

Rena Sue Olheiser was born on November 18, 1965 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Thomas and LaVal (Loewen) Cooper. She was raised on a farm north of Hazen and graduated from Hazen High School. She attended Dickinson State University and graduated with her teaching degree. Rena married Randy Olheiser on November 28, 1987 in Hazen, North Dakota. Soon after marriage, the couple moved to Dickinson and raised their family. Teaching was Rena's greatest passion. She began working as a special education teacher at numerous schools around the area, later landing her dream job as an English teacher at Trinity Junior High and High School. She loved to read, camp, and hangout with her kids. Being a grandmother was her greatest joy. Rena is survived by her husband, Randy of Dickinson; mother, LaVal Cooper of Hazen; her children, Cooper (Elizabeth) Olheiser, Bayli Sutton, Molly (Garrett) Hickel, all of Dickinson, and Chris (Heather) Olheiser, of Bismarck; son-in-law, Ryan Sutton; and grandchildren, Colton, Mallory, and Lucy Olheiser, Nora and Jace Sutton, Noura Hickel, and Braxton and Maddox Olheiser. She is preceded in death by her father, Thomas Cooper; brother, Clay Cooper; and her best friend and cousin, Vicki Kilzer.



Rena Olheiser

November 18, 1965 - July 28, 2024



*Because I could not stop for Death,
He kindly stopped for me;
The carriage held but just ourselves
And Immortality.*

*We slowly drove, he knew no haste,
And I had put away
My labor, and my leisure too,
For his civility.*

*We passed the school where children played,
Their lessons scarcely done;
We passed the fields of gazing grain,
We passed the setting sun.*

*We paused before a house that seemed
A swelling of the ground;
The roof was scarcely visible,
The cornice but a mound.*

*Since then 'tis centuries; but each
Feels shorter than the day
I first surmised the horses' heads
Were toward eternity.*



*It's been a good
ride.*

Rena Olheiser

FUNERAL MASS

Friday, August 2, 2024 10:00 am
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Dickinson, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL

Thursday, August 1, 2024 6:00 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota
Deacon Ross Reiter

CELEBRATING

Father Kregg Hochhalter

MUSIC

Angela Reiter

READERS

Kyle Koffler & Peggy Heidt

PALLBEARERS

Garrett Hickel	Chris Olheiser
Derek Olheiser	Tanner Lynch
Jared Keller	Ryan Sutton
Kristan Kostelnak	Scott Wanner

INTERMENT

St. Joseph's Cemetery
Dickinson, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be held at the church
immediately following the Funeral Mass.
Everyone is welcome.*