



Diane R. Farra

August 9, 2018

Diane Rae Farra, age 61, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 9, 2018, at Mercy Medical Center North Iowa. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Diane was born in Mason City, Iowa on September 8, 1956 to Robert Eugene and Mary Ellen (Johnson) Lauritson of Mason City, Iowa. She was a 1974 graduate of Mason City High School, earned her bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree from the University of Iowa, and completed courses towards her master's degree in Kansas. She was a critical care nurse for over 35 years, and has worked in hospitals all over the country. She spent many years working at Mercy Hospital in Mason City, serving for a time as the director of the cardiovascular recovery unit.

Diane loved arts and crafts, especially cross stitch. She was an avid reader and you could rarely find her without her Kindle. She enjoyed watching Lifetime and Hallmark movies, and spent much of her time trying to replicate just about every recipe on the Food Network, an endeavor in which she was extremely successful. One of her great loves was her dog, Deja.

To cherish her memory, Diane leaves behind her niece, Diana Renae Lauritson, her namesake whom she raised as her daughter; two sisters, Debrah Kathryn Lauritson of Minneapolis, and Judith Ann (Joseph) Bittner of Mason City; brother, Daniel Lauritson of Mason City; nieces and nephews, Peter Lauritson, Elizabeth (Rashad) Steele, Suzette (Michael) Epps, Robert (Amanda) Lauritson, Justin (Kayla) Lauritson, Jacob (Brooke) Lauritson,

Andrew Lauritson, and Patrick Lauritson; and she was blessed with many great-nieces and nephews.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents, Robert E. Lauritson and Mary E. Lauritson; her younger brother, Joseph Robert Lauritson; and great-niece, Elisa Anne Clayton.

Family, friends, and others whose lives Diane touched are invited to gather at Riverside Friends Church, 527 N Kentucky Ave., Mason City, IA, on Friday, August 17, 2018 from 1:00 pm until the memorial service at 2:00 pm.

Memorials may be made to the Diane Rae Farra memorial fund at Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St. SE, Mason City, IA 50401. Online guests may visit fullertonfh.com.

Arrangements are at Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St SE, Mason City, IA 50401, 641-423-8676 www.Fullertonfh.com [Facebook/Fullertonfuneralhomes](https://www.facebook.com/Fullertonfuneralhomes)

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Riverside Church
527 N, Kentucky AVE
Mason City, IA 50401
(641) 424-6094

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane R. Farra*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Diane R. Farra.*



August 16, 2018 at 01:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Diane R. Farra.*



August 16, 2018 at 01:19 AM



“ *The Newsoms purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers[®] Sympathy Basket for the family of Diane R. Farra.*



The Newsoms - August 15, 2018 at 05:14 PM



“ *I remember when Diane used to come visit us in college and take us out to eat, and how welcoming and warming her presence always was... she will be missed so dearly...* ”

Raman Saini - August 14, 2018 at 04:38 PM



“ *My aunt, my best friend, my mom, my home, my Diane. I will love and miss you forever.* ”



Diana Lauritson - August 14, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ *What a blessing Diane was to so many! She was an intelligent and skillful nurse with a great compassion for her patients. As a co-worker she was tops in sharing her knowledge and a resource from whom I learned so much. She had a ready smile and quick wit. Her memory will live on.* ”

Diane Niezwaag - August 14, 2018 at 10:14 AM



“ *Wonderful gal, awesome nurse!!! Greatly missed! Now an angel in heaven!!!* ”

Jennie Love - August 14, 2018 at 09:14 AM

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“ This news breaks my heart, Diane was one of my best friends, working with her in SICU, she was smart and,sharp, she loved to teach others in health care , Diane you will be missed and hopefully, you know, you were appreciated.

Jackie Juhl - August 13, 2018 at 09:30 PM

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“ I worked with Diane in Critical Care—she was as sharp as they come—a great nurse with a wonderful sense of humor. I was blessed to have known such a special lady, and I pray comfort for all who loved her.



Carol Richey - August 13, 2018 at 03:46 PM