



## **DIANE ELIZABETH MULLINS**

September 12, 1938 - September 12, 2022

Diane Elizabeth Mullins, 84, passed away on her birthday, September 12, 2022, surrounded by her family at the Mayo Clinic in La Crosse, WI.

Diane was born September 12, 1938, to Gehard and Elizabeth (Agnes) Olson at home near Elkader, IA . Her family moved to a farm outside of Fayette, IA where she was raised. She graduated from Fayette High School and attended St. Lukes School of Nursing where she received her LPN degree. On April 29th, 1961, she married Terry Mullins, also of Fayette.

Diane was a lifelong nurse and caregiver. She worked as a LPN at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester as a young nurse, and spent the remainder of her 34 year nursing career at the Caledonia Community Hospital and Long Term Care Center. Her caregiving extended far past the nursing home to family, friends and community members.

Diane had an immense passion for her children and her grandchildren. She was a devoted sports' fan supporting her husband as a Caledonia Warrior coach, her children and grandchildren as they participated through the years in various sports, and while watching her beloved MN "Twinkies" on TV. She was an avid golfer, playing well into her 80s, and loved a good game of Rummikub, bridge and many other card games.

Diane is survived by her son Mitch (Nancy) Mullins of Caledonia; two daughters Elizabeth (Joel) Nelson of Caledonia, and Mia (Steve Sola) Mullins of Duluth, MN. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Molly (Tyler) Pierson, Maddy Mullins, Hayley Nelson, and Grace and Billy Lynch; and one great-grandson Jett Pierson. Other survivors include a sister, Bonnie Olson, and two brothers, Denny and Buzz Olson. She is preceded in death by her husband Terry, parents Gehard and Agnes Olson, and her sisters Faye Bena and Marilyn Kress.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Caledonia; Father Matt Wagner will officiate. Friends may call from 4:00 to 7:00 Friday night at St. Mary's Holy Family Hall or also one hour prior to the service on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church

The service will be live-streamed on St. Mary's, Caledonia Facebook page.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

County Road 249  
Caledonia, MN 55921

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Holy Family Hall  
513 South Pine St.  
Caledonia, MN 55921

## Visitation

SEP **17**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
513 S Pine St  
Caledonia, MN 55921  
(507) 725-3804

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **17**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Saint Mary's Catholic Church  
513 S Pine St  
Caledonia, MN 55921  
(507) 725-3804



# Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of DIANE ELIZABETH MULLINS.*



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September 15, 2022 at 10:00 PM



“ *She was such a beautiful person - inside and out! She ALWAYS had a smile for everyone...praying for y'all.*

*Love and prayers,*

*The Richards family  
Scott, Lori, Riley, & Jake*

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**Lori Richards** - September 15, 2022 at 06:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of DIANE ELIZABETH MULLINS.*



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September 15, 2022 at 06:07 PM

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“ *The Clinical Team from Mercer purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of DIANE ELIZABETH MULLINS.*



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**The Clinical Team from Mercer** - September 15, 2022 at 05:03 PM

KF

“ *Koepke Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of DIANE ELIZABETH MULLINS.*



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**Koepke Family** - September 15, 2022 at 03:59 PM

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“ *Caledonia Volleyball purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of DIANE ELIZABETH MULLINS.*



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**Caledonia Volleyball** - September 15, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of DIANE ELIZABETH MULLINS.*



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September 15, 2022 at 01:14 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. She was such an amazing lady!



Teresa MacLeod - September 15, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of DIANE ELIZABETH MULLINS.



September 14, 2022 at 11:50 PM

JG

“ Jim and Celeste Gibson purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of DIANE ELIZABETH MULLINS.



Jim and Celeste Gibson - September 14, 2022 at 10:30 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of DIANE ELIZABETH MULLINS.



September 14, 2022 at 06:48 PM

AK

“ Liz, Mitch, Mia and Families,  
We send our condolences and cherish wonderful memories of our beloved Aunt Diane. We saw her last when she and Uncle Denny drove out to Colorado to visit about five years ago. Uncle Buzz and Jane were able to join us as well to celebrate our Mom and Dad's 60th wedding anniversary. Approaching age 80 then, your mother still possessed the elegance, intelligence and beauty of her younger years. She was such a warm and loving person.

While we know you will miss her, we have no doubt that your dad, Grandma and Grandpa Olson, Aunt Faye and our mom Marilyn were all there to welcome her home on her 84th birthday. Know that we will all be with you as we attend Saturday's service online.

With love from your Colorado Cousins,  
Ann, Jane, Dave and Dan Kress

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**Ann Kress** - September 14, 2022 at 05:44 PM

DS

“ Liz, Mitch, Mia & families: you have our deepest condolences in the loss of your mother. She was such a neat, fashionable lady. I enjoyed working with her at the Caledonia Nursing Home. Cherish the memories & hold them close. Her legacy lives on...

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**Dave & Wilma Schoh** - September 14, 2022 at 03:57 PM