

Gay Marie was born February 1, 1962, in Turtle Lake, ND, the oldest child of Erwin and Nancy Thiel. She grew up with her brothers and sister on the family farm, where her love of animals was fostered. She attended school in Almont, and opted to graduate a year early, in 1979, through independent studies. She moved to Mandan where she and her cousin Sharon were roommates, and she began working at Kmart. After working at Kmart for a short time she landed a job as a meter maid with the police department. A few years later she went on the road to travel where she met Russell Kramer in Carlsbad, New Mexico. They traveled together seismographing throughout the western part of the country and eventually settled in Twining, MI near Russell's family. In 1984 they welcomed their first child, William (Bill) Kramer. A few short years later, on New Year's Eve 1986, Russ and Gay Marie were married in Standish, MI at the Free Methodist Church. Gabby worked at Twining Food Market for many years. In 1994 daughter Kaitlen Faith, born in West Branch, MI, made their family complete. Over the years they made many trips back to North Dakota to visit family and friends and in August 1996 they decided to move to Almont to be closer to Gabby's family and she started her own in-home daycare business, caring for many of the kids in Almont. When Kaitlen was old enough to go to school Gabby began work at The New Salem Journal, helping with the printing and assembling of the Vintage Guitar Magazine. She later took a second job with Rud's Tesoro helping them run the Almont station and doing their bookwork. Over the years she wore many hats at one time. She loved to work with people and enjoyed helping them. She worked for several years as the cook for the Almont Meals on Wheels and later began working at M & H convenience store in Mandan. She was a beloved employee there and enjoyed the time she spent employed there, making many friends. Gabby later made the tough decision to leave M & H to run the Muddy Creek Saloon in Almont where she worked until her passing. Gabby also helped son and daughter-in-law Bill and Jacey open North Shore

Resort at Lake Tschida earlier this year. She loved the lake and was looking forward to working at the lake for the summer where she could be outside and enjoy her family and nature. No matter what she was doing or where she was at, Gabby loved to work with people. She was kind and caring, never one to judge. She was an animal lover, taking in strays and tending to them. She was an avid reader, she had a green thumb, and spent many hours gardening with her flowers. She also immensely enjoyed camping and anything outdoors. Time spent with her family meant the world to her, especially time with her granddaughters who she loved fiercely. They all adored Grandma G and loved her to no end! She was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and friend who will be deeply missed by many. Gay Marie is survived by her husband Russell, son William "Bill" Kramer and wife Jacey of Mandan and their daughters Shacey, Willow, Ellie and Sadie; daughter Kaitlen Kramer, Almont; stepson Jeremy Kramer and his wife Amanda and their two daughters Zoey and Alexis of Sterling, MI; her mother, Nancy Thiel, Almont; brother Bryan Thiel, Almont; sister and brother-in-law Debbie and Todd Norton of New Salem; brother and sister-in-law, Brad and Robyn Thiel, Almont; many nieces, nephews and a host of friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Erwin Thiel.

In Loving Memory

Gay Marie "Gabby"
Kramer

February 1, 1962 - July 9, 2023



I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path
God laid for me.

I took his hand when I heard him call.
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much.

Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me.

God wanted me now;
He set me free.



Gabby Kramer

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 1:00 pm

United Lutheran Church of Almont

Almont, North Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Bill Dodd

MUSIC

Sherry LeMay & Tracy Willard

Sherry Johnson, Teri Nelson & Tracy Larsen

Bagpipes - Dylan Thiel

URNBEARER

Bill Kramer

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Stevenson Funeral Home

Glen Ullin, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at the church
following the service.*

Everyone is welcome.