

Frankie was born February 10, 1935 in Memphis, TN. She married Leo B. "Bud" Connolly on January 5, 1952. Frankie and Bud traveled extensively in the rodeo circuit. Bud was an all-round cowboy. Together they raised 12 children. Frankie was a jewel of North Dakota and helped hundreds of children improve their lives for over 20 years. Frankie was a strong spirit-filled Christian that led her to fulfill her calling in the community. She was well known for her love for horses and dogs. She had a master's degree in psychology and minor in theology from St. Mary's. In her early years she enjoyed teaching riding, was involved in water ballet, a model, was the first woman in Florida to use the aqua lung (the precursor to scuba gear) and performed trick riding in rodeos as well as running barrels. Frankie is survived by her children, Shireene Ducheneaux, Kathlene Zahl, Kenneth (Betty) Connolly, Brian Connolly, Mike (Pam) Connolly, Flip (Angie) Connolly, Jimmy Connolly, Stephanie (David) Langford, Kelly (Brett) Blindauer, Shawn (Jen) Connolly, and Brianna Connolly; daughter-in-law Lynn Connolly; grandchildren, Zane Ducheneaux, Marlana Zahl, Erica (Richard) Rodriguez, Franki Story, Josh Connolly, Zech Connolly, Jake Connolly, Jessica Hasaure, Crystal Ezzell, Katelynn Connolly, Kendall Connolly, Joey Connolly, Lane Connolly, Michael McCann, Isabella Blindauer, Izak Blindauer, Lydell Connolly, Danika Linseth, Emma Dillman; great-grandchildren, Eden, Thad, Dion, Rocco, Rio, Roman, Jake, Jessica, Madison, Keagan, Liam, Joey, Cree, Grayson. She is preceded in death by her son Joe Connolly, grandchildren, Theresa Ducheneaux, Amanda Connolly, Robin Connolly; and half-brother, Jerry Joslin.



Francis "Frankie" Connolly



February 10, 1935 - May 16, 2022



When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many
tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've give me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home.'



Frankie Connolly

FUNERAL MASS:

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 11:00 a.m.
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Beach, North Dakota

Rosary:

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 10:00 a.m.
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Beach, North Dakota
Deacon James Wosepka

CELEBRATING:

Father Daniel Berg

MUSIC:

Elaine Zachmann
St. John's Choir

READERS:

Zechariah Connolly & Lynn Connolly

PALLBEARERS:

Mike Connolly Darren Nielsen
Kenneth Connolly Flip Connolly
Brian Connolly Shawn Connolly

INTERMENT:

Sentinel Butte Cemetery
Sentinel Butte, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at the church
following the funeral mass.
Everyone is welcome.*