

"HE ONLY TOOK MY HAND"

*Last night while I was trying to sleep, my son's voice I did hear,
I opened my eyes and looked around but he did not appear.*

*He said, Mom, you've got to listen, you've got to understand
God didn't take me from you Mom, He only took my hand.*

*When I called out in pain that morning, the instant that I died,
He reached down and took my hand, and pulled me to His side.*

*He pulled me up and saved me from the misery and pain
my body was hurt so badly inside, I could never be the same.*

*My search is really over now, I've found happiness within.
All the answers to my empty dreams and all that might have been.*

I love you all and miss you so, but I'll always be nearby.

My body's gone forever, but my spirit will never die.

And so, you must all go on now live one day at a time

Just understand, God did not take me from you...

He Only Took My Hand.



CELEBRATING A LIFE

In Loving Memory
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Marsha Abelman

Born to Carl & Mae Hermanson

March 13, 1947 ~ Williston, North Dakota

Called Home to Her Heavenly Father

October 31, 2021 ~ Alexander, North Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, November 5, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Trinity Lutheran Church

Alexander, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Gloria Buxbaum

Music

"In The Garden" ~ Alan Jackson

"How Great Thou Art" ~ Carrie Underwood

"Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone" Chris Tomlin

"Scars In Heaven" ~ Casting Crown

Pallbearers

Ned Hermanson Todd Hermanson

Cody Knetzger Joshua Rockeman

Zachary Hermanson Ronnie Crighton

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Marsha's Family & Special Friends

Final Resting Place

Alexander Cemetery

Alexander, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home

Williston, North Dakota

Hope Strength



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Marsha Abelmann was born to Carl and Mae (Tofte) Hermanson on March 13, 1947 in Williston, ND. She joined big brother, Ardin and was followed by brother, Tim; sister, Mary; brothers, Conlie, Mark, Ned, and Todd, and last but not least came her baby sister, Tamy. Coming from a large family and being the oldest daughter, she not only spent her days being a kid, when she could, but also became her mother's

helper in caring for a growing brood. As her mother would say "UFF-DA!"

Her early years were spent moving with the family as her father worked on various farms and ranches in Western North Dakota and Montana. In her stories of the places they lived, her fondest memories were of the time they lived in Spring Brook ND. Mom began her education in Alexander, ND hitting several schools in-between and ended her Senior year back in Alexander, ND where she graduated. After graduating she worked for a time as a telephone operator and through friends, she met and married Art Salo in 1966. They divorced shortly afterwards and to this union a daughter, Garnet was born.

She then met and married Jerry Bratsberg, where two boys quickly joined the family, Troy (TJ) and about 14 months later Dusty. Mom loved us dearly and has been there for us through the good and the bad. Yes, she made us tow-the-line and take responsibility for our actions, but she could also take on the Mother Bear protecting her Cubs stance if we were unjustly treated.

As her brothers and sisters began to marry, Mom joyfully welcomed her new brothers and sisters-in-law, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. She was always there to give a helping hand when she could.

After her marriage to Jerry ended, she met and married John Jacobson and her life as a cattle rancher began.

She loved the ranching life and her favorite time was during calving season. Though it was labor intensive, she just loved seeing the calves born and then watching them play. This season of Mom's life took place in the late 80's and 90's when a drought hit our area and the stress of keeping the ranch going took its toll on their marriage which ended in divorce. She did what she had to do trying to make ends meet, she began working at the local café in Alexander as a waitress and cook, not her favorite job.....cooking that is.



Several years later she met Timothy Abelmann and began dating. They dated for several years before eloping on September 1, 2006. It was a nice surprise for all of us on Old Settler's Day.

In 2002 mom lost her baby sister Tamy in an automobile accident. Because they were so close and enjoyed doing many things together, this was very hard on mom. Later, when Tamy's daughter started her family, Mom became her girls Grandma figure, as they didn't have any Grandmas and Tim became Uncle Tim. Myiah and Marion called her NANA and they meant a lot to each other. They were very special to Mom and they kept her going.



As far as hobbies, Mom was a seamstress. In fact, she made all our clothes until we started school. I can remember spending hours in fabric stores as Mom searched through patterns and fabric to make just what she wanted for us. She later turned her sewing skills into making quilts and porcelain dolls. She also taught herself how to crochet, making many dollies. Most all her projects were given away in love to family and friends. She spent hours in her yard, growing flowers, trees, and tomatoes.

Though we know you've gone home to a better place and have met your Savior face to face, been reunited with the loved ones that have gone before you, we will miss your presence in our lives. We love you and are waiting for the day we will be united again.

Marsha is survived by her husband, Timothy Abelmann; daughter, Garnet Bratsberg; sons, TJ Bratsberg and Dusty (Karolin) Bratsberg; brothers, Ardin (Mary Kay) Hermanson, Tim (Beth) Hermanson, Conlie (Sigrid) Hermanson, Mark (Meg) Hermanson, Ned Hermanson, Todd (Tammy) Hermanson; sister, Mary (Ed) Rettig; sister-in-law,

Leola Hermanson; special friend, Kim Byer; two special great nieces, Myiah and Marion Knetzger; brother-in-law, Dan Abelmann; sisters-in-law, Connie (Jim) Boe-Quandt, Val Abelmann, Keri (Kevin) Hauge; many nieces and nephews; and many she considered good friends. Marsha is preceded in death by her father, Carl Hermanson; mother and stepfather, Mae and Lyle Brockmeir; sister, Tamy Rockeman; nephew, Neal Hermanson; in-laws, Forest and Jewel Abelmann; sister-in-law, Leanne Abelmann.

