



Diane Kay Bender Maurer

July 8, 1952 - December 19, 2021

Diane Kay Bender Maurer, 69, of Cape Girardeau died Sunday, December 19, 2021 at the home of her son.

She was born July 8, 1952 in to Edward M. and Kathryn L. Stiegemeyer Bender in Cape Girardeau. She was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rolla, Missouri.

She graduated from Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Illinois and received her Masters Degree in Education from Southeast Missouri State University

Diane taught in Lutheran Schools in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Kansas City, Missouri, Sedalia, Missouri, St. Charles, Missouri and St. Peters, Missouri and was principal at Trinity Lutheran School in Cape Girardeau from 2006-2014. She also taught in public schools in Morehouse, Missouri, Independence, Missouri and at Southeast Missouri Laboratory School.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include sons, Matthew (Trish) of Argyle, Wisconsin, J. Ryan (Lulu Jiang) of Dallas, Texas, Andrew (Jennifer) of Cape Girardeau; grandchildren,

Madison, Amelia and Isaac of Cape Girardeau; sister, Miriam (Jim) Larson of Knoxville, Tennessee; and many special cousins and friends who helped and prayed her through her cancer journey.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 am Thursday, December 23, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Douglas Breite officiating. The funeral service will be streamed on the Trinity Lutheran Church Cape Girardeau Facebook page.

Visitation will be at the church from 9:00 am to time of the service.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran School Foundation. Christian Education was very important to her and wants to be sure it is available to all. These memorials can be made online at www.t-lutheran.org/give.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
100 N. Frederick
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
100 N. Frederick
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *I love you Danky and will miss you always - give Momma and Daddy a big kiss and hug for me and I'll see you in Heaven!*
Miri



Miriam B Larson - January 01, 2022 at 06:57 PM

MU

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Michael Underwood - December 30, 2021 at 08:10 PM

MU

Norbert Rosenwinkel and I visited with Diane in Ft. Lauderdale in 1976. Norb passed away this past summer so I am sure they are reacquainting. Norb and Diane were in a Lutheran youth group. I will remember them both as young and healthy!

Michael Underwood - December 30, 2021 at 08:13 PM

JM

“ Diane and I met as freshmen at George Mason College (now University) in Fairfax, Virginia, in 1970. We became friends right away thanks to her warm outgoing personality and fun nature. Though she would transfer to another college in a couple of years, we got to know each other well and enjoyed many fun adventures together before she moved. We continued to stay in contact through cards and letters. I visited her a couple of times and she came to my wedding. With the Internet, we were able to stay in closer touch. During the past two years of her illness, we became very close in communicating with each other and in prayer. A beautiful person has gone on to her rest with Jesus. She will be missed so much by all who knew her. Rest In Peace, my friend.

Janet McDermott - December 29, 2021 at 09:57 AM

DS

“ Diane will be greatly missed. We first met in the most interesting place ... St. John's Hospital St. Louis MO. We shared a room after having given birth to our handsome sons. Diane gave birth to Andrew and I gave birth to Jared. We were instant friends and our two sons were referred to as the "birthday buddies". We decided to send our oldest to Immanuel Lutheran Preschool. Diane taught second grade class including Andrew, Jared, Colin and the class was mostly boys. She said it was one of the most memorable teaching years ever. Very competitive but fun! Our family moved to KC in 1996 but we always kept in touch in some way including some girl weekends. Diane was a gifted teacher who was called to Christian Education. She dearly loved her 3 sons Matthew, Ryan, and Andrew. She was a devoted grandmother and she sent me pictures all the time. If I could name 5 different ladies who influenced my life in a special way ... Diane would be one of them who Jesus placed in my journey of life. She was a very special lady.
Debbie Schnefke

Debbie Schnefke - December 24, 2021 at 10:09 AM

BB

“ *Diane was a wonderful teacher to my son in kindergarten and again in 2nd grade at Immanuel Lutheran school St. Charles, MO. We were blessed to know her. Rest In Peace Diane.*

Beth Baumer - December 23, 2021 at 08:03 PM

JS

“ *Diane and her wonderful family were our next door neighbors in Rolla, Missouri. I have many great memories of her. She was like a big sister to me. She even came to my wedding in St. Louis when her boys were toddler and baby ages...goes to show how much effort she put into keeping in touch with family and friends!*

Joan Friederichs Streck - December 23, 2021 at 08:07 AM

JW

“ *Diane was a wonderful woman who raised a fantastic son, in our dear friend Ryan. Many prayers and condolences for the entire family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who were able to experience Diane's love.*

Jessica Whitlock - December 22, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Diane Kay Bender Maurer.*



December 22, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diane Kay Bender Maurer.*



December 21, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ *Dianne was a very good, kind person. I worked with her at Christopher and Banks in Cape Girardeau. She was so proud of her children and grandchildren. She will be missed.*

Cara Chapman Sprigg - December 21, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ *We shared many a bleacher with Diane watching our sons play basketball! She was a wonderful woman of faith and strength, who loved her boys so much, and somehow found room in her heart for all her students as well. She was one of the best teachers Curtis and Ben ever had. I cherish a packet she sent us several years ago of things each of them had done as students in her classroom at Immanuel-SC. Love and prayers Andrew, for you, your family and your brothers. Glenn and Laura Mahnken*

Laura Mahnken - December 21, 2021 at 08:18 AM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Diane Kay Bender Maurer.*



December 20, 2021 at 08:56 PM

NF

“ Sending condolences to the Maurer Family. Sorry for your loss. She was one of the best teachers ever!

Newman Family - December 20, 2021 at 06:08 PM

CS

“ Diane was a lovely friend and dedicated teaching colleague. We will always remember her kindness and warmth toward all she met. Our prayers are with her sons and her extended family at this time.



Claudia & Edmund Staude - December 20, 2021 at 06:06 PM

HB

“ Diane was a wonderful teacher to both my daughters and have wonderful memories of her smiling face that will forever be in my heart .
Prayers healing for family
Heide Bunting

Heide Bunting - December 20, 2021 at 04:19 PM