

She is Gone

*You can shed tears that she is gone,  
or you can smile because she has lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back,  
or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her,  
or you can be full of the love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember her and only that she's gone,  
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,  
or you can do what she'd want - smile,  
open your eyes, love and go on.*





Virginia was born April 5, 1955, in Grand Forks, ND, to Jim and Shirley (Martinson) Shannon. She moved to Langdon in 1968 and graduated from Langdon High School in 1973. Virginia and Rick Schanz were married on January 17, 1976, at Emmanuel Evangelical Church in Langdon.

While in high school, Virginia worked as a CNA at Maple Manor Care Center. Following high school, Virginia pursued her nursing career at NDSU for one year. That following summer, she took on a new adventure and went south custom harvesting with LeRoy Schanz Harvesting to be an assistant cook/laundry attendant alongside her future sister-in-law, Darla (Schanz) Matt. This allowed Virginia to spend time alongside her high school sweetheart doing what he loved, harvesting. Upon returning, she finished her second year of nursing school at Lake Region Junior College in Devils Lake, obtaining her LPN.

Her first nursing job was at CCMH as her true passion was caring for others. When she was not working her long shifts at the hospital, she was assisting on the farm raising cattle and running combine during harvest. After their sons, Darrick and Bryan, were born, they decided to move from Langdon to the Schanz farmstead. Virginia wanted to excel as a nurse and at one point was juggling working full-time, attending RN classes in Devils Lake, being a mother to 3 children, and being a farmer's wife. Virginia loved supporting Rick on the farm and thoroughly enjoyed preparing meals for the crews in the fall, as harvest was demanding everyone's participation. During her last year of nursing school, occasionally Kristina even got to attend classes with her.

In her nearly 40 years of working at CCMH, not only was she a full-time charge nurse but also assisted with the cardiac rehab program and went on numerous ambulance transfers. She also worked for a short time at Maple Manor and Wedgewood Manor. Virginia touched many lives throughout her career as a nurse and was a strong advocate for her patients and their families. Shortly after leaving CCMH, Virginia was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and had to end the career that she devoted much of her life to. As Virginia's disease progressed over the last three years, her husband, Rick, became her primary caretaker until she moved to memory care in Fargo in August of 2022.

The other highlight of Virginia's life was her grandchildren. Although she dedicated a lot of time to the hospital, she always took time for her grandchildren and other family members.

Surviving Virginia are her loving husband of 45 years, Rick; her sons: Darrick (Jody Feil) Schanz and Bryan (Heather) Schanz; daughter Kristina (Andy) Janikowski; grandchildren: Faith (Jeremy), Piper, Ariana; Taya, Shali; and Carsyn; Zach, Hannah, Johnathan, Cameron, and Jordyn; great-grandchildren: Hadley and Greyson; sister Brenda (Dennis) Strong and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Shirley; grandparents: Elmer and Marie and Ray and Lila; brother David; sister Wanda; father/mother-in-law LeRoy and Grace; and sister-in-law Darla.

Virginia passed away October 17, 2022, at her daughter's home in Fargo surrounded by family under the care of Ethos Hospice. She was 67.



## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, October 22, 2022 ~ 11:00 a.m.  
Emmanuel Evangelical Church ~ Langdon, ND

### CLERGY

Pastor Jonathon Waterbury

### MUSIC

“Face to Face” “Jealous of the Angels” “I Can Only Imagine”

### NIGHTINGALE TRIBUTE

Sheila Beauchamp

### CASKET BEARERS

Zach Johnathan Cameron

Hannah Carsyn Taya

### HONORARY BEARERS

Faith Ariana Jordyn Shali

### INTERMENT

Lebanon Cemetery ~ Langdon, ND