

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me;

I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love, me, as much as I love you,
And each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too;

But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand,

And said my place was ready, in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye
For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,
The thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized that this could never be,
For emptiness and memories, would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did my heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked through heaven's gates I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne.

He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you.
Today your life on earth is past but here it starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last,
And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past.

You have been so faithful, so trusting and so true.
Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do.

But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?"

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

David M. Romano



Marilyn Folkerts, age 71, of Edgerton, Minnesota, passed away on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Marilyn was born in Pipestone, Minnesota to Richard and Anna Jean (Schoolmeester) Beckering. She grew up near Edgerton, Minnesota on the family farm. After she graduated high school in 1970, she began working at Gannon's Restaurant in Pipestone. In 1973, she married Douglas Folkerts. She and Doug had three children, Krista, Kelly, and Kimberly whom they raised on the farm just outside of Woodstock, Minnesota. She spent her married life on a farm caring for pigs, cattle, and many other animals that come with the farm life. She also dedicated her life to raising her three daughters as a stay-at-home mom. She loved children and enjoyed having her grandchildren over to her home, cooking for them, taking them on trail rides, and fishing.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Marlene LaVigne, and her parents, Richard and Anna Jean Beckering. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Douglas Folkerts; three daughters, Krista (Richard) Colvin, Kelly (Nickolas) Bennett, and Kimberly (Andrew) Holtan; nine grandchildren, Ian, Caleb, Ryleigh, Jacob, Lydia, Christian, Avery, Olin, and Caden; sisters, Donna Kuipers and Barbara Van Eck; and her brother, Lelin Beckering.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF
Marilyn Folkerts



Graveside Service

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 - 10:00 AM
Woodstock Cemetery
Woodstock, Minnesota

Officiating - Pastor Brian Dengler

Scripture Readings

Psalms 23 Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

Recorded Music Selections

"On the Wings of a Snow White Dove"
as recorded by Evie
"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
as recorded by Chris Tomlin



As a family, we would like to thank everyone for coming today to celebrate the life of our mother and beloved wife to our father. There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy, love, and support that everyone has extended to our family during this time of loss. We are overwhelmed by the community, family, and friends for your support and generosity. We will always remember your kindness and support when it was most needed.

-The family of Marilyn Folkerts

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HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME