



## Diana Lynn Nelson

September 4, 1946 - February 12, 2022

Diana Lynn Nelson, age 75 of Dixon passed away on Saturday February 12, 2022. She was born on September 4, 1946, in Dixon and was the daughter of Richard and Gale (Tooey) Brown. Diana was a 1964 graduate of Oregon High School and later moved to and was a lifelong resident of Dixon. Diana was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, and beloved by the running community. In 1982 Diana developed a passion for running and never looked back. While competing in hundreds of races over the years, Diana prided herself in never missing a day. Diana currently holds the 6th longest women's retired running streak in the United States Running Streak Association where she had a streak of 9,396 days (which equates to 25 years, 8 months and two days) before she was sidelined by an injury, but this still didn't slow her down. She bounced back and continued to run for well over another decade. During her running career she managed to log enough miles to the equivalent of running around the world over four times. She was featured in articles by the Sauk Valley Newspaper and Dixon Telegraph for her running achievements and was a longtime member of the Rock River Running Club, Cornbelt Running Club, Rockford Road Runners, Starved Rock Runners and the Sauk Valley Striders. She is survived by her brother Joel (Nancy) Brown, and her two children, Kim Nelson, Jeff (Amy) Nelson, and grandson Charlie. She was preceded in death by her parents. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday Feb. 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM at St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the Jones

Funeral Home in Dixon. A private family burial will be Saturday afternoon at St. Mary Cemetery in Oregon. A luncheon will follow mass at the church. In Lieu of flowers memorial donations in Diana's memory can be made to the Dixon Reagan Run. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

# Cemetery Details

## St Mary Cemetery

2000 Pines Rd  
Oregon, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon  
204 South Ottawa  
Dixon, IL 61021  
Ph: 815-288-2241  
[info@thejonesfh.com](mailto:info@thejonesfh.com)  
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

## Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne Catholic Church  
1104 N Brinton Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021  
(815) 288-3131  
[http://www.stanneschooldixon.org/st\\_anne\\_parish.htm](http://www.stanneschooldixon.org/st_anne_parish.htm)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Diana Lynn Nelson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Diana Lynn Nelson*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Kilgore Road won't be the same without Diana's presence running along its edge, and doing so regardless of whether it was hot and the fields were full of green, or cold and windy with the fields covered in snow. She ran there as long as I can remember, from the early 1980s up until I last time I saw her during one of my visits home in the late 20-teens. She always waved and smiled to everyone she met in a passing vehicle, and I admired her perseverance, dedication, and passion for running. I'll miss seeing her. 😞 RIP*

Mark Kemper - February 18, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Peggy Crull lit a candle in memory of Diana Lynn Nelson*



Peggy Crull - February 17, 2022 at 10:42 PM

ML

“ It seems like only yesterday that Diane, Aleta, Cindy, Lea and a few more were picked up for school, in the “Gray Goose”, each morning. A good time was had by all.  
Diane had a very pretty smile and was the most shy of all in the group. She holds a lot of special memories for me.

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**Mike Lauer** - February 17, 2022 at 07:16 PM

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We will miss Diane running by our farm on Kilgore rd. She always had a smile on her face. Truly a remarkable lady. ❤️ Mark & Corina Landis

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**Corina Landis** - February 22, 2022 at 03:13 PM

JN

“ We are so sorry to hear of your moms passing. She was a great lady. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Jeremy and Beth Nelson

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**Jeremy and Beth Nelson** - February 16, 2022 at 08:50 PM

MI

“ I worked with Diana back in the late 90's. She was a sweet lady, honest, hard-working, and kind. She was a very devoted runner and loved her family very much. The world is a better place, because of Diana & her kindness. I am blessed to have known her. I am saddened by her passing & send my condolences & prayers for the family.  
Michele Podkulski

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**Michele** - February 16, 2022 at 08:46 PM

CB

“ I worked with Diana as to Centel. So sorry for your loss. She will be missed

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**Cindy (Larsen) Beeman** - February 15, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Diana Lynn Nelson.*



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February 15, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Diana Lynn Nelson.*



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February 14, 2022 at 10:32 PM



“ *Diane was always the most accepting and welcoming woman to me. She had a beautiful smile that she shared often and took many, many pictures of our time spent together. She was a thoughtful and caring person and will be missed by all of us who got to know and love her. Rest in peace, Diane. Hope you find your perfect path to run up there.*

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**Karin King** - February 14, 2022 at 09:12 PM