Bonnie Gayle (Anderson) Melville was born on February 20, 1951, to Gordon and Jeanette (Haugum) Anderson in Montevideo, MN. The family moved to Alexandria and Bonnie loved growing up in the lakes area. She graduated from Jefferson Senior High School and later attended Alexandria Technical and Community College graduating with an associate's degree in fashion management.

In middle school, Bonnie met the love of her life, Keith Melville. They were united in marriage in 1972 at First Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN. Throughout their marriage, they enjoyed square dancing and writing calligraphy together. The couple was blessed with two daughters, Heather and Amber. In 1980, the family moved to Brandon where Bonnie worked in customer service at Brandon Communications. Later, she worked at Cullen's Home Center and then at Alexandria Appliance Service. She was a wonderful and involved mother who attended all of the girls' sporting events and activities

Bonnie was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and was a first responder in Brandon. She enjoyed gardening, decorating for and celebrating the holidays, and attending her grandchildren's activities and events. Family was extremely important to Bonnie and she was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who will be dearly missed.

Bonnie Gayle Melville passed away on Monday, October 31, 2022, at Barrett Care Center at the age of 71. She is survived by her daughters, Heather (Tim) Bitzan and Amber (Chris) Becker; grandchildren, Taylor, Tanner, and Tyler Bitzan, and Addisyn Becker; brother, Grady (Belinda) Anderson; sisters, Caryn (Mark) Bongard and Julie (Dave) Palloch; brother-inlaw, Craig Melville; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Keith.

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Bonnie G. Melville

## The Day God Called You Home

God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.

Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering.

He knew you were in pain.

He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".

It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.

In Loving

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## Bonnie G. Melville

February 20, 1951 & October 31, 2022

## Memorial Service

Grace Lutheran Church Brandon, Minnesota Monday, November 7, 2022 10:30 AM

Officiant
Pastor Brad Pearson

## **Urn Bearers**

Taylor Bitzan Tyler Bitzan Tanner Bitzan Addisyn Becker

Honorary Urn Bearers
Brandon Fire and Rescue

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