

Beverly Kaye, daughter of John and Johanna (Meyer) Burkhardtsmeier was born on May 14, 1943 at Towner, North Dakota. She grew up and was educated in Leeds, ND. She played the tuba in the school band and also was a majorette with the marching band. She was a waitress at her parents' restaurant, "The Home Café", starting at a young age. She also was a lifeguard at the Leeds City Pool.

Beverly enjoyed time with family and friends and bowled in Maddock on the Wednesday morning league with her sister Mary and friends. They were the Bracken Honey Bee's. She also was a founding member of the Spirit Lake Riders Motorcycle Club.

Beverly was united in marriage to Curtis Bracken on October 27, 1982. They established their home in Leeds ND for many years, later moving to Devils Lake.

She devoted her life to raising her family and as they grew older and left home, she worked for a time as a Teacher's Aide with the Cando School System and also was a car salesman for a local auto sales business. She loved camping, the cabin at Red Willow, riding on the pontoon with grandchildren and watching them swim, playing cards with friends. She enjoyed membership in the Eagles Lodge and Our Savior's Lutheran Church for many years.

Beverly loved family, friends, the outdoors and knowing of the love and promises of her Lord and Savior. Beverly had a heart of gold and would help anybody she could. Her membership in Spirit Lake Riders was all about helping the Club with charity events and fundraising for people in need. Helping others, being there for family and friends with love, support and a listening ear. She was a "Mom" and "Grandma" to many of her children's friends and to kids in the community. She was generous with her time and talents and would give her last dollar to help someone or some worthy cause.

Beverly is survived by her husband Curtis A. Bracken Sr.; five children and fourteen grandchildren, Gary (JoAnn) Matthews of Sharon ND, Rochelle (Layne) Opstedal of Rolette ND and children Nichole Hendrickson, John Kuk (Chloe), Fallon (Jacob) Rosecky, Jodi (Erik) Keller and Kyle Opstedal, Tony Kraft of Devils Lake and children David, Zack, Brittney and Chris, Greg (Ragen) Bracken of Bismarck ND and children Broderick, Patrick, Gaberick and Magen Bracken, Curtis Bracken Jr. of West Fargo and child Jacob Bracken; fifteen great grandchildren; brother Richard (Sue) Burkhardtsmeier of Utah; sister Vivian Jorgenson of Minnesota; brothers-in-law Wayne Brager and Gorden Bracken; sisters-in-law Marcia Bracken, Gloria Bracken and Harriet Bracken; many dear nieces, nephews and their families.

She was welcomed into heaven by her Lord and those who preceded her in death; her parents, her beloved daughter Patricia Bracken and brother and sisters Tony Burkhardtsmeier, Maryann Brager, Patty Owens and Elizabeth Grady.

Our precious Beverly will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

# *A Celebration Of A Precious Life*



## **GOD CALLED**

*God looked around His garden, and He found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon this earth and saw your tired face.*

*He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain.*

*He knew that you would never get well on earth again.*

*He saw that the road was getting rough*

*and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyelids,*

*and whispered, "Peace Be Thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone.*

*For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.*

*Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts*

*Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother,  
Great Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Dearest Friend*

*Beverly Kaye Bracken*

### **HER BIRTH**

*Friday, May 14, 1943  
Towner, North Dakota*

### **HER DEATH**

*Sunday, August 20, 2023  
Devils Lake, North Dakota*

### **PRAYER SERVICE AND TIME OF REMEMBRANCE**

*Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel  
Devils Lake, North Dakota  
Thursday, August 24, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.  
Reverend Kevin Anderson, Officiating*

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

*North Prairie Church  
Rural Leeds, North Dakota  
Friday, August 25, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.*

### **OFFICIANT**

*Reverend Michael Rohrer*

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Beverly's Nieces  
Sherry Bracken, Barbie Bracken and Jodi Bracken*

### **ACTIVE PALLBEARERS**

*Beverly's Grandsons  
Patrick Bracken ~ Gaberick Bracken ~ John Kuk  
Beverly's Great Grandson and Great Granddaughter*

*Austin Kuk ~ Katelynn Kuk*

*Beverly's Nephew*

*Mike Grady*

### **LAI D TO PEACEFUL REST**

*North Prairie Cemetery  
Rural Leeds, North Dakota*





