



Diane L. Snider

June 24, 1952 - July 4, 2020

Diane Lee (Yilk) Snider of Kearney died July 4, 2020 at her daughter's home due to complications of dementia. A private service will be conducted later this year.

Diane was born on June 24, 1952 in Hastings, NE to Anthony "Tony" and Esther (Sorenson) Yilk. Diane was the 4th of 8 children and she reminded you often that there were 8 children in her family. She was the first child of the "second family" and the continuation of the girl/boy alternation of children. The family lived across from the Crosier Monastery and Diane shared many stories of their adventures on the monastery grounds and friendships with the priests that resided there. Diane attended both parochial and public schools graduating from Hastings High School in 1970. While at Hastings High her fondest memories were of being part of the Tigerettes Marching Drill Team and acting as Captain her senior year.

Diane moved to Kearney in 1970 to attend Kearney State College. While there she obtained the nickname Banjo Butt which was shortened to Banjo. You could always tell what stage in her life that people had met her because of the name they called her. She loved to tell the story about two little girls that fought over what her name really was. She was united in marriage on September 10, 1976 to Rodney Snider in Kearney. Though the relationship later ended in divorce, Rod continued to help their daughters care for Diane

during her last years.

Diane was employed in various occupations but enjoyed being self-employed, owning and operating Snider Custodial and later Country Care Gardens. Diane was able to point out many locations she either landscaped or maintained throughout Kearney. She was also known for her many years of working at Glenwood Corners, and seasonally at the Cabela's Call Center. While her children were growing up Diane was involved in Extension Club, youth activities at Haven's Chapel, served as a 4-H leader, was part of the Center School CCO, Center School board, Master Gardeners and to many other organizations to remember. Being on NTV news multiple times talking about horticulture was one of her favorite experiences. She received her associate's degree from CCC in Hastings and credited her daughters for helping her study. Later in life, Diane attended ALANON at the Ambry Club. There wasn't an animal or child that she encountered that she didn't stop to talk to.

Diane is survived by her ex-husband, Rod Snider; daughters, Shawna Snider-Alexander and husband, Cody Alexander and Chrystal Snider and life-partner, Greg Mazankowski all of Kearney; siblings, Mary (David) Donis Perrott of WA, Tom (Mary) Yilk of Hastings, Mike (Molly) Yilk of NV, Nancy Yilk of CA, Jack (Sandy) Yilk of Wood River; brother-in-law, Charles (Leona) Snider of York; sister-in-law, Vickie (Steve) VanPelt of Archer any many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Robert "Bob" Yilk; and sister, Patricia "Pat" Horacek.

Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane L. Snider*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *My heart broke when I heard of Diane's passing. She was such a good friend in high school and I remember spending a lot of time with her at her house. Diane and I both had Chevy Nova's as our first car's. Her's was blue and mine red. We parked next to each other in the high school parking lot so our car's could be together among all the Mustangs and Camaro's that others owned. Diane was so much fun to be around and I'll always have very fond memories of her. My condolences to the Yilk and Snider families.*

Dianne Douglas - July 15, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ *Diane was the kindest and most loving person. It was an honor to know her! Her family is in my prayers. Candy*

Candace ZumBrunnen - July 10, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ *Truly saddened by the passing of Diane. I was going to opt out of our last class reunion, but Diane called me from Wine Styles and said, Riggs! get your butt down here now! So I went, and so glad that I did. That was the last time I saw Diane, but it was a darn good time. My sincerest condolences to my good friends, the Yilk family.*

Thomas Riggs - July 10, 2020 at 09:07 AM

IG

“ So sorry to hear of her passing. Rod and girls thinking of you.

I k Gallagher - July 10, 2020 at 09:02 AM

GL

“ We were saddened to hear of Diane's passing. We met Rod and Diane years ago when they did landscaping work for us. They put up our retaining wall and did a wonderful job!
We bought our spring flowers from them for several years. We were just thinking of Rod and Diane a few days ago saying we hadn't seen them in some time.
Rod and daughters, we are so sorry for your loss! We always enjoyed Diane. She was caring and friendly. Back in 1999, I remember she planted flowers for us because I was dealing with a medical issue. That was such an act of kindness!
We are thinking of you and praying for your healing.

Gene and Linda Liebig - July 09, 2020 at 04:18 PM

DI

“ We are going to miss that smile. We have many fond memories of Diane/Banjo from college days, through times she spoiled our first baby before she had babies of her own, and through her donating the plants around the waterfall memorial to our youngest baby and her friends when they were killed in a car accident. Once we invited Diane and Rod over for dinner for no particular reason. As they stepped onto the porch, they kind of peeked in the door and asked, "This isn't Amway is it?" Although we did not see much of Diane in recent years, it was good to see her out and about in the community on occasion. Once a friend of Diane, always a friend of Diane. We'll miss talking gardening with her. We still have preying mantises in our yard thanks to the egg casings she gave us. Sorry for your loss.



Deb and Chuck Iwan - July 08, 2020 at 11:19 PM

MP

“ *Hearing of Diane's passing just breaks my heart! It's been a lot of years but will always remember her great smile, funny personality and a wonderful friend. To the Yilk and Snider families, know that I am thinking of you all. Prayers and hugs to you all. Love you my friend, Diane.*

Michelle Osgood Plein - July 08, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ *Knew the whole crew of the Yilk's and spent many nights there as if 8 kids around wasn't enough. They all treated me like their own..My condolences to all those that loved her ..*
Dean Pittman

Dean Pittman - July 08, 2020 at 07:38 PM

SW

“ *Some of my fondest memories will always be digging, pruning, weeding, planting and cleaning with Diane and the crew. Big red and drink breaks at Glenwood corners. She was truly one of a kind and very special. She taught me so much about plants that I still use today. Diane you will never be forgotten.*

Susan Wheeler - July 08, 2020 at 06:12 PM

JL

“ *Wonderful lady. Miss her. Sorry to hear of her passing.*

Jan Lear - July 08, 2020 at 03:38 PM

TA

“ Snider family,

Diane was just a lovely person, hard worker and so knowledge about plants. We shopped her greenhouse several times and she was always so fun to talk with and even offered to winter some of our plants. The heavens gained another star since Diane joined them! Thinking of you and wishing you peace....Tammy & Gene Frick, Kearney



tamme - July 08, 2020 at 01:18 PM

RA

“ Shawna and family,

I am sorry to hear of Diane's passing. She was a big part of us planning our orchard and various fruits we chose for our acreage. Her passion for horticulture was infectious! One of my son's first 4H experiences was to plant a Jade plant that Diane had brought for the Clover Kids. It was a sad day when the plant died. May God bless all of you with bright happy memories of Diane. I know that the time with dementia was so hard. Prayers for all of you,



The Aspen family, Dan & Ranae Daniel & Leslie

Ranae L. Aspen - July 08, 2020 at 12:53 PM