



Dina L. Luthans

June 26, 2015 - June 26, 2015

Dina Luthans, 46, of Kearney, left this world to be with the angels on June 26, 2015, after a courageous three year battle with pancreatic cancer. In her final hours, she was surrounded by the warm embrace of several friends and family members. Dina was truly an inspiration to those around her. A celebration of her Life will be Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Kearney with Rev. Gary Main officiating. Burial will be at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, June 30, 2015 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. Memorials are suggested to Kearney Tackles Cancer, Project Purple(running to beat pancreatic cancer) or Kearney Public Schools.

Dina was born June 3, 1969, in Fairfield, Iowa, to Mary Ann and Ron Townsend. In 1987, Dina graduated from Lincoln East High School, where she was a member of the Apollonaires dance team and Singers and met her future husband and soul mate, Kyle. Dina received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and was an elementary school teacher with Lincoln Public Schools, Bloomsburg, PA schools and Kearney Public Schools. She spent many hours substitute teaching and volunteering her time in her children's classrooms in Kearney.

On October 14, 1995, Dina married the love of her life, Kyle Luthans, and this union produced two children, Emma and Will. Dina was happiest when she was with family and she took great pride in watching Emma bloom into a talented and beautiful young woman and dancer, and loved cheering on Will during his many basketball and baseball games. Beyond the family she and Kyle created, Dina had lots of love to go around for both her original family and all of the add-ons. Dina and her sister, Julie, were best friends, but she was also close to her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law and Dina became the sister Angie never had. All of Dina's nieces and nephews loved and respected her and they will miss her terribly. Everyone in the Luthans family welcomed Dina with open arms, Fred and Kay always thought of her as one of their own, and Mary Ann and Dina's siblings were gracious enough to share her. In addition, Dina had numerous friends. Some of those friends remained from high school, and Dina's family was fortunate to share a few days with them at one of her favorite places, Lake Okoboji, just a few days before her passing. In addition, Dina was blessed with a wonderful group of friends in Kearney.

She is survived by Kyle, her husband of almost 20 years, Kearney; children, Emma and Will, Kearney; mother, Mary Ann Townsend, Lincoln; father, Ron Townsend (Lynn), Arlington, TX; sister, Julie (Bill) Thielen; brother, John (Katy) Townsend, Lincoln; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Fred and Kay Luthans, Lincoln; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Brett and Angie Luthans, St. Joseph, MO, Kristin and Todd Noble, Lincoln, Paige and Barry Sanford, Castle Pines, CO; grandmother Bettye Schock, Fairfield, IA; nieces and nephews: Jack, Nick, Jake, Kellen, Kourtney, Taylor, Ashley, Molly, Leyna and Tyler, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dina L. Luthans*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *The Normans are thinking about you all and hope you are doing as well as possible.*

Steve Norman - July 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our family had a close connection through Job's Daughters with Dina, Julie and Mary Ann when I was Associate Guardian and Mary Ann was Guardian. Dina was Honored Queen followed by Julie a few terms later. We remember Dina as a poised and confident leader needing little refinement. We offer our prayers to all the family in this time of sorrow too deep for words.
Love as ever, Chuck & Barb Perdew*

Chuck & Barb Perdew - July 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts prayers are with you and your family. I am so sorry. Dina was absolutely beautiful inside and out!!*

Ruth Spethman Eubanks - July 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Kyle~
We are so terribly sorry to hear of Dina's passing. She was a very special person and always had a smile for everyone. Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rich & Susie Robinson - July 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *Mary Ann, Kyle and Family;
So sorry for your loss. May the Lord comfort you during your time of grief.*

LeRoy Rosenthal, Jr. - July 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Dear Kyle, Emma and Will - we are so very sorry for the loss of your wonderful mom and wife. Hoping you can find some comfort in knowing Dina's sunny spirit lives on in her legacy of love, kindness and strength.*

Susan and Bernie Jensen - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Kyle,

I'm very sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Adam

Adam Marshall - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Our deepest sympathy for your loss.*

Marc & Jill Schniederjans - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Our sincere sympathy to all of your family. What a beautiful lady she was, inside and out. She will be missed. Sending prayers to your family.*

Lavonne Fries, UNK Library - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Kyle, Emma and Will we are so sorry for the passing of your wife and mother. May the Lord strengthen and comfort you through this time. Our prayers are with you.*

Rev. Dr. Michael and Dr. Gwendolyn Combs - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *I have so much respect for Dina and will miss her. I keep the family in my prayers.*

Sue Klein - June 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Kyle, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God be with you and your family.*

Richard Meznarich - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. If there is anything we can do for you please let us know.*

Dick and Sandy Lebsack - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Kyle,
We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Dina. We will keep you
and your family in our thoughts & prayers during this difficult time.

Deepest Sympathy
Troy, Barb, Zack & Jacob Wayman

Barb & Troy Wayman - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. If there
is any thing we can do for you please let us know.

Dick and Sandy Lebsack - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Kyle,

We are saddened to hear of Dina's death. Our thoughts and prayers
are with you and your family.

Lance & Vikki Carlson - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Our deepest sympathies for your loss. Words truly cannot express
how deeply sorry we are. We will keep you in our thoughts and
prayers and will pray for strength, peace and comfort as each of you
struggle to deal with this devastating loss. Much love to all of you.
xoxo

Lynn, Ken, Cam & JJ - June 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Kyle, Emma, and Will,

We are deeply saddened by the loss of your best friend, wife, and mother, Dina. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. May you find strength in warm embrace of family and friends.

Sri, Kathy, and Devi

Sri Seshadri - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NU

“ Words cannot express my family's heart-felt sympathy to the Luthans and family. However, we trust that Mrs. Luthans is in a better place. We pray for encouragement and comfort on God's promises to His people.

Nacasius U. Ujah - June 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM