Sarah LaVonne was born to Aubrey and Jane Olson on January 30, 1963, in Haxtun, Colorado. Sarah was the 10 th child out of a total of 12 children. She was raised in and attended school in Haxtun until 1980. She met the love of her life, Mitchell Race, at the County Fair and they were married January 17, 1981, and made their home in Bartlett, Nebraska. They had Casandra Marie in March of 1987 and moved to Neligh Nebraska in spring of 1989. While living in Neligh she had an in home daycare service and dedicated her time to giving great care to the children there as well as being involved with Girl Scouts, Sunday school and Bible school with the Methodist church there. Her second daughter Katarina Dawn was born in September of 1991 to make her family complete. The family moved back to Bartlett in 1995. Sarah held various jobs including helping out on the farm with mowing, driving truck and grain cart, and working in the hog farms, café, and kitchen in a few area nursing homes. She was involved in her girls' school and sports. Sarah could be found helping make countless posters, braiding numerous girls' hair, decorating lockers, getting donations for post prom activities, putting together donations to get the school new playground equipment and concrete and more. She was always a very determined person and hard worker.

This hard work ethic was put to the test when she went through her first round of medical problems in October 2019. After a brain injury from extrapontine myelinolysis she relearned how to talk, walk, swallow and more. It was concluded by all she was truly a badass. She was able to come back home and enjoy spending her time cheering on Mitch at bike races, watching hallmark movies and enjoying getting to spend time with her two grandsons. Sarah was good at showing off with having the rare diseases, and did so when diagnosed with amyloidosis, but she still tackled it head on with a positive attitude. She kept her great sense of humor laughing at Mitch's jokes and smart ass remarks clear through the end.

She was welcomed into heaven by her daughter, Katarina, her parents Aubrey and Jane Olson, and her in-laws Roger and LaDonna Race, and Louie Satter.

She is survived by her loving husband, Mitch Race, daughter Casandra and her husband Mitch Bauer, grandchildren Landon and Emmett, mother in law Nina Satter and numerous siblings, nieces, and nephews.

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Sarah LaVonne Race 1963 - 2023

## In Memory of

### Sarah LaVonne Race

Bartlett, Nebraska

The butterfly emerges
from its silken shell Reborn, it arises,
no longer bound to earth.
Free at last, the butterfly glides
to heights unknown before.

So do our loved ones find
a beautiful release
as, earthbound no more,
they leave our sight and joyfully rise
to the garden of matchless beauty,
a place of light and peace.
~ Evelyn Phillips

Date of BirthDate of DeathJanuary 30, 1963December 6, 2023,Haxtun, ColoradoOmaha, Nebraska

#### Memorial Service

1:30 p.m. Saturday, December 16, 2023

Bartlett Church of Faith ~ Bartlett, Nebraska

## **Officiating**

Dr. Monte Race Allen Tillinghast

#### Interment

Bartlett Cemetery Bartlett, Nebraska

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