



Diana Susan (Kiser) Balzer

October 5, 1951 - April 15, 2026

Diana Susan (Kiser) Balzer, of Amarillo, Texas, joined her Lord and Savior on April 15th, 2026.

Diana, or “Sis” as family called her, was born to Robert and Alda (Kring) Kiser in

Leesburg, Va October 5, 1951. Diana, “Sue”, graduated from Fairfax High School, Va in

1970. She worked in Washington D.C. before joining the United States Air Force in

1974. While in the Air Force she married and started a family, relocated to Texas, then

eventually to the Oklahoma Panhandle. While raising her two daughters, she earned

her Associates Degree in nursing from Seward County Community College in Liberal,

Ks. She officially became a Registered Nurse in 1989, beginning a decades long career

cares for others. While in Liberal, she took her first position as a Director of Nursing at

the Good Samaritan Facility. Diana and her daughters moved to Amarillo, Tx in 1993

where she continued to work as a strong advocate for the elderly. Until her

retirement in

2015, she worked in executive nursing positions such as Director of Nursing for Long

Term Care Facilities, Chief Nursing Officer for an LTAC hospital, and Administrator/

Director of Clinical Services for a Home Health Agency. Diana was known for excellence

in her facilities, compassionate care for the elderly, and was well respected in her

profession. She also mentored and taught future caregivers and nurses, education of

those in her field was another passion for her.

In her personal life, she was an expert at caring for others. She was known for her

baking skills as she made the best birthday cakes, wedding cakes, chocolates, and

candies. She was a second mom to many of her daughters' friends and they knew she

always had the best snacks, and her home-cooked meals were full of love.

Diana was

also a reliable friend to many, whether it was helping pull off a prank, or being a

shoulder to cry on. She made it her goal to never miss any event in her daughters' lives,

they always came first. She continued this legacy of support for the light of her later

years, her granddaughter, who thought of her as her best friend. They spent hours

reading together. No one who was in her circle of friends and family was ever left

feeling unloved.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, Amarillo. She was preceded in death by her parents. Diana is survived by her daughters from her former marriage, Keli Balzer Franks (Kody) of Amarillo, Erin Balzer McHenry (Josh) of Yukon, OK., Brothers James Kiser (Susan) of Harrisonburg, VA., David Kiser (Debbie) of Raliegh, NC., and Matthew Kiser (Peggy) of Dumfries, VA., granddaughter Mabel Franks, and grandson Jake McHenry, her nieces and nephews, and friends. Private services for family will be held at a later date. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
Hebrews11:1

"In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Benevolence Fund at First Baptist Church Amarillo"

Tribute Wall

WD

“ *She was a beautiful lady with a loving heart and I always enjoyed seeing her and are visits,*

Wendy S Davis - April 24 at 06:23 PM

MF

“ *She was pretty onery.*

Mabel Diana Franks - April 24 at 06:02 PM

AG

“ *I always remember her in the kitchen... mostly making molded chocolates. She got my mom into making them too. I always thought she was so beautiful and really was sad when I didn't get to see her anymore.*

Angela Gifford - April 24 at 12:31 PM

CB

“ *My favorite thing about Diana was her wonderful laugh. She taught me how to make chocolates and gifted me the tools to do so. We are grateful to have had her in our lives.*

Connie Brandel - April 24 at 12:27 PM

SB

“ *I loved Diana so much. We always had good times and laughs. Special friend and special lady. Glad I got to share life with her.*

sandy brusendine - April 23 at 11:30 AM

DZ

Diana was a special person. I loved working with her and worked with her at several places. She was always available when you needed her. So glad to have known her.

Debra Zabel - April 24 at 04:59 PM

KR

So sorry for the loss of your Mom. I'm the oldest cousin in the Kring family. Had sleepovers at Grandma Effie Kring's in Troy, Pa with your Mom. Remember the metal beds. Heard what Susan was up to from Aunt Alda. Prayers at this time. Kay Kring Rhinehart

Kay Kring Rhinehart - April 28 at 06:00 AM

MF

Man do I miss you today

Mabel Franks - May 05 at 10:45 AM