

## *Kathleen Kay (Kitchen) Bacon*

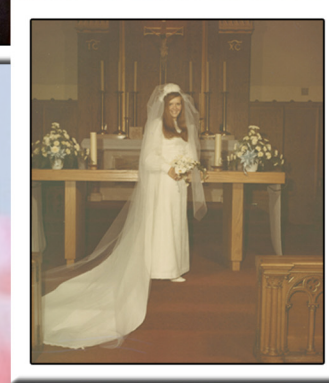
was born on June 25, 1949 to Howard and Leatrice (Drury) Kitchen in Dickinson, ND. She grew up and attended school in New Salem, Ellendale and Dickinson, ND. Upon graduation, she attended Dickinson State University and earned a degree in Elementary Education. On August 14, 1971, Kathy was united in marriage to Thomas Bacon and had three daughters, Tammy, Lori and Lisa. As a military wife, her kindness and caring nature brought about many long lasting friendships throughout the many places she lived. Kathy moved back to Dickinson and worked as a preschool teacher for Head Start until her retirement. Kathy had a gift of connecting with children, and they were equally drawn to her. Her nurturing heart had many kids running to give her a hug even while out shopping. Parents would tell her, "You still are my child's favorite teacher." She made every child feel special and continued to substitute teach after retirement. Kathy's true pride and joy was her family. She always made time for her girls, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and instilled values of love, kindness and loyalty. Kathy was a talented painter, floral arranger, gardener, seamstress and crafter. Kathy had a big heart and loved to bring joy to others, especially at Christmas, which was her favorite time of year. She always had a kind word to share and showed genuine compassion for others. Her impeccable smile captured the gentle and patient person she was. She is greatly loved and will be missed by all. Kathy is survived by her mother Lee Kitchen, Killdeer, ND; her daughters, Tammy (Joel) Nelson, Mitchell, SD, Lori (Doug) Howard, Casselton, ND and Lisa (Jeff) Peterson, Monument, CO; siblings, Mike (Phyllis) Kitchen, Lovell, WY, Donna (Dean) Knutson, Dunn Center, ND, Bob Kitchen, Dickinson, ND, and Jim Kitchen, St. Charles, MO; eight grandchildren; Calvin Nelson, Andrew Nelson, Amanda Schleich, Jaimes Nelson, Emalea Nelson, Jonika Howard, Nikita Howard, and Aubrey Peterson; six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, her father and grandson Ben Howard.



# Kathy Bacon

June 25, 1949 - August 26, 2021





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## FUNERAL MASS

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 11:00 am  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## VIGIL SERVICE

Monday, September 6, 2021 7:00 pm  
Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota  
Music - Paulette Huber  
Reader - Jaimes Nelson

## CELEBRATING

Father Al Bitz  
Deacon Ron Keller

## MUSIC

Sandy Tibor

## READERS

Nikita Howard                      Jonika Howard

## GIFT BEARERS

Mike Kitchen                      Phyllis Kitchen

## PALLBEARERS

Calvin Nelson                      Andrew Nelson  
Amanda Schleich                      Jaimes Nelson  
Jonika Howard                      Nikita Howard  
Emalea Nelson                      Aubrey Peterson

## INTERMENT

St. Patrick's Cemetery  
Dickinson, North Dakota

## ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home  
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at Stevenson Funeral Home following the Funeral Mass. Everyone is welcome.*

### *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that place at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much.  
Good friends, good times,  
a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me...  
God wanted me now,  
He set me free.*

