



Dahna Maria Kruse

March 19, 1947 - March 6, 2013

Dahna Maria (Kummer) Kruse was born on March 19, 1947 in McPherson, KS to Francis Edward (Ed) and Gladys (Peterson) Kummer. She grew up in Eaton, CO where she attended school and graduated in 1965 from Eaton High School. Dahna earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physical Education in 1970 from Colorado State College in Greeley, CO.

As a young girl, she enjoyed being outdoors. As a teenager, Dahna baby sat for neighborhood children and worked at the Eaton A&W Root Beer Stand as a car hop and a cook to earn money to buy her first car. During high school and college she also helped in the family newspaper and printing business.

Dahna married Larry Charles Kruse on August 14, 1976 in Eaton, CO. They were blessed with three children: Nicole, Brian, and Karl. Dahna and Larry lived in Aurora, CO before moving to Elkhorn, NE in 1991.

Dahna taught physical education classes at Malley Drive Elementary School, Northglenn, CO. After her children were born, Dahna ran an in-home daycare so that she could spend more time with Nicole, Brian, and Karl. Later, when her kids were in school, Dahna taught preschool in churches in Aurora, CO and in Elkhorn, NE. She then started working as a teaching assistant and later as a substitute teacher in the Elkhorn Public School District. She continued to teach up to the time of her death. Dahna was a loving woman who took care

to make any situation a learning opportunity. She loved life and was seldom idle.

Dahna enjoyed researching genealogy, square dancing, attending concerts, playing cards, and driving tractors with the EVAPA tractor club. She was an avid football fan and especially enjoyed watching the Denver Broncos and the Nebraska Cornhuskers. She loved a lobster dinner and Mexican food. Some of her happiest times though were the numerous long trips all over the country with or to see her family. Her primary focus was her family and their activities. She was always there with words of encouragement and a huge proud smile to celebrate their accomplishments. The phrase her family remembers hearing from her the most was "Love you bunches"

Dahna passed away suddenly on March 6, 2013, at the Lakeside Hospital in Omaha, NE at the age of 65 years, 11 months and 15 days. Dahna is survived by her husband Larry, daughter Nicole Kruse of Tyngsboro, MA, son Brian and daughter-in-law Lisa Kruse of St.Louis, MO, and son Karl and daughter-in-law Stacy Kruse of Falls Church, VA; and by her mother Gladys Kummer of Greeley, CO, sister Kathryn and brother-in-law Monty Lawler of Buena Park, CA, sister Rita Kummer of Greeley, CO and sister Nancy and brother-in-law Robert Christensen of Rye, CO, as well as by many nieces and nephews, a grand-cat and four grand-dogs. Dahna was preceded in death by her father Ed Kummer.

Kruse, Dahna age 65 of Elkhorn, NE

Survived by husband Larry; children Nicole Kruse of Tyngesboro, MA, Brian and Lisa of St. Louis, MO and Karl and Stacy of Falls Church, VA; mother Gladys Kummer of Greeley, CO; sisters and brothers-in-law Katherine and Monty Lawler of Buena Park, CA, Rita Kummer of Greeley, CO and Nancy and Robert Christensen of Rye, CO; Visitation Tuesday noon to 8 PM with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 PM at the funeral home. Funeral Wednesday

10:30 AM at Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn; Interment and graveside service Wednesday 3:30 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Lidderdale, IA; in lieu of flowers memorials to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Condolences to www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dahna Maria Kruse*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I can't believe nearly a year has passed since Dahna's death. We think about her so often - as my all-time favorite sub, as the EVAPA secretarial"power", and mostly as a friend. Take care, Larry and family. Warren and Joan*

Joan Anthony - March 03, 2014 at 07:32 PM



“ *It was a privilege to know Dahna. Our symapathy to you Larry and your family. May the Lord be with you all.*

Terry & Carol Loptin - March 12, 2013 at 09:33 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Dahna's family. I worked with Dahna at Skyline Elementary. We were TA's together. She was so funny and did her job well. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.*

Kathy Townsend - March 12, 2013 at 05:53 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss, Larry, and are praying for God's comfort for you and your family as you grieve.*

Craig and Annette Kruse, Council Bluffs, Iowa - March 12, 2013 at 07:41 AM

BD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, may God bless and keep you in this time of loss.*

Bill & Amy Dunn - March 11, 2013 at 09:14 AM

BL

“ *I felt so honored when I met Dahna the first time, she welcomed me into the family. I felt special and knew that she was a special women. Sending my deepest sympathies to all the Kruse-Kummer family members.*

Bonnie Lawler - March 10, 2013 at 08:37 PM

HC

“ *May the memories of the good times always be with you.*

Harold & Cheryl Cowan - March 10, 2013 at 06:29 PM

WA

“ *We were shocked and saddened to hear of Dahna's death. She was a special person - a good friend, my all-time favorite substitute, and a valued member of EVAPA. Our prayers for Larry and the family.*

Warren and Joan Anthony - March 09, 2013 at 09:13 PM

JR

“ *God bless you Larry, Nicole, Brian and Karl. Rest in peace, Dahna. One couldn't ask for a better friend or neighbor.*

Jim and Leslie Redelfs - March 09, 2013 at 08:42 PM

WA

“ We were so shocked and saddened at the news of Dahna's death. She will always be remembered as a good friend, my all-time favorite substitute, and a valued member of the tractor club. Prayers for Larry and the family during this difficult time.

Warren and Joan Anthony - March 09, 2013 at 11:41 AM

RS

“ Words cannot express the sadness I feel for my close friend Nicole and her brothers, her father, and all of the family and friends of Dahna. This is such a shock, and I truly hope and pray that you can celebrate Dahna's life, and through loving and supporting each other, find a way through this tragedy.

Rich Shoemaker - March 09, 2013 at 10:53 AM

ND

“ Having worked with Dahna the last 5 years at school I know she will be missed very much. She had become a very special person in my life and was loved by the children she worked with also. She made a difference and I will miss my friend very much. R.I.P. Dahna.

Norma Dunn - March 09, 2013 at 10:40 AM

PJ

“ Dear Nicole and Family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. I know from Nicole what a wonderful person your mother was, and how much she was loved.
with my sincerest regards,
Pat

Patricia Jennings - March 08, 2013 at 09:14 PM