

Remembering the Life....

Joan Marie Vanderlinden, 61, of Fergus Falls, Minnesota passed away on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 in her home.

Joan was born in Fergus Falls on May 26, 1961 to Gordon and Doris Ann (Kalpin) Hauger. She grew up in Carlisle where she and her six siblings experienced many adventures. They eventually moved to Fergus Falls where she raised her three children.

She always said raising her kids was her proudest achievement. She especially loved watching them play sports, rummaging and gardening with them, and eventually spending time with her two grandsons, Jack and Freddie, who she loved more than anything.

Joan always had a garden full of poppies and loved bird watching, keeping her eye out for the first robin of the spring. She loved growing up in the 70's, and that era of music really stuck with her. Everyone knew that they would be welcomed into her home with a fresh cup of coffee. Her home was cozy and homey where she would often be found watching sports or Judge Judy.

For over 20 years, Joan was a paraprofessional in the Fergus Falls School district. Her compassion for her students led her to make sure they were cared for even outside of working hours and on summer breaks. More recently she worked at CBHH in Fergus Falls where she built meaningful relationships with her coworkers.

Joan was tough as nails and the most genuine, supportive person, always speaking the hard truth with her fierce love. She will be remembered for her quick wit and classic "Hauger" humor.

She is survived by her children, Peter Vanderlinden, Sam (Jess) Vanderlinden, Annie (Matt) Boese; two grandchildren Jack and Freddie; siblings Terry Hauger, Craig Hauger, Dan (Jane) Hauger, Kathy (Mike) Baker, Kim Hauger; many nieces and nephews.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Gordon and Doris Ann, and little sister Judy.

Blessed be the Memory of Joan M. Vanderlinden

Celebrating
the **Life** of



Joan M. Vanderlinden

In Loving Memory Of
Joan Marie Vanderlinden

May 26, 1961-May 3, 2023

Funeral Service

Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 1:00PM
Hedemarken Church
Rothsay, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Todd Hylden

Music

"Heart of Gold" by Neil Young
"Spirit in the Sky" by Norman Greenbaum
"Crowded Table" - by The Highwomen - Scott Kummerow

Interment


Hedemarken Cemetery
Rothsay, Minnesota

Appreciation

Joan's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for light refreshments and fellowship following the service.

Arrangements by

Glende-Nilson Funeral Home ~ Fergus Falls, Minnesota
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*God, make me brave for life
Oh braver than this!
Let me straighten after pain
As a tree straightens after the rain,
Shining and lovely again.
God, make me brave for life,
Much braver than this!
As the blown grass lifts let me rise
From sorrow with quiet eyes,
Knowing thy way is wise.
God, make me brave. Life brings
Such blinding things.
Help me to keep my sight,
Help me to see aright,
That out of the dark comes light.*