

Diana Kay Mortensen, daughter of Vernon and Bonnie (Fairchild) Mortensen, was born on February 28, 1952, in Spencer, Iowa. She received her education in Royal and graduated from Clay Central High School in 1970. Diana was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Royal.

After graduation, Diana moved to Minneapolis, where she was employed as a clerk for the Hennepin County Registrar's Office. In 1989, Diana returned to Royal to spend more time with her family. She then began working in Spencer for the State of Iowa Child Support Recovery Unit, where she served as Clerk Specialist until her retirement in 2014.

Diana could be stubborn, and she was fiercely independent. She was also a kind and caring soul who was always doing things for others and not expecting anything in return. She was never afraid to speak her mind and cared deeply about the causes that were important to her. She was actively involved in her political party and remained passionate about the things she believed in.

Diana also had a deep love for music. Some of her favorites included the Dave Clark Five, The Beatles, The Beach Boys, and Kenny Chesney. She especially enjoyed attending concerts and listening to the music she loved.

While Diana did not have children of her own, she took great interest in the lives of her nieces and nephews. She enjoyed attending their sports and school activities, celebrating their birthdays and graduations, and being part of the many milestones that came along the way. She had a special place in her heart for them and was known for spoiling them.

Above all, Diana treasured her family. Her independent spirit, strong personality, kind and caring heart, love of music, and devotion to her family will be fondly remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Diana passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on September 10, 2026. She was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon and Bonnie Mortensen.

She is survived by her siblings, Greg (Val) Mortensen of Rochelle, Illinois; Pam (Jim) Virelli of Royal, Iowa; and Rollie (Donna) Mortensen of Lawton, Oklahoma; nephews, Ryan, Chris, and Blake Mortensen, and Mike, Tony, and Steve Virelli; nieces, Lena Krenzke and Maggie Mortensen; 16 great-nieces and great-nephews; as well as many other relatives and friends.

In Loving Memory



Diana Mortensen

1952 - 2026



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Feb. 28, 1952 - Sept. 10, 2026

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Saturday, October 10, 2026
1:00 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Royal, Iowa

CLERGY
Rev. Mark Wilms

ORGANIST
Sue Brugman

SOLOIST
Laura Carlentini

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Ryan Mortensen Mike Virelli
Chris Mortensen Tony Virelli
Blake Mortensen Steve Virelli
Lena Krenkze Maggie Mortensen

INURNMENT
Willow Creek Cemetery
Royal, Iowa

*The only
scars in
heaven, they
won't belong
to me and
you. There'll
be no such
thing as
broken and
all the old
will be
made new.
And the
thought that
makes me
smile now
even as the
tears fall
down is that
the only scars
in heaven are
on the hands
that hold
you now*

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FUNERAL HOME