



Myra Meier

April 19, 1941 - March 13, 2008

Myra Meier, 66, Bismarck, died March 13, 2008, at her home. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 2:00 PM at Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bismarck with Pastor Ray Kelch officiating. Spring burial will be at Bowesmont Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 2:00 - 9:00 PM at Eastgate Funeral Service where a prayer service will be held at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue Tuesday one hour prior to the service at the church. Myra Elaine Juhl was born at Drayton, ND, on April 19, 1941, to Melvin and Jean Bicek Juhl. She grew up on the farm north of Bowesmont, ND, and attended country school at Fleece Elementary. She attended high school at Sheyenne River Academy, graduating in three years in 1958. She then went to Coligio de Las Antillas in Santa Clara, Cuba, and then to Southwestern Adventist Junior College in Keene, TX. Myra married DeLane Meier on May 27, 1959, in the historic Methodist Church in Bowesmont. As a child she said, "When I get married, I want it to be in this church," and it was. Two sons were born to them, DeWitt Jayne of Watertown, MN, and Lee Sally of Bismarck. Myra and DeLane were foster parents for 30 years. They kept in contact with many of their former foster children. She loved being a grandma and adored her grandchildren, Andrew of Bismarck, and Jayden and Joseph of Watertown, MN. She especially liked planning gifts for them. Myra worked for 29 years as an instructional assistant in the special needs department of Bismarck Public Schools. She drove a school bus for a few years and considered it one of the most stressful jobs ever. She also worked part-time

for Support Systems in Bismarck. She felt the job coaching program in the Public School System was the most satisfying work she ever did and greatly enjoyed seeing former students working in the community. She had worked in special needs at all levels from preschool to high school. Many of the students had known her all that time and called her "Grandma". She was noisy and opinionated, but her noise was often interesting and her opinions well researched. She loved jokes and laughing. She liked gardening and knitting and had knitted and given away about 100 baby sweaters. Myra was also an avid reader. She was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and believed in the resurrection. She plans to meet her family and friends in the New Earth. Myra is survived by her husband, DeLane; her children, DeWitt Jayne Anderson and Lee Sally Schroeder; her grandchildren, Andrew, Jayden, and Joseph; and her brother, Kent Juhl. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Ervan and Brian; and an infant brother, Leon. She wrote this obituary herself as the closest thing to having "the last word." In lieu of flowers, the Meier family has asked that donations be made to Medcenter One Hospice.

Tribute Wall

KS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss myra she was an awesome lady. I worked with her for a number of years at support systems. she taught a great deal about treating everyone with the respect they deserve. she often called me her step niece in law and i called her my step aunt in law :- however i will always consider her my aunt! I know heaven has gained a great soul! my condolences go out to delane and his family

Kelly Schatz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ To Myra's family: I am so sorry that I will be out of town March 18 and will thus miss the funeral, but please know how much Myra meant to so many of us. I first remember Myra when, as a UND student, I'd go to her folks' home after church in Grand Forks. In those days, vegetarian food was rubbery and often yucky. Not at Myra's folks'place. Not only were her family members good Christians, but they were fun! There was energy and there was personality. Myra had those qualities in abundance. In more recent years Myra would sometimes come to Century High to help out with the students, and she was still Myra in the best sense of the word. She had spunk and a love of kids; it was obvious. I can't imagine what you all must be going through, but please know that others also recognize how much her life mattered. The pain of her loss simply underscores what she added to life. She was taken way too soon; yet, she lived more years than her actual age would account for. You'll be in my thoughts, and I hope you find comfort in knowing the joy she brought to so many lives. Rita Wenz Kelly

Rita Wenz Kelly - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Memories of Myra were very important to her Uncle Milton and also for myself. Myra was the flower girl in our wedding in 1947 when she was 6 years old. We remember her visits to us here in Texas while she was here at college and the visits after she and Delane were married. She and her brother Ervan came to our 50th wedding anniversary celebration in 1997, which was a great pleasure to have Myra with us again. She was always a positive, pleasant person - she is dearly missed. God bless all the family during this time of sadness. Remember, the wonderful day of Jesus 2nd coming will bring us all together again. With Love, Aunt Beverly.

Beverly Bicek - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I especially remember Myra as my amazing 18 year old cousin who was attending Southwestern Adventist Junior College now Southwestern Adventist University when I was 6 years old. She seemed so beautiful, glamorous, and grown up! I wanted to be just like her. My family lived in the Dallas, Texas area and she would come to visit on her college breaks and stay in my room. One time she gave me a belt. I kept it for years. I wish I still had it. We also visited with her on campus and I was able to see her dorm room. I just couldn't wait to be just like her someday. I truly wish I could spare your family from the grief you're going thru. Remember to always celebrate her amazing life. With love, Cheryl

Cheryl R. Schram - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I worked with Myra at Wachter Middle school 13 years ago. I adored not only working with her but her as a fun person. She and her husband brought their garden tiller into town and tilled my garden, she also crocheted a snowflake ornament for my Christmas tree. I still use it. May God bless and comfort this special family. See you in Heaven, Myra. Look for me.

Cathryn Penrose - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ It's at times like this that I am so thankful for the resurrection. Death is not forever! My memories of Myra are mostly when I was a teenager, and my favorite is her story that if you count 100 white horses that you see, the next man you see wearing a red tie is the man you will marry. For Myra, it worked! of course, I think Aunt Jean bought the tie for DeLane it was so good to see Myra two summers ago, along with so many other "cousins". My love and prayers go to all of the family, DeLane, especially to you. Love, Judy

Judy Ayars - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Myra I always looked up to Myra for having a heart to help the kids in the Church. She was my Pathfinder leader and was always willing to lend an ear. Her kindness, caring and acceptance will always be remembered. Throughout the years when we come back to the Bismarck SDA to visit Myra was always there to greet and welcome us and show her latest pictures of her grandchildren who she loved so dearly. Our sincere sympathy and prayers goes out to DeLane, Lee and DeWitt and their families. Myra will be missed but we know that one day soon Jesus will come back and will take us all back to Heaven be with Him in Heaven. To live in Heaven with Him and we will have no more death, tears, sadness, only joy, together with our loved ones forever. Hold onto that thought.

Amy, Darrell & Tyler Hinger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *Myra Meier*

Doug Juhl - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KO

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Kandi O'Toole - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *DeLane, DeWitt, and Lee, I am so sorry for the untimely loss of Myra. I have many pleasant memories of the time I have spent with Myra and your family: the smell of gingersnaps baking, waking up Sunday mornings to the sound aunt Myra doing the laundry, her wry sense of humor, and above all my growing appreciation of Myra's ceaseless devotion to others. She has been a bright example in my life and many others whom her presence has touched. Sincerely, Jay*

Jay Juhl - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Our hearts go out in prayers for the family of Myra. What a blessed hope is the second coming when we will all be reunited with our loved ones who have gone before. May God bless all who mourn the passing of Myra.*

Rose and Richard Bowen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I haven't been able to see Myra very many times throughout the years, but I did have the privilege of speaking with her a few times by phone in the last few years. One thing that has kept her in my thoughts throughout the years is that her wedding in Bowesmont is one of my early childhood memories.

Dexter Hansen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Thank you for raising such a great son. He is a tribute to the law enforcement profession. In these last 9 weeks I've come to know Dewitt as a great human being. God Bless the Meier family, our prayers are with you all. Bryant Gaden SPSC258

Bryant Gaden - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I admired Myra so much, I went to her wedding as a guest and ended up being pressed into service as a bridesmaid in place of someone who couldn't come. Down through the years any mention of Cuba would make me think of her and I would tell my friends, I had a friend who went to college there. We have had little contact since academy days, but I plan to meet her in heaven and renew our friendship. She was a great person and will be missed by many.

Marlene Hoffman Eichelberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ My condolences to your family. I know it has been many years since I have had any contact with you but I am still thinking about you. May God bless you all. Neal

Neal Slavick - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KQ

“ *Myra was a special friend to many, including myself. We usually saw each other every week in church. She often knew what was on my mind and would explain situations that would comfort me. When we ran into a baby sitting problem, Myra opened up her home and took care of our two toddlers. They always were happy to go to her home. She was the best children's storyteller in our church, with the adults listening in with rapt attention. During the years we shared many things and Myra will be missed dearly.*

Karene Qjuast - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *Delane I am so sorry to hear of your loss thinking of you and your family Harold and Bea*

Harold Spletto - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *I have not seen Myra many times through the years but I remember her well as a young person. I have heard through the years from her mother as to the many things she has been involved with and the help she has given to other in need. We trust and pray that the Lord will continue to bless Delane as he goes through this time of great distress.*

Don & Ardyce Weatherall - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ DeLane & all of the family of Myra---What an amazing lady Myra was. She never knew a stranger. It was always fun to visit with her when we we went to the Bismarck church, and when we would run into her in later years.What a dreadful struggle she had physically, and what a blessing there is in death when one is able to rest from all of the difficulties of illnesses! The void isn't easier for the those who have lost the loved one. DeLane and family, you are on our prayer list for comfort from the Great Comforter.

Judy & Vern Liebelt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ It has been a long time since we lived in Bismarck, but we have memories of a friendly, helpful friend. Myra was always ready to help with our children after school when needed. Like she said in her obituary, she was opinionated, but that was just Myra. She will be a great neighbor when we all get to heaven.

Christine Dickhaut - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ I met Myra during one of her many visits to the Bismarck Public Library. I always enjoyed visiting with her at the Reference Desk. When she discovered that I'd been recently married, she made a special trip to bring me a copy of a favorite cookbook and her recipe for jalapano jelly. I will greatly miss our entertaining converations and, especially, her many kindnesses.

Kate - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

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Ken Bicek - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

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Miriam and Pinky - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ *Myra was the most amazing person I know. She always took others into her home trying to give them a better life. She accepted all others, even as I would say the crazy people. She was truly an amazing person.*

Heather Bopp - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

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Beverly J. Bicek - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

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Chad & Stacey Hanson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

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Elaine Bicek - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM