

It's with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Lorna Mathias from this life to the next to be with her Lord and Savior, as well as joining family and friends who have gone home before her.

Lorna was born May 3rd, 1952, in Aberdeen, SD. She spent her growing up years on a farm by Oakes, ND. She graduated from Oakes High School in 1970. Lorna continued her education at North Dakota State University, graduating in May 1974.

She taught high school English and French in Sharon, Finley and Garrison, ND. She decided to further her education and enrolled in the Counseling and Vocational program at North Dakota State University completing her masters degree in 1981. She then worked at Sheyenne Valley Vocational Center in Cooperstown, ND. After a couple of years there she decided she preferred to live in the big city and took a job as a counselor for the YWCA for the Displaced Homemakers Program in Fargo, ND. The program was discontinued a few years later. She then worked as a Vocational counselor for IMARC. In 1987, Lorna started her own company, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialties where she worked with insurance companies helping people get back into the workforce. After thirty three years she retired.

In July 2025, Lorna was diagnosed with acute leukemia and succumbed to the disease on May 9th, 2026. She fought a hard fight bravely and with great determination. She celebrated the blessings of her life with her family recently as they gathered for her 74th birthday. It was a day of reminiscing and laughter enjoyed by all. It was a day she looked forward to and the smiles she had let us know she felt loved. Even though she didn't have children, she was blessed with seven wonderful nieces and nephews who she loved very much.

Lorna is survived by her brother, Ernie Mathias; nieces and nephews, Kathy (Todd; deceased) Wood, Brenda (Harry) Tyre, Bruce Mathias, Robert (Jennifer) Mathias, Laurie (Jon) Hansen, the late Tracie (Richard) Ruch, and Nicole (Brian) Ecker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Martha (Wertz) Mathias; brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Bonnie Mathias; sister-in-law, Carol Mathias; along with several beloved aunts and uncles.

Please don't be sad at her death, because all are rejoicing in her heavenly home, praising God. As Jesus was resurrected on Easter Sunday, we will all be resurrected and given the gift provided by Jesus sacrifice and death. Because of him, we too shall live forever in paradise.



Lorna Mae Mathias

May 3, 1952 - May 9, 2026

*God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around you,
And whispered, "Come with me."*

*With tearful hearts we watched you suffer,
And saw you fade away,
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.*

Celebrating the Life of

Lorna Mathias

May 3, 1952 - May 9, 2026

Memorial Service

Monday, May 18, 2026 - 2:00 PM
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Fargo, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Bernie Worrall

Congregational Hymns

Pam Sommer, *Organist*

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #809

"How Great Thou Art" #801

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" #594

Special Music

Abby Fluke and Kate Harris, *Soloists*

"When Peace, Like a River"

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Lorna's Grandnieces and Grandnephews

Interment

(At a later date)

Oakes View Cemetery

Oakes, North Dakota

All are invited to a reception following the service.



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