. She spoke so fondly of her family and of babysitting her grandchildren. May Jesus comfort her loved ones during this difficult time.

Debbie Holmen - October 06 at 09:15 PM



“ Shayne Jacobson lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Shayne Jacobson - October 05 at 10:16 PM



“ I worked with Steve for 5 years at the RTC. Many stories and memories obtained over that time. Even after his retirement I would often find him walking around Lake Alice with Diane. They always found time to talk and share their experiences and time with me. Prayers to family and friend in this time of grief.



Michael Stueve Jr. - October 05 at 10:05 PM



“ Worked with Diane at PCS, she was the sweetest person I have ever met. Always talked about Steve and her boys. Very sorry for your loss. Bless their beautiful memories.

Sheila and Mike Odland - October 05 at 10:03 PM



“ Brenda Kilde-Umlauf lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Brenda Kilde-Umlauf - October 05 at 09:28 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of Steve and Diane. Both of our boys played tennis with Titus and Trevor. Steve and Diane were parents that were always there and willing to lend a hand. Our prayers are with the family .



Chris and Galen DeRosier - October 05 at 09:18 PM



“ I worked with Steve for a number of years at the RTC. He was a genuine, great guy who talked about his family often. My deepest sympathies to the family during this unimaginable loss.

Kay Peck

kay peck - October 05 at 09:17 PM



“ I worked with Steve at the RTC, and knew Diane from her work at the group home and of course from their walking Lake Alice. They were a true love story, so much respect for each other and kept it so fun. Two real, true and good souls. The world is dimmer without them, but heaven that much brighter My deepest sympathies to the family.



Teresa Platz - October 05 at 09:01 PM



“ I so will miss sweet Diane she was so supportive to me ! Heaven got a great !

Phyllis lamb - October 06 at 12:16 AM



“ Karen Ladwig lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Karen Ladwig - October 05 at 08:48 PM



“ Our TOPS group will greatly miss Diane. She was a friend and inspiration to all of us.

Phyllis Brown - October 05 at 08:27 PM



“ Our sincere sympathy to the family of Steve and Diane. Such a loving, caring couple. Always so fast to ask about others. Our boys played tennis together so we witnessed first hand their love of family, raising such kind, considerate sons. Our hearts hold such sadness for you and your families. We are praying for you during this very difficult time. May God Bless each one of you as you grieve this unimaginable loss. Please know you have people praying for you, us included.
Sincerely, Dick and Lynette Nelson

Lynette Nelson - October 05 at 08:24 PM



“ Deane Williams lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Deane Williams - October 05 at 08:15 PM



“ Jay Swenson lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Jay Swenson - October 05 at 08:13 PM



“ I have known Diane for 30 years, she was the kind of person we all should be. She was kind and beautiful inside and out. When I would look at my books for the day and see her as one of my clients I would smile. She often brought me cookies and warm bread. Always spoke lovingly of her family, never spoke of what she didn't have but loved and relished in what she did have. I will miss our visits and her kindness, and smile. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. DeeDee Moore

DeeDee Moorr - October 05 at 07:42 PM



“ Ross & Loyce Shearoh lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Ross & Loyce Shearoh - October 05 at 07:41 PM



“ Steve and my dad Jim Johansen spent much time fishing together, though my dad was much older And passed away two years ago age 90. I also had the chance to fish and get to know him. A gentler, kinder man you could not find. God's abundant peace to the family on losing these godly people.

Paul Johansen - October 05 at 07:40 PM



“ To the family of Steve and Diane , my deepest sympathy to you all.. we were hockey family many years ago .. Steve and Diane were 2 very kind people.. so sorry for your loss Titus and Trevor .. my heart hurts for you ..

Sue Schroeder



Sue Schroeder - October 05 at 07:40 PM



“ My sympathy to the family of Steven & Diane Christianson



Dennis kilde - October 05 at 07:30 PM



“ Beth Buckley Rudh lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Beth Buckley Rudh - October 05 at 07:14 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathies to Steve and Dianes family. Steve was truly such a good guy and I loved working with him! Whenever I saw Diane she was friendly and beautiful! Praying the families are feeling Gods love and peace.

marcia rose - October 05 at 06:58 PM



“ Ann Sampson lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Ann Sampson - October 05 at 06:34 PM



“ Deb & Scott Nelson lit a candle in memory of Steven and Diane Christianson



Deb & Scott Nelson - October 05 at 06:07 PM



“ So very sorry about the loss of Steve and Diane. I worked with Steve at the RTC and was in a swim class with Diane. Bruce worked with Diane in Pelican Rapids many years ago. Sincere prayers for the family.
Deb And Bruce Wahl

Deb Schmitt Wahl - October 05 at 05:53 PM



“ Steve was a great guy to work with---even gave me lessons in fly fishing (he caught the fish) They would have made great neighbors, RIP Roger Lonnstrom

Roger Lonnstrom - October 09 at 10:40 AM



“ I met Steve and Diane when they were neighbors to my sister when she bought her first home. They became neighbors later to my brother and dad who lived with him. I have many memories of them working in the garden, smiling and sharing their vegetables with us. Diane always made sure we took home some fresh home made cookies and they were hard to turn down. They were truly 'salt of the earth' people; some of the kindest and most genuine people I've ever met! Blessed be their memory They will be dearly missed.

Alyson Meyers - October 09 at 09:10 PM