

The Family Chain

*If love could have saved you –
you never would have died.*

*If tears could bring you back
you'd be here by our side.*

*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.*

*God takes us one by one
and breaks the family chain,*

*But somewhere in a better land
our chain will link again.*

In Loving Memory





RoseMary “Rose” Barley, 83, New Salem, passed away May 8, 2019, after her second battle with cancer.

RoseMary was born to Morris and Velma (Swett) Nelson on August 23, 1935, in Ainsworth, Nebraska. She attended and graduated from Ainsworth High School where she loved to participate in band and choir. On May 16, 1954, she married Robert Atkinson in Ainsworth, and while there, their first child, Robert, was born. They moved to California in 1957, where both David and Debra were born. In 1973, Rose returned to Rapid City, SD where her parents resided. It was here that she found her niche in clothing retail which afforded her the opportunity to travel the US to many buyers shows for 37 years. During her travels, she made many lifelong friends.

In 2010, Rose retired and journeyed north to live closer to Deb and her family in New Salem. Here she quickly made herself at home. She worked and volunteered at Elm Crest Manor, fixing hair and serving ice cream. She loved the residents, their families, and staff. She was an active member of the Salem UCC church, singing in the choir and singing solos when asked. She was also active in the Pioneer Club.

Rose loved people, baking, sewing, shopping (she loved a good deal), the many cats and birds that lived outside her house, and her indoor “children” – cats, Taffy and Candy.

Rose loved her family more than anything else. She combined her loves and searched high and low, year around, for gifts for her children, grandchildren, and those little great-grandbabies that she loved to hold and snuggle.

Blessed to have shared her life are her children and their families: Robert Atkinson, Spokane, WA; David (Lisa) Atkinson, Sr., Bennington, NE; and Debra (Clark) Norton, New Salem; her grandchildren: William (Olivia) Atkinson, Bennington, NE; Joshua (Leticia) Atkinson, Lincoln, NE; Tucker (Ashley) Norton, Bismarck; Jamie Atkinson, Lincoln, NE; Teryl (Sean) Russell, Billings, MT; Dean (Alesha) Atkinson, Lincoln, NE; Alyssa Atkinson, Lincoln, NE; and TD Norton, New Salem. She was additionally blessed with 11 great-grandchildren: Alycia, Alexis, Emily, Wesley, Samira, Ethan, London, Kenley, Priscilla, Kane, and baby Norton, due in November; sister-in-law, Carol Nelson; nephew, Mark Nelson; and nieces, Laura Nelson, and Lisa Petrovich.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Morris “Butch” Nelson; and grandson, Turner J. Norton.

Please go to www.BuehlerLarson.com to share memories of RoseMary.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

RoseMary “Rose” Barley

AUGUST 23, 1935 - MAY 8, 2019

Funeral Service Saturday, May 11, 2019; 3:00 PM
Salem United Church of Christ
New Salem, North Dakota

Officiants Rev. Darrel Aleson & Rev. Rose Trenbeath

Honorary Pallbearers Al & Pam Dahme, Mark Nelson

Pallbearers William D. Atkinson, Joshua R. Atkinson, Tucker H. Norton
Jamie A. Atkinson, Teryl F. Russell, D. Dean Atkinson II
Alyssa H. Atkinson, & TD Norton

~ *A Service of Worship* ~

In Loving Memory of RoseMary Barley

Prelude

Words for Beginning

Selected Scripture

Prayer

Special Music *How Great Thou Art*

Obituary and Personal Reflections

Selected Reading

Congregational Hymn *In the Bulb There Is a Flower #433*

Meditation

Special Music *Amazing Grace*

Prayer and Benediction

Committal will take place at Graceland Cemetery immediately following the funeral service.

The family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the church basement following the burial.