



# Dana G. Jensen

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## **Dana G. Jensen**

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**D**ana Gay Jensen, 72, Saxeville, Wisconsin passed away unexpectedly in the Town of Lind, reuniting with the love of her life, Richard (Dick) Jensen. She was born in Frostburg, Maryland, daughter of Robert (Mick) Harden and Anna (Skidmore) Harden.

Dana graduated from Beall High School in 1966 and Frostburg State University with a degree in education. She spent her teaching career at Raymond Elementary School retiring in 2013. After retirement, she became a substitute teacher in the Wild Rose School District. Dana was a second mother in and outside of the classroom and continued to follow her student's successes in life. She was a kind soul, welcoming prior students into her home while they embarked on their future teaching careers. Dana and Dick spent 23 years in Franklin and 13 years in Caledonia. Upon retirement, she became a permanent resident on Long Lake in Waushara County. During her life she treasured her time with family and friends, hosting gatherings at her lake home, and searching for the "next treasure".

Dana is survived by her four sons: Richard (Kristen) Jensen of Illinois, Matthew (Kelley) and James (Dena) Jensen of Waukesha and Andrew (Katie) Jensen of Florida. She is further survived by her five grandchildren, Ethan, Savannah, Jacob, Asher and Anna. Brothers Darrell Harden of Maryland, Dave (Lee) Harden of West Virginia, Dwight (Mary Ann) Harden of Maryland, and Dane (Sherry) Harden of Virginia, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Richard (Dick) Jensen, her parents; Robert (Mick) and Anna Harden and sister in law Janet Harden.

A social distancing memorial service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, January 30th, at Wild Rose Baptist Church, Wild Rose, WI. For those that would like to join virtually, a link to the live stream of the service will be shared on the Wild Rose Baptist Church website. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Wild Rose Baptist Church or



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Wild Rose School District. Holly Funeral Home of Wild Rose is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences available at [www.hollyfuneralhome.com](http://www.hollyfuneralhome.com)



## Events


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### Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, January 30, 2021

 11:00 AM CT

 **Wild Rose Baptist Church**  
1013 Main Street, Wild Rose WI

### Cemetery Details

 **Holly Cremation Service**  
Waupaca WI



## Tribute Wall

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**Colleen Jensen Cook** posted:

I am her niece, daughter of her brother-in-law, Gordon Jensen. Please share that I remember coming and staying with her as a child, and we went to the Toys R Us store, and she said, "Colleen, go buy anything you want in the store." To a 10 year old girl, that was like a ticket to the moon. I will always remember her laugh, her ear to ear smile, and her amazing hospitality. I always knew I had a home no matter where she was. Praying for all that knew and miss her. As the pastor said at her Wild Rose Baptist Church service today, the Lord was her shepherd - He can be your shepherd too. God loves you.

January 30 at 8:40 AM



**Much Love, Frank And Bonnie Brock** sent a Pretty Please to the Jensen family.



January 28 at 8:44 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Jensen family.



January 27 at 8:53 AM



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**Dee Haven** posted:

Dana was such a kind, friendly and happy lady. She always had a smile on her face and was happy to make new friends and make those new friends feel at home when visiting her. I will deeply miss her and her wonderful happy personality. So sad you left us way too soon. Dee Haven

January 25 at 10:25 AM

RM

**Ron And Jane Miller** January 29 at 12:38 PM

Dana was the first friend we had when we moved to Greendale WI in 1974. She lived across the hall in our apartment building with husband Dick and son, Ritchie. We maintained our friendship over the next 46 years, through the addition of their three more sons and three moves. Dana had a great sense of humor and delightful laugh. Who else would laugh about babysitting our son on a special occasion and then having him give all of her boys the chickenpox! Dana was generous, kind, outspoken, outgoing and fun. Our annual Christmas Get Together with six old neighbors will not be quite the same this year. without now both Dana and Dick at the table. Thank goodness she had the opportunity to visit with all her sons, their wives, and her grandchildren during this past Christmas season. She leaves a legacy of wonderful memories, and will be missed by all her family, students (teacher Dana) and friends. Ron and Jane Miller

DH

**Dane Harden** January 27 at 9:01 AM

I had posted this on Facebook on my page last Friday after my nephew Andy called me with the news. "I'd spoken to her just two days ago. I had posted and vented anger over a Politicians remarks about not trusting soldiers. My Big Sister told me, "I'd every right to be angry"...she was as well and then went on to say: "I'm proud of you and I Love You little brother". My sister Dana was a sweetheart - my sister died in a car accident yesterday at noon. She's in heaven with the Love of her life, Dick Jensen. We used to go golfing and talk about life and living on those Long stretches of grass. I remember my sister used to let me look at Dick's Second Lieutenant Bars during the Vietnam War - she treasured them as he served overseas in Vietnam. She waited for him and wrote letters while she went to college and he went to war. Dick eventually served as a Captain - and I thought maybe I could, one day be an Officer like him. My big sister - without hesitation gave a 10 year brother a hug, "you can be and do anything little brother - just don't quit trying". She and Dick had a wonderful life - Just like the movie. Dana raised four wonderful young men in Rich, Jim, Matt and Andy. Boys your old uncle Loves all of you and your Mom surely was proud of you boys. She taught elementary school and she taught children to be proud of their country, she taught me through ten thousand examples...how too Love and Live completely. So many memories of my big sister - Dana, I Love You Too...gone too soon. Rest In Peace. Your students, Your boys and your brothers already miss you 😞". Dane S. Harden Senior Flight Surgeon Colonel U.S. Army (Retired)

GD

**Gary Duckworth** January 27 at 7:19 AM

My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to Dana's Family. Gary Duckworth Frederick, MD



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**Dwight R Harden** January 26 at 1:36 PM

Dana , my only sister , was taken away way too early . We all thought she would be around into her 80's , and how she would have enjoyed more time to spend with her grand kids , 4 sons and all her family and friends . Dana was strong , gregarious, tough willed , happy all the time , and a force to be reckoned with . She was a great mom to her boys who were in turn the pride of her life . She was a great wife to Dick who was in turn the love of her life . And of course , she was a great sister to her 4 brothers who loved her dearly . The Jensens got to spend a life of outdoors fun like livin at the lake , snow mobiling and cheering on the Packers, so a lifetime of memories are left . One can only imagine what a holiday dinner looked like with the whole group together , because my sister cooked , and she cooked like there might not be enough and cooked more delicious food . She was an immaculate home keeper , and a demanding mom which helped raise my nephews into the wonderful men they have become . I imagine she is sitting with Dick now , both smiling their smiles and back together once again . You will be missed big sis, love you always . Dwight Harden .



**Ben Terpstra** January 26 at 9:58 AM

I am the Pastor at Wild Rose Baptist Church to which she was a member! Dana was always very friendly and encouragement to me! She made sure that our family (which also has four boys) were gifted with some kind of food! She must have known how much our boys ate! She will be missed! Yet, I am confident I will see her again in heaven! She shared with me her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in His finished work on the cross!



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Dana by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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