

Sharon Kay Hanel was born in Dickinson on May 12, 1949, the daughter of Laudie and Emma (Kadrmaz) Hanel. As a young girl, she attended country school in the South Heart area and later graduated from South Heart High School in 1967. Following graduation, she became an employee with Dickinson Credit Bureau, where she also met Rick Schwartz. On October 18, 1968, Sharon married her lifetime partner, Elbert Rick Schwartz in St. Mary's Church of Richardton. Together they began their life as farmer/ranchers, making their home on the Schwartz farm north of Richardton. They were blessed with three children who they proudly raised in the country. Sharon and Rick enjoyed the adventures of farming until they retired to Dickinson in 2008. Sharon had a huge selfless heart and loved living life. Outdoors she enjoyed trapshooting, hunting, fishing and collecting antiques. Indoors she enjoyed dancing, singing, baking and spending time with friends and family. Sharon attended her grandkids activities/sports, always being very proud of them and sharing their accomplishments. She was involved in 4-H and helped with fundraisers for St. Mary's Church. Sharon will be missed and forever loved. Sharon was extremely brave in her fight against cancer. She endured many chemotherapy treatments and doctor appointments over the past 14 months. No matter how challenging life got, Sharon always kept a smile on her face. She loved living life and made so many friends in this journey, especially her care team at the Sanford Clinic/Infusion Center. Sharon was easy to love and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Sharon is survived by her husband, Rick of 55 years; son, Todd (Kari) Schwartz of Lino Lakes, MN and their children, Abbi and Ethan Schwartz; daughters, Kelly (Kurt) Bender of Ham Lake, MN and their children, Taylor, Peyton and Reese Bender; Tracy (Mike) Fischer of Dickinson and their children, Brett, Lauren and Zoey Fischer; brothers, Wilbur Hanel, Clarence (Kathy) Hanel both of Dickinson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Laudie and Emma Hanel; sisters, Elizabeth Kolling and Elaine Kuntz.



Sharon Schwartz



May 12, 1949 - December 25, 2023

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FUNERAL MASS

Friday, January 5, 2023 9:30 am
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Richardton, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL

Thursday, January 4, 2023 6:00 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota
Deacon Bob Zent

CELEBRATING

Father Thomas Wordekemper OSB

MUSIC

Sandy, Ana and Dominic Tibor

READERS

Duane Zent & Dennis James

GIFTBEARERS

Kurt Bender & Mike Fischer

PALLBEARERS

Lauren Fischer	Zoey Fischer
Brett Fischer	Sean O'Connel
Drayton Faiman	Taylor Bender
Peyton Bender	Reese Bender

INTERMENT

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Richardton, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at the Social Center
following the graveside service.
Everyone is welcome.*

