

### *Remembering the life of...*

Nita L. Person, 71, of Devils Lake ND, passed away on Wednesday, March 6th 2023 at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND after succumbing to emergency surgery.

Nita L. Person was born February 10th 1953 at Cando Hospital in Cando ND, daughter to William and Clara (Krokan) Markwardt. She grew up in the Bisbee, ND area around her seven siblings on the family farm. Nita attended Bisbee-Egeland School and graduated in 1972. She later attended college at UND-LR ,in Devils Lake, ND graduating with her Associates Degree. Nita married Jim Hauck in 1972 and resided in rural Rugby, ND. In 1974 they welcomed a son, Cory J. Hauck. They later divorced and she married Robert C. Person in 1976. They welcomed a daughter, April M. Person in 1978. In 1982, they completed their family after adopting Matthew W. Person. From the start of their union, they lived in Glendive, MT, Devils Lake, ND, Dickinson, ND, Taylor, ND and finally established their home on a 46 acre hobby farm in rural Devils Lake in 1986.

Nita worked for various places through the years, but worked the longest for UPS in Devils Lake for 23 years before retiring. She never fully retired and continued working for her own business of cleaning homes in Devils Lake and surrounding communities where she held more as friends than clients.

Nita had a strong love for all animals since she was a young child. She held horses closest to her heart, but also had a soft spot for dogs . Nita raised horses since she was a young girl on the farm with her first horse Missy being the start to a lifelong love of raising horses. She enjoyed competing in several rodeos with her barrel horse Zippo and raising Arabian horses on the farm w/pride and joy stud horse King. She also joined the Fort Totten Trail Riders club where she enjoyed several trail rides throughout the years with her daughter and many lifelong friends.

Nita also bred and raised several dog breeds on the farm with the Pomeranians and Australian Shepherds being some of her favorites. Nita also fostered dogs after moving off the farm into town, but a lot of them ended up staying with mom for their forever home because she could always love the ones no one else would.

“There is something about losing a mother that is permanent and inexpressible—a wound that will never quite heal.” “Mothers hold their children’s hands for a while, but their hearts forever.” “You were my home, Mother. I had no home but you.”

Nita L. Person was survived by her sister Jan Day, sister Carol Moore, son Cory (Carrie) Hauck, daughter April (Bill) Person, son Matthew (Monique) Person, step-son Michael (Michelle) Person, grandchildren Natalie Eversvik, Kelsie (Taylor) Owens, Austin Hardy, Zach Hardy, Elijah Person; great grandchildren Corbin, Bennett, Dixie and Oliver, and many other cousins, nephews, and nieces.

Nita L. Person was preceded in death by her parents, grandson Tyler, siblings Duane Markwardt, Gene Markwardt, Gary Markwardt, Lynn Rea and Ruth Swanson and other dear relatives.



*A Mother holds her  
children's hands for awhile  
their hearts forever.*



*A Celebration of Life  
Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts  
Precious Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother,  
Sister, Aunt, Cousin, Dearest Friend*

*Nita Lynette Person*

**HER BIRTH**

*February 10, 1953  
Cando, North Dakota*

**HER DEATH**

*Wednesday, March 6, 2024  
Grand Forks, North Dakota*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

*Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel  
Devils Lake, North Dakota  
Thursday, March 14, 2024 ~ 1:00 p.m.*

**OFFICIATING**

*Pastor David Fix  
Bethel Evangelical Free Church*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“Wind Beneath My Wings” by Bette Midler  
“Angel” by Sarah McLachlan  
“Dancing In The Sky” by Dani and Lizzy  
“Amazing Grace” by Alan Jackson  
“How Great Thou Art” by Carrie Underwood  
“Go Rest High On That Mountain” by Vince Gill  
“Bye Mom” by Chris Janson  
“Watch Over You” by Alter Bridge  
“How Can I Help You Say Goodbye” by Patty Loveless*

**HONORARY BEARERS**

*Family and Friends of Nita*

**Tribute To Our Mother**

*God gives us all someone when He puts us on this earth.  
That someone is a mother, His instrument of birth.  
As long as we remember, she’s been there by our side.  
To understand and listen, to council and to guide.  
She led us through our childhood with tender loving care  
and anytime we needed her, she was always there.  
She helped us through our darkest hours,  
and brought us to new light.  
And when despair was in our eyes, she gave us new sight.  
She showered us with many gifts, and it’s so plain to see,  
the love she gave cannot be matched, in all eternity.  
For many faults and vices, we blame ourselves, no other.  
But for the virtues we may have,  
we thank our loving Mother.*

*“Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.” Proverbs 31:31*