



Diane Brooks

February 23, 1952 - November 13, 2009

TORRINGTON, WY..... Memorial services for DIANE DARLENE BROOKS, 57, will be held on Wednesday November 18, 2009 at 10:30am at the United Methodist Church in Torrington, Wyoming with Reverend Ora Dailey officiating. Burial will follow at Valley View Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the United Methodist Church of Torrington. Diane passed away on November 13, 2009 at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center in Marshalltown, IA. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com. She was born in Casper, Wyoming on February 23, 1952 to Cecil Warren and Darlene Mae (Blakeley) Brooks. The family lived in Glenrock until 1958 when they moved to Torrington and purchased the Torrington News. Diane was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist Church at an early age. She received her education and graduation at Torrington with the class of 1970. On June 28, 1970 Diane was united in marriage to Bryce Carl Hunter and from this union two daughters were born. The family lived in several towns including Loveland, CO, Laramie, Casper, Worland, and Riverton, Wyoming. The couple later divorced and Diane and the girls moved to Chadron, Nebraska in 1985. Diane entered college at Chadron State College and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA in Psychology and Social Work. She received the Outstanding Senior Award for Social Work and Magna Cum Laude. Two years later she earned her Master's Degree. While attending college she tutored many students and enjoyed

working with Hospice. After graduation she was employed at Panhandle Mental Health in Chadron for several years as a counselor/therapist. She then moved to Gillette and then to Sheridan, Wyoming where she continued her work. After being in Sheridan for five years with the Northern Wyoming Mental Health, she moved to Marshalltown, IA in June of 2009, to be near her girls because of failing health. Diane enjoyed being a grandma to her two grandsons, Alex and Josh. She had a close relationship with God and tried to live his plan. She had a great love for dogs, especially her Great Dane. Diane was a caring and compassionate person, and her clients were very important to her. After earning her certificate as a member of the National Crisis Team, she was called for many critical situations. Diane held a Majority Degree in Job's Daughters and enjoyed working in the organization as her own daughters were Honored Queens in Chadron. She is survived by her two daughters, Lisa Kay (Jeff) Hamar of Marshalltown, IA, and Jill Denise(Jim Lazzell, fiancée) of Nevada, IA, two grandsons, Alex and Josh Hamar, her parents, Warren and Darlene Brooks of Torrington, brother Larry(Kate) Brooks of Ft. Collins, CO, nieces and nephews, Jenni and Mark Trail, Katie Jo and Rhett of Nebraska City, NE, Amber and Cory Brooks, Kassidy and Gage of Casper, WY, and Cody brooks of Chadron, NE, as well as a host of friends. She was preceded in death by her paternal and maternal grandparents.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a great person and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kinzee and Matthew Mashek - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I was a client of Diane's here in Shereidan. She was kind, compassionate, and loving with the truth. She helped bring me out of a deep dark place with her wit a faith. To her family let me say I am so sorry for this loss. She loved you all very much. I am gratefull that I got to share her life if even in a small way.

Love and prayers, Amy

Amy Powell - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Diane was like a God - sent therapist to me that changed me life for the good. Most of my life I went to various therapists that only appeased me and never got to the root of the issues that I faced. Diane was a no nonscense therapist-she told it as it was allowing me to make my decisions. Eventually, I moved away from WY and have had a very successful life and I have Dianne to thank for this. I do know that she would say that I am the one that did the work, but without her guidance I would not have reached the place that I am at now. Diane was my strength when I had none. I thank her from the bottom of my heart. God Bless you in this time of grief.

Linda Ahlquist-Higgins - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *To The Family:*

I am so sorry for your loss. I understand how difficult it is when a loved one passes away. I find Acts 24:15 to be comforting because it promises a hope for the future. Please accept my sincere condolences. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Kim Burd - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Diane was an inspiration to many people. Lisa and Jill your mom's famous sayings will come back to you when you need them the most. God must have needed a special angel in Heaven to have asked her to come home so soon. But special angels watch over us and guide us. Trust in the Faith and Love she shared with you that got her through her tough times. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Heidi and Heather send their love and prayers, too.*

Suze Jones - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *I am saddened by your loss. I had not seen Diane in a number of years. She was always so friendly, always had a smile on her face and kind words to say!*

Diane will be sorely missed but know that her life is changed and she is in the presence of her maker. Know that she will be your guardian angel, watching over the ones she loved!!

May you find comfort in your Lord and Saviour. Lean on the Almighty, let his loving arms enthrall you and give you peace!

Kathy (Bartow) Beaman - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ I was blessed to work with Diane, when I started as a counselor in Chadron. She was dedicated counselor and mother - and a good friend. Diane's sense of humor made life never dull! It was a blessing to have known her.

Noelle Strang Baker - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I never got to meet Diane personally, but we became friends through The Connection. Last year I was going through a hard time and she started emailing to me because of my prayer request. She was alot of support to me then and we continued to keep in touch. She was a very caring and compassionate person and I will really miss not being able to chat with her. But I know I will see her again when it's my turn to go home to be with God.

Joyce Wallace - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dear Brooks Family -
We are so sorry to learn of the death of Diane. We hold you close in thought and prayer.

Gary and Carol McDermitt - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Lisa and Jill, we were absolutely shocked to read of Diane's death. Had we known earlier, we certainly would have come down for the funeral. Diane was such a good friend--I had found myself thinking a lot about her just a couple weeks before her death, and I was wondering how we might get together again sometime. So now I've spent time reminiscing...and I find myself just smiling! What a special person and friend!

Lisa and/or Jill--would one of you please contact me? I've left my email address.

Karen Gibson - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM