

**BeBe Elizabeth (Spencer) Davern** was born on March 23, 1953, in Park Rapids, MN. She was raised by Ren and Edrie (Ottarson) Spencer and in her youth, BeBe helped her parents to raise and nurture several foster children prior to her graduation from Park Rapids High School.

Bebe married Tom Schwankl on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1973, and they were blessed with two daughters, Katy and Tory. Later, her and her daughters moved to Alexandria, MN, where she started City Secretary. While holding this position, she encouraged several businesses to open in Alexandria, proudly contributing to the area's growth. BeBe went to college to learn more about sales and marketing and quickly became very passionate about this career change. At that time, sales was predominantly made up of men and she fought for equality in the workplace at every job she had.

BeBe moved to Pequot Lakes, MN, and worked at Breezy Point Resort where she met Jim Davern. They were married on March 17, 2003, in Webster, SD. The couple enjoyed living together in St. Augustine and Daytona Beach, FL for a few years before moving back to Alexandria, MN. They retired in 2011 and in 2017 Jim was diagnosed with cancer. BeBe took care of Jim through his illness and she lost "her Jim" that same year.

BeBe had a wicked sense of humor, was not quick to judge, accepted everyone, and was very open-minded. She truly saw the beauty in everything which she instilled in her children and grandchildren. BeBe not only enjoyed playing the piano, but she was extremely talented at it as well and always had a piano in each home that she lived in over the years. She loved bees, going on walks with her dogs, Sam and Henry, spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, and was known to sneak her grand-puppy, Delilah a bite of pizza off her fork when she was dog sitting. BeBe made everyone she met feel loved and in turn, everyone who met her loved her.

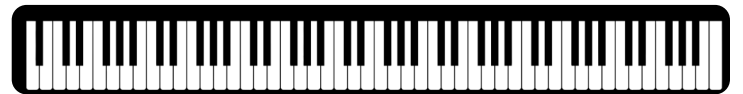
BeBe passed away on February 5, 2022, at Alomere Health surrounded by her girls at the age of 68. She is survived by daughters, Katy (Mark) Perhus and Tory (Joshua) Davern-Chapman; grandchildren, Shaylarae Perhus, Alicia Perhus, Brook Perhus, and Madison; Great-grandchildren, Zanika and Draven Hanson, Ezekiel and Augustus Perhus, and Leceah and Elias Trudell; brothers, Mike King and Bob Kruff; special people in her life, "Handsome Handy-Man, Dylan", Ashley Rickert, Alicia Bergs, all of her friends around the world, and by all of the people she "adopted" over her lifetime. BeBe is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jim; sister, Julie; and brother, Barrie Spencer.

## *In Loving Memory*



*BeBe E. Davern*

1953 ~ 2022



### *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 Memory of*

**BeBe E. Davern**

March 23, 1953 † February 5, 2022

#### **Memorial Service**

Anderson Funeral Home  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Friday, February 11, 2022  
11:00 AM

#### **Officiant**

Pastor John Taplin

#### **Musical Selections**

"Amie" by Pure Prairie League  
"I hope You Dance" by Lee Ann Womack  
"We'll Meet Again" by The D-Day Darlings

#### **Honorary Urn Bearers**

Ziggy	Auggy
Nika	Dragon
Itty Bitty	Eli