



Lana Melinda Dresen

October 2, 1957 - September 9, 2022

Lana Melinda (Trick) Dresen, 64, went to eternal rest with the Lord at her home following an incredibly strong and determined battle with very aggressive cancer on September 9, 2022. She was born on October 2, 1957 to the late Robert and June Trick and lived her entire life in Racine, WI. On October 14, 2012 she was united in marriage to James Dresen in La Quinta, CA. She was the Snuggle Bunny to Jim and Jim was her Big Ol' Bear. Their love was without limits in strength or time.

Lana was a '75 graduate with honors at Racine Lutheran High School. She continued her education and obtained her Masters Degree in Business from Marquette University. Lana was employed at SC Johnson for over 40 years and held various positions. Her final position was in Global Trade Compliance. She was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She loved to attend yoga classes and dance classes with Jim. Together they enjoyed leisurely motorcycle rides and took great pleasure golfing early Sunday mornings at Johnson Park.

Lana enjoyed playing keyboard and singing in the band Private Road along with Jim. Lana was able to travel the world through both work and pleasure. She and Jim had just completed a two-week tour of The Alps shortly prior to her illness, and for that they were grateful.

Lana was a loving caregiver to both her parents and grandmothers. She was incredibly supportive for Jim in all of his interests. She was a loving and caring wife, sister, daughter, step-mother, aunt, niece and friend to countless people.

Lana is survived by her loving husband, Jim; step children Justin Dresen and Katie (Matt) Ciesla of Racine; sisters Robin (Kent) Milaeger of Trevor, WI, Debra (Randy) Olson of Seattle, WA; brother Brad (Jenny) Trick of Racine, WI; sister in laws Lori Trick of Union Grove, WI; Mary (Bob) Pavlat of Nekoosa, WI; brother in laws Larry (Mary) Dresen of Mt. Juliet, TN; Mike (Julie) Dresen of Wisconsin Rapids, WI; Aunt Linda Polzin of Racine, WI, Uncle Don (Jackie) Lange of St. Augustine, FL; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Lana was preceded in death by her parents Robert and June Trick and brother Jeff Trick.

Lana's memorial service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1501 Erie Street, on Thursday September 15, 2022, at 11 a.m. with visitation from 9:30 a.m. until service time.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Lana in a special way may direct memorials to St. John's Lutheran Church, The Racine Zoological Society or Hospitality Center of Racine.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Pierce-Ruhland and the physicians and staff of Ascension Cancer Center & Hospital for their wonderful loving care. Thank you to Pastor Jack Gilbert for his spiritual guidance during this most difficult time. We are all so appreciative to all the friends & relatives who have reached out with words & actions of love and encouragement.

Please follow Lana's wishes of spreading peace, light and love to one another.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church
1501 Erie Street
Racine, WI 53402

Memorial Service

SEP **15.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lana Melinda Dresen*



Sturino Funeral Home - September 14, 2022 at 04:33 PM

SF

“ *My Aunt Lana was a woman who made herself known without effort; the type that could work a room of important people. But more importantly, she was also the type that could see the need in a room of ordinary people. She didn't miss a thing—not one thing. She was active in body and mind and soul. She was a person who walked through life with no blinders on, she was bold and confident in everything she did (even if she was wrong!). Growing up, she would often give a commanding glance to my sisters and I that said “behave”, and it bothered me at the time, but I know I give my kids that same look now, and that's because I want them to learn and grow. She wasn't afraid to correct me, to point out something I needed to change, and that is the type of person that loves you, because love is active, it is a choice, and when practiced rightly, is fierce and unrelenting. It's unconditional. Though we can't obtain this quality perfectly here on earth, the fierceness that Lana displayed in character, word, and deed, showed her capability to love and care more deeply than many in this world.*

Thank you Lana, for your love and care, and for your unforgettable fierceness.

Stephanie Flege - September 23, 2022 at 12:15 AM

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Thank you Lana, for your love and for your unforgettable fierceness.

Stephanie Flege - September 23, 2022 at 12:10 AM

DO

“While I still struggle in disbelief that you are truly gone.... I reflect back and realize what a true blessing it was to share life as sisters, best friends, confidants. God gave us to each other as he knew it was what our hearts needed. The bond we shared meant everything to me and when I think of the memories I cherish most, between the laughter and the tears....
you are at the heart of all of them. My sister, my friend for life, I will be with you soon.

Debbie Olson - September 22, 2022 at 03:59 PM

KH

“ When I was in college, I interviewed my Aunt Lana for a project, and afterwards I told her that she was my role model. At the time I said it because I was amazed at how hard she worked at her job and the success she achieved in her career at SC Johnson. Her job required her to travel, which also sparked my admiration of her and her love for travel. Her travel stories impacted me and thus inspired my love for travel. (Attached photo is her in Machu Picchu, Peru in 2000).

After grandma June passed away right after I graduated from college, I then realized that Lana's selflessness, loyalty, dedication and care to her parents in their final years was another reason for me to call her my role model.

Then once I became an Aunt, I realized how much more I admired her, because she was the Aunt to me that I decided I wanted to model toward my nieces and nephews.

Lana was a chameleon. She was someone you did not want to mess with, because as I said, she fought for the people she loved and stood up for what she believed in. Simultaneously, Lana could beat anyone in a wine drinking contest. She was a multi layered woman, someone you could talk to for days on end yet you wouldn't scratch the surface on all the stories and experiences she had to share.

I'm so thankful to God for bringing Jim into her life in 2010. I saw more wine drinking, laughing and music playing (her on piano) out of her during her years with Jim as I did in the decades prior. I thank God that her and Jim met, fell in love and had over 10 wonderful years together.

Now Lana has joined her parents and brother in heaven and for the first time in my life, I've felt truly jealous of those who are in heaven, because Lana is now there.

I'll miss and love you forever Aunt Lana.

-Katie Bug



Kaitlyn (Olson) Helton - September 18, 2022 at 09:15 PM

AL

“ Auntie Lana, my auntie and god mother has always held a special place in my heart. When I would speak with her, she made me feel like I was the most important person, always listening intently and such a joy to talk with. Every year when we would come to WI to visit family, she would drop everything to help host us. She also made an effort to come visit us in Seattle often, and we always looked forward to her visits. She was a very reliable person and someone I thought would be around for a very long time. I have always viewed her as healthy, intelligent, fun and energetic... someone I will forever cherish. I miss you Auntie, but I'm so happy you are in a much better place.

Angela Larsen - September 16, 2022 at 10:15 PM



“ Fall of 1972, I attended Lutheran High, and 50 years later I can still remember Lana as one of the cutest and kindest girls I ever met in high school. Beautiful long blonde hair and a shy, but electric smile. She left a lasting impression.

To all of Lana's family and friends, I am so very sorry for your loss but know you will be comforted by many lasting memories of this beautiful soul.

Laura Hanneman - September 16, 2022 at 06:34 PM

JS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joe Smetana - September 15, 2022 at 08:53 PM

JS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Joe Smetana - September 15, 2022 at 08:48 PM

LH

“ I worked at Johnson Wax she was our supervisor for a short off time. I enjoyed working with her and seeing her and her husband out.



Leona Hagen - September 15, 2022 at 06:02 PM

LG

“ What a sweet spirit Lana had. She and my brother Bob were in the same class at Trinity and RLHS. God's peace and comfort to all the ohana. Aloha

Linda Groth - September 15, 2022 at 03:56 PM

CH

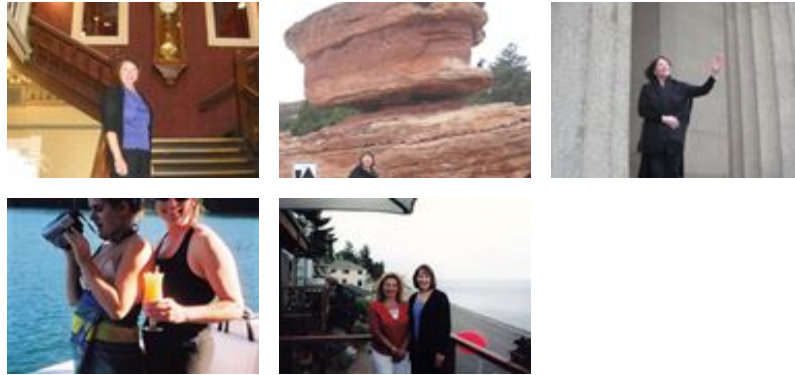
“ Dear Jim,

We are so sorry for your loss. I did not know Lana, but from the obituary and all the pictures it appears she lived life to the fullest and was loved by many. Hopefully the memories and knowing others care will be of some comfort to you. God Bless You....Carla and Don Holm

Carla Holm - September 15, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ 13 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - September 14, 2022 at 04:29 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lana Melinda Dresen.*



September 14, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lana Melinda Dresen.*



September 14, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ *70 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - September 14, 2022 at 10:48 AM

DS

Jim our deepest sympathy on the loss of Lana. Don & Denise Sokolowski

Don Sokolowski - September 15, 2022 at 07:33 AM

MC

Jim I apologize to no be able to share i your time of grief. you were a wonderful couple, and I loved you both. I will be sharing in you 365 days of grief because I will miss you both together much longer than that. May God grant you peace during this time of you grief. Mike Christofferson

Michael Christofferson - September 15, 2022 at 06:49 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lana Melinda Dresen.*



September 14, 2022 at 09:58 AM



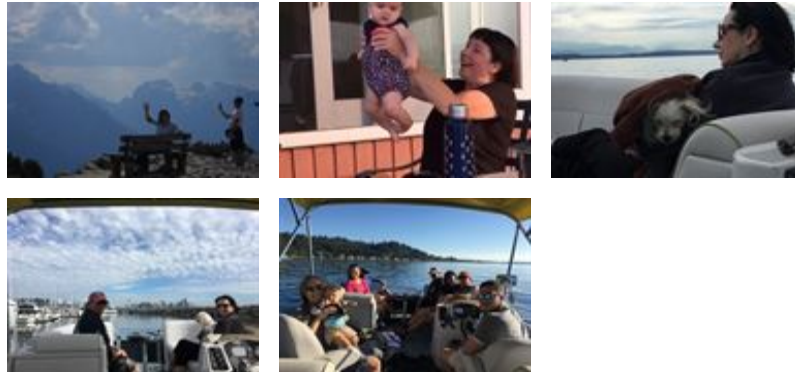
“ *Jim, Kathy, Charley and Alex Dow purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lana Melinda Dresen.*



Jim, Kathy, Charley and Alex Dow - September 13, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ *58 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - September 13, 2022 at 02:21 PM

MP

“ Jim, you are blessed to have such a strong love and wonderful memories with Lana. She will forever be in our hearts. Heartfelt condolences.

Mary Pavlat - September 13, 2022 at 11:11 AM

JD

“ One of the many things that Lana, this amazingly kind and beautiful soul ,has taught me is...love deeply. She also taught me to express this love freely and often. Life is fragile. Never know what The Lord has in store for us. Tomorrow is never guaranteed. We always expressed a “love you” and or “Lord be with you” when we parted. Lana and I would encourage all of you to do the same. Lana has taught me so very much but this is her greatest life lesson. Thank everyone for reaching out with love and well wishes and to you all I would like to say from Lana and myself....”WE LOVE YOU AND LORD BE WITH YOU”. Spread the word. ❤️🙏

Jim Dresen - September 12, 2022 at 10:39 PM

AB

This is beautiful. My deepest sympathy.

Anita Bononno - September 13, 2022 at 10:25 AM

JN

“ Lana was a great friend and her smile was infectious. We made some great memories! So very sad to learn of her passing. She will be missed.

Jeanne Nelson

Jeanne Nelson - September 12, 2022 at 04:21 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Lana's passing. We were always seated together in homeroom at Lutheran High due to our last names. She was one of the kindest and most gentle souls I ever met. She will be missed for sure.

Condolences,
Steve Tuinstra

Steve Tuinstra - September 12, 2022 at 12:22 PM

GB

“ With sadness in my heart and hope in the resurrection I am sending my love and prayers to Jim and family. I was blessed to call Lana friend for over 20 years. May her memory be eternal. Georgia Barr

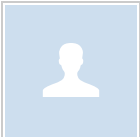
Georgia Barr - September 12, 2022 at 11:34 AM



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September 11, 2022 at 04:08 PM



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September 11, 2022 at 04:05 PM

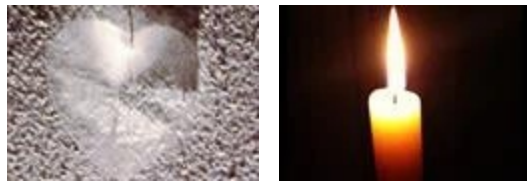
CB

“ *The shock and sadness of Lana's passing is beyond words to describe. I am quite sure she had not a single enemy in this entire world despite her vast array of life experiences and accomplishments. I know two things for sure: Lana's faith has her in the realms of Glory, now knowing ALL the answers to life's questions as well as realizing that 50 years from now, today's grief will be irrelevant and disposed of. She fought the hard battle and while losing the earthly conflict of disease yet she won the war for her soul and for eternity and that is all that matters. Rest in the arms of Jesus, dear neighbor. You are and will be missed.*

Craig Borgardt - September 11, 2022 at 03:08 PM

VD

“ *May God bless her and keep her memory alive Forever...❤️*



Victor DeLorenzo - September 11, 2022 at 03:00 PM

KB

“ *What very sad news this morning. Sweet person. Sincere condolences to Jim and family.*

Kevin Bush - September 11, 2022 at 01:27 PM

JB

“ *My deepest condolences with Lana's passing. I will always have fond memories of her from church and bookclub. She will be deeply missed*

Jill Borgardt - September 10, 2022 at 04:52 PM