



Dawn LaRae Meyer was born on November 29, 1953, in Dell Rapids, to Manville “Pete” and Norma Pederson. She grew up in Chester and graduated from Chester High School in 1972. On August 18, 1973, she married Alvin “Bud” Meyer in Colton. She raised her two children, Michael and Sheila, while also running an in-home daycare. Later she became a beloved lunch aide at Baltic schools. Once her children graduated, she worked at the CitiBank daycare, Achieve, Dow Rummel, and finally Friendly’s Gas Station until she retired.

Dawn had a wonderful sense of humor, an infectious smile, and was a devoted wife to Bud. They both loved game shows (especially Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune) and would enthusiastically compete with one another. She especially enjoyed putting together photo albums and scrapbooks.

Dawn was a fantastic cook and baker. She was always in the kitchen making food, especially at Christmas time. You never left her house hungry or without an arm full of food. She created every birthday cake for her kids growing up. These cakes were very elaborate and are talked about to this day. Dawn will forever be known for her little loaves of banana bread that she found joy in sharing with everyone. She enjoyed camping, hiking, and playing Old Maid with the kids. She loved traveling with Bud after their retirement and would often seek out the road less traveled on their journeys.

Dawn passed away on Friday, October 10, 2025, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Survivors include her husband, Alvin “Bud” Meyer, Howard; children: Sheila (Travis) McKinstry, Rapid City, and Michael (Stacy) MacBlane-Meyer, Minneapolis; grandchildren: Landon Schumacher, Kyler Gibson, Andrew McKinstry, Austin McKinstry, Violet, Lydia, and Henry MacBlane-Meyer; mother, Norma Pederson, Chester; siblings: Randy (Wendy) Pederson, Sioux Falls, Kim (Russ) Pierce, Sioux City, Dallas Pederson, Chester; sister-in-law, Donna Pederson, Wisconsin; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Manville “Pete” Pederson; brother, Kevin Pederson; Dallas’s significant other, Laurie Bitner; and a nephew, Cody Pederson.



In Loving Memory Of **Dawn LaRae Meyer**

November 29, 1953 - October 10, 2025

Celebration of Life

2-5:00 PM

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Minnehaha Funeral Home

Baltic, South Dakota

Honorary Pallbearers

Landon Schumacher

Kyler Gibson

Andrew McKinstry

Austin McKinstry

Violet MacBlane-Meyer

Lydia MacBlane-Meyer

Henry MacBlane-Meyer

*“Because remembering her is easy. I’ll do it everyday,
but there’s an ache within my heart that will never go
away.”*

You Will Be Remembered

*You will be remembered when the flowers bloom in spring
In the summertime remembered
In the fun that summer brings*

*You will be remembered
When fall brings leaves of gold
In the wintertime, remembered, in the stories that are told*

*And you will be remembered, each day right from the start
For the memories that we once shared
Forever live within my heart.*



A Celebration of Life



Dawn LaRae Meyer
November 11, 1953-October 10, 2025