

I'm proud of them - these hands of mine;
So **MANY** things they've done.
They've planted flowers, and pulled the weeds,
and worked out in the sun.
They've kneaded bread and cooked the meals
More times than I can say.
They've washed a ton of clothes,
I guess, and put them all away.
They've *soothed*
a small child's fevered brow & rubbed an aching head.
And when the evening shadows fell,
They put the brood to bed.
They've borne the bite of winter's cold
And felt the warmth of spring.
And on the finger long ago was put a wedding ring.
And when **MY JOURNEY** here is over,
I still shall *be thankful*
That these old work - worn hands of mine
Have done so much for me.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Billie-Marie Osterman

APRIL 5, 1975 –
JANUARY 9, 2023

Services At:

Trinity Lutheran Church — Cyrus, Minnesota
Saturday — January 14, 2023 — 10:30 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Chris Richards
Julie Grothe

Accompaniment:

Kathy Weckwerth

Soloist:

Cassie Fernholz

Readers:

Julius Miller

Pallbearers:

Chad Rae, Garrett Rae, Phillip Osterman
Rob Schmitt, August Grothe, Kenny Thielen

Interment:

Cyrus South Cemetery — Cyrus, Minnesota

Billie-Marie Helen Grothe was born April 5, 1975 to William and Helen (Magedanz) Grothe in Glenwood, Minnesota. She and her family resided in Starbuck until her father's passing in December of 1984. The family would then move to Eden Valley where Billie would finish her schooling and graduate in 1993. During her school years, Billie enjoyed playing the clarinet, participating in marching band, as well as track and field. She also enjoyed working at the resort on Lake Koronis.

After graduating high school, Billie started attending the University of Minnesota, Morris, where she continued to participate in track and field. She also took to the wrestling program, placing fifth in the nation her first year wrestling in 1994, and third in both 1995 and 1996. After the regular wrestling season in 1996, Billie went on to wrestle for Team USA, where she got the opportunity to travel and wrestle internationally.

In July of 1995, between Billie's sophomore and junior years in college, she met Daniel Osterman at the Cyrus street dance . The two would marry on August 30, 1997 and welcome two sons: William and Warren. Together, Billie and Dan enjoyed traveling and camping with their boys. They enjoyed trips to Canada, England, Gettysburg, Arizona, The North Shore, and Baltimore. Billie was a wonderful wife and mother, and was incredibly dedicated to her family.

During her life she enjoyed being a baker and daycare provider. She was deeply spiritual and loved spending time outdoors and in nature. And although she rarely had time, she got great pleasure out of gardening. Billie also enjoyed crocheting and working out with her friends.

In April of 2022, Billie was diagnosed with cancer and fought valiantly. She endured many surgeries and treatments and managed to hold on long enough for both her boys to come home and spend one last Thanksgiving and Christmas together as a family. During this time, she was also able to take one last trip with Dan to Mackinac Island for their 25th wedding anniversary.

On January 9, 2023 Billie passed away at Essentia Health in Fargo, North Dakota; she was 47 years old.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Daniel Osterman of Cyrus; sons: William Osterman of El Cajon, California, Warren Osterman of Cyrus; mother, Helen Grothe; brother, Christopher Grothe; sisters: Danielle Grothe (Chad Rea), Shannon (Rob) Schmitt; maternal grandmother, Esther Magedanz; as well as many beloved aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceding her in death are her father, William Grothe; maternal grandfather, Philip Magedanz; paternal grandparents, August and Joanne Grothe; and uncle, Mark Grothe.

