



Andrea Rae DeVore

November 24, 1941 - September 26, 2016

Andrea Rae DeVore, 74, of Charles City, IA died Monday, September 26, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Hospital in Rochester, MN.

Visitation will be held from 4 P.M. - 7 P.M. on Thursday, September 29, 2016 in the Parish Hall at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 200 S. Main St, Charles City, IA. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 A.M. with visitation one hour prior to the service on Friday, September 30, 2016 at St. John. Pastor Bill Odermann will be officiating. Interment will take place at Riverside Cemetery in Charles City.

Andrea was born on November 24, 1941 in Charles City to Gilbert Louis Otto Bartman and Delores Caroline (Dumont) Bartman. She attended the Charles City Community School District and Wartburg College in Waverly, IA. On October 8, 1966 she was united in marriage with James DeVore. The couple resided in Charles City their entire life and had two children. Andrea's passion in life was music. She began playing the organ at St. John in 10th grade and played there a total of 56 years. She was the Director of Music and organist for 46 of those years. She accompanied thousands of weddings and funerals for the community. She was appointed business director of St. John in 1997 and retired from that position in 2016. Andrea was a charter member of the Charles City Singers as accompanist. She served on the Charles City Board of Education for six years, was a member of the City Improvement

Association, and helped with St. John church circles. She thoroughly enjoyed spending time with a local coffee group. Her love of music and faith was very profound and so was the love for her family. She enjoyed attending her grandchildren's activities and also cooking and quilting with her grandchildren. Andrea will be missed by her many friends in the community as well as her family who loved her dearly.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 50 years, James Dale DeVore of Charles City; son, Kurt M.J. (Gretchen) DeVore of Decorah, IA and their children: Timothy A.K., Michael A.K., Zachary C.K., Maxwell B.K. and Joseph G.K.; and son, Justin M.T. (Marcia) DeVore of Charles City, IA and their children: Hannah R.C. and Jonah D.J.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert and Delores Bartman, and grandparents, Elsie and Ralph Dumont.

Online condolences may be left at www.fullertonfh.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Organ Fund at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Charles City Fine Arts Century Club, or the Decorah Music Boosters.

Fullerton Hage Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 401 Blunt Street, Charles City, IA. (641) 228-4211. www.Fullertonfh.com Facebook: Fullerton Funeral Home

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery in Charles City

Charles City, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Visitation

SEP **30**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Andrea Rae DeVore*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Jim & family, you are in our thoughts. We were so sorry to hear about Andrea.*

Paul & Yolanda Van Ausdall

Yolanda Van Ausdall - October 02, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss and I know her music will be missed, my prayers are with you and your family. Eleanor Nielsen*

Ellie Nielsen - September 29, 2016 at 08:21 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Andrea Rae DeVore.*



September 29, 2016 at 01:21 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Andrea Rae DeVore.*



September 29, 2016 at 10:49 AM

WB

“ *William B. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Andrea Rae DeVore.*



William B. - September 28, 2016 at 07:21 PM

CK

“ *To Jim, Kurt, Justin, and family,
I have many, many wonderful memories of working with Andrea in the music department. She was a great teacher and mentor when I was learning to play the organ and during the years helping her with the Carol Choir and playing services. I was proud to call her a special friend. She will be missed by all of us who loved to hear her play each Sunday. You are in my thoughts and prayers!*
Charlotte Hoy Klaver

Charlotte Klaver - September 28, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ Andrea was one of the first "community" member I met when I came to Charles City. I very much valued her support of me and what I was endeavoring to accomplish with the CCHS choirs. She was always willing to assist me in any way she could, even when I pushed her a bit outside her comfort zone by playing for the Comet Connection during a state contest when our usual accompanist was unavailable. (I'm not certain she ever forgave me for that one!) She got even with me in her own way by getting me to sing at St. John a few more times than I was initially prepared to do. Her concern and caring for me during a difficult time at the school system was invaluable in moving forward. To say she'll be missed by many is an understatement!

Larry Michehl - September 28, 2016 at 04:30 PM

LK

“ Leroy Kellner lit a candle in memory of Andrea Rae DeVore



Leroy Kellner - September 28, 2016 at 03:08 PM

GR

thank you

Gretchen - September 28, 2016 at 03:35 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Andrea Rae DeVore.



September 28, 2016 at 02:03 PM



“ *Laurel and I send our thoughts and prayers to Andrea's family, especially Kurt and Gretchen and their children. It isn't often that I am familiar with parents of adult friends, but Andrea was special even though we possibly never exchanged words. It always made me smile when she would attend church services at Decorah Lutheran. (Those of us in the adult choir know why)*

Jim Womeldorf - September 28, 2016 at 01:05 PM



Thank you for your kind words Jim. We loved being able to share in her love of music through many generations. It's good to check up on your son now and then! :)

Gretchen - September 28, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ *Jim, Justin and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. A wonderful wife and mother cannot be replaced. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all..
John Morris*

John Morris - September 28, 2016 at 11:48 AM



thank you for your kind words.

Gretchen - September 28, 2016 at 12:31 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Please know that I am thinking of you and your family at this difficult time. You have my sympathy.
Luann Schmitt*

Luann Schmitt - September 28, 2016 at 11:42 AM

GR

Thank you.

Gretchen - September 28, 2016 at 12:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrea Rae DeVore.*



September 28, 2016 at 11:24 AM

MJ

“ *Andrea was a dear friend and colleague, who will be deeply missed. I spent lots of hours texting her back and forth about every subject imaginable. She was always my "go to" person for any questions regarding St. John. She knew everything about St. John. I enjoyed all the music we made together over the years. Heaven just gained a wonderful musical angel who I'm sure has a place accompanying the Heavenly choir.*

Melanie Johanningmeier - September 28, 2016 at 09:26 AM

GR

She was a walking history of St. John! I'm sure the music is just a bit more heavenly with her at the piano/organ! Thank you for being such a dear friend.

Gretchen - September 28, 2016 at 12:34 PM

LB

“ *My thoughts and prayers go to Kurt and his family. I did not have the pleasure of knowing Andrea Rae, but enjoy working with Kurt. In working with his brother for public access, I chuckled and wondered what it was like at the holiday table with those energetic sons. Obviously they have part of their mother in them. Lorraine Borowski, Director Decorah Public Library.*

Lorraine Borowski - September 28, 2016 at 08:45 AM

GR

Thank you Lorraine, yes- family meals/events can be exciting at times. We will miss her wonderful meals of abundance food and fun.

Gretchen - September 28, 2016 at 09:02 AM

DN

“ *Andrea was a very wonderful woman who gave so much to her family, her church, and her friends. May God be with you as her family during this time of remembering and loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you from Dennis and Diane Niezwaag*

Dennis and Diane Niezwaag - September 28, 2016 at 07:56 AM

GR

Thank you. So many happy memories. Thank you for being part of those special times with our family.

Gretchen - September 28, 2016 at 09:05 AM



“ *My youth is forever changed by having Andrea as my choir director for so many years and her accompanying me countless times at church and solo contests. A beautiful musician and a beautiful person. I have several favorite memories of Andrea, but one of my favorites was holding the candles for her year after year during Silent Night so she could see the organ. I'm almost positive she could play it blindfolded, with ear plugs, and no sensation in her fingers -- but she always made it my job to hold that so she could see the music. Looking back I know it was just another little thing she did to make me feel special. I am so sorry for your loss. What a special mom and grandma she is to all of you. God bless you as you venture through this difficult time and know that so many of us are praying for you. I can only imagine the special organ God has saved for her in heaven.*

*Much love,
Katey (Krull) Kooi*

Katey Kooi - September 27, 2016 at 06:54 PM

GR

Thank you for your kind words and memories. We cherish all of them.

Gretchen - September 28, 2016 at 09:07 AM

DP

“ *Jim and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Andrea was so influential to Megan's musical life and such a good friend. May wonderful memories and time bring you all peace. Pete and Pat Petersen*

Dennis and Pat Petersen - September 27, 2016 at 05:30 PM

GR

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Gretchen - September 28, 2016 at 09:08 AM

JM

“ Dear DeVore Family,
Please know your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Joseph,
your kindergarten class is missing you. Hugs to you! Love, Mrs.
Moen

Judy Moen - September 27, 2016 at 05:15 PM

GR

Thank you -- from Joseph

Gretchen - September 28, 2016 at 09:08 AM

SS

“ Dear Jim and Family, Thinking of you with sympathy and friendship
as you have lost your special wife, mother, and grandma and I have
lost a special friend. Love from Steve and Susan Shankland

Susan Shankland - September 27, 2016 at 03:48 PM

GR

She is really, really going to be missed. Hope there is a big coffee pot
in heaven, she and Yanny will be sharing so many stories and
memories! Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Gretchen - September 28, 2016 at 09:11 AM