## In Loving Memory of Gloria Ann Hoff

August 23, 1952 ~ November 11, 2023

Psalm 23

Revelation 21:1-4

## **Memorial Service**

Thursday, November 16, 2023 • 10:00 AM Faith Lutheran Church • 1402 E Ave C Bismarck, North Dakota

## Prelude

Gathering & Thanksgiving for Baptism Processional Song *"The Sound of Silence"* Greeting & Prayer of the Day Readings

**Gospel Reading** Luke 24:13-35 Sermon "Crowded Table" Song Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. Pravers Holy Communion Lord's Prayer Commendation and Dismissal Recessional Song "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" Postlude

Officiant Pastor Sylvia Bull Musician Janine Johannes Urn Bearer Riley Hoff (Carrying Boppa Gary) Honorary Urn Bearers Alexander Hoff, Derrick Dobransky, Robert Emil and Albert Keyser Communion Assistants Riley Hoff, Ryan Chalupa, Kaitlyn Chalupa, Sofie Herrmann and Ryker Wallace

Following the service, the family invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship at the church.

Gloria Ann Hoff, passed away on November 11, 2023, at the age of 71.

Born on August 23, 1952, in Bismarck, Gloria was the daughter of John and Gladys (Lang) Ehli. After graduating from Bismarck High School in 1970, Gloria married the love of her life, Gary Hoff, on October 10, of the same year. Together, they shared a beautiful journey filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories.

As a dedicated mother, Gloria delighted in raising their daughter, Amanda, with love and devotion. When Amanda began her schooling, Gloria embarked on a fulfilling career, working as a CNA at the Baptist Home and St. Vincent's Care Center. Her passion for helping others ultimately led her to a meaningful role as a parent aide at Burleigh County Social Services, where she served for nearly three decades, providing support and guidance to countless families in need. In 2017, Gloria retired to care for Gary, who passed away on October 3, 2019.

In her leisure time, Gloria had a passion for cross-stitching, crocheting, and baking. Her delectable pumpkin bars were a favorite among friends and family, and she took great pleasure in sharing her culinary creations with loved ones. Gloria also had a love for cars, which stemmed from the early days of her courtship with Gary. She even indulged in her own Black Mustang Convertible, a symbol of her adventurous spirit.

An avid shopper, Gloria frequented her favorite stores, such as Herbergers, Gordmans, Ross, and TJ Maxx, where she was greeted by name and formed friendships with the staff members.

Gloria's legacy lives on through her daughter, Amanda "Mandy" (Albert) Keyser, her adoring grandsons, Alexander John Hoff and Riley Albert Hoff and bonus grandson, Derrick Dobransky. She also leaves behind her siblings Virginia Cook, Charlotte Bender, Anita Emil, Beverly Doll and Michael Ehli, all of Bismarck. In addition, Gloria is survived by her sister-in-law, Violet Redlaczyk of Bellvue, MI, and many nieces and nephews.

Gloria was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Gary, her parents; siblings Raymond Ehli, Barbara Reis, and Linda Gebhardt; brothers-in-law Edwin Bender, Cam Doll, and James Gebhardt and mother and father-in-law, Albert and Maggie Hoff.



## "To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me"

When I am gone, release me, let me go-I have so many things to see and do. You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears, Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love. You can only guess How much you gave me in happiness. I thank you for the love you all have shown, But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me if grieve you must, Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on So, if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near-And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear All of my love around you, soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile, and say "WELCOME HOME."



