

Celia "Diana" Moen, 82, of Fargo, North Dakota, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2026.

Diana was born on January 24, 1944, in Brilliant, Alabama, to John and Vera (Powell) Fowler. She was raised in Brilliant, where her faith and values were first nurtured, a daughter of a coal miner and school teacher. She graduated as valedictorian of Brilliant High School in 1959 and went on to pursue higher education with determination and passion. Earning a Bachelor of Arts from Florence State College, a Master of Arts in Business Education from the University of Alabama (Roll Tide), and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss). During her college years, Diana was actively involved in numerous organizations, including serving as Vice President of the Wesley Foundation, President of Sigma Tau Pi, and participating in the Young Democrats Club and Inter-Presidents Council, reflecting her commitment to Christ-centered living.

Diana began her professional career as an associate professor at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where she taught business administration, as well as correspondence and report writing. While in Missouri, this Southern belle met a farm boy from North Dakota, and together they began the next chapter of a life.

Diana married Roger Moen on March 25, 1972, at Grace United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau, where they built their life together and raised their three children: Cynthia, Michael, and David. They remained in Cape Girardeau until 1991, when Roger's work brought the family to Fargo, North Dakota.

Though far from her Southern roots, Diana quickly found a church home at Faith United Methodist Church, where she volunteered and contributed to many activities and programs. Her faith was not just something she believed, but something she lived daily through kindness, generosity, and, most of all, her quiet strength.

Diana was known for her warmth, dry wit, strong opinions, and deep family values. She lovingly tolerated Roger's fishing and hunting trips, always enjoying the fish he brought home but never quite acquiring a taste for his infamous venison sausage. And truly never coming to term with his meat and potato lifestyle, often joked, "I'm not a lumberjack, so I don't want to eat like one".

She and Roger were blessed with a growing family. Their daughter Cynthia welcomed seven children, their son Michael three, and their son David two, bringing Diana the joy of twelve grandchildren. She treasured every opportunity to celebrate birthdays, holidays, and milestones with them.

As her children made homes of their own, Diana found great happiness in traveling to visit them as they moved around to Missouri, Nevada, Florida, and Washington, making meaningful journeys to Alabama along the way to enjoy the taste of home, visit family, and reconnect with lifelong friends. Her adventurous spirit carried her even farther when her youngest son moved to Taiwan, she and Roger visited twice, creating memories she deeply cherished.

She is survived by her loving spouse of 54 years, Roger; her children, Cynthia (Paul) of Fargo, ND, Michael of Ozark, MO, and David (Amy) of Sammamish, WA; her grandchildren, Charles (Danielle Hartman), Thomas (Izzy), Elizabeth (Royce Scott), Phillip, Harrison, John Paul, Kathryn, Lily, Lauren, Jack, Savannah, and Kayah. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Vera Fowler; and her twin brother, Johnny Fowler.

Diana's children share this message:

"Job well done, Mom. Get some rest, we will take it from here. Thank you for giving us a wonderful life and teaching us that the world is bigger than ourselves. You showed us how to face struggles, confront our fears, and, above all, be kind. We miss you deeply and love you always. Until we meet again."

While her family grieves her passing, they rejoice she is now at peace in the presence of her Savior and reunited with her parents, her brother, and her lifelong friend Dortha.

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