



Diana Brodowy

September 12, 1933 - April 3, 2015

Diana Brodowy was born Diana Lou Von Hippel on September 12, 1933, in St. Paul, Minnesota. She was the only hearing child to her deaf parents. She has an older deaf sister, Marlene. Sign Language was her First language. She took an extra year of kindergarten to learn how to speak. She was her family's ears and even at a younger age interpreted for them. She even attended the School for the Deaf in Faribault, Minnesota for a short time under extraordinary circumstances! When the young, vivacious Diana became a dance teacher, she met her husband Gene, who was one of her 1st students. He never learned to dance, but they married in 1953. They began their family in 1955 with their 1st child Brenda. Soon after came Luana, Gayla, Lorna and Gena. During their early years as a family, Gene (who was a carpenter) built houses they lived in and resold, about 19 times. Somehow Diana managed her husband and 5 children during all the moves! She also worked various jobs secularly during this period. She became well known in the deaf community as a highly skill interpreter. She even at one time interpreted for a U.S. President. In 1971 she became one of Jehovah's Witnesses. She was able to use her skills interpreting at assemblies and studying with many deaf people. She was a devoted wife to her husband and took diligent care of Gene during a long illness of 7 years. She was able to fulfill her dream of moving to Florida in 2001. She was so happy here! She loved her congregation and many friends. They were truly like a family to her! She was also thrilled to be able to garden in Florida's temperate climate! Diana was an

avid cook, many have tasted her dishes, especially her lemon merengue pie! Her 2 dogs, Becky and Hershey were like her 2nd set of children. She is survived and will be greatly missed by her sister Marlene Bayne (husband Gordon) and her niece Marcia Frazier and nephew Gary Bayne. Her daughters: Brenda Brodowy, Luana Haug (husband Terry), Gayla Swart (husband Mike), Lorna Vivrette (husband Robert) and Gena Grunwald (husband Mike). Also her Grandchildren: Jessica, Jamin and Travis Baer; Jesse, Jacob, Carly and Anna Haug; Amanda and Brandon Swart; Elliot Vivrette; and Nicole & Cassie Grunwald. Also her 11 great grandchildren. She was known for her cheerful disposition and ready smile. She was always passionate and enthusiastic! Memorial services will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 6, 2015 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 9890 Wheeler Rd., Lehigh Acres, FL 33936. Please express condolences to the family by signing Diana's guest book.

Tribute Wall



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