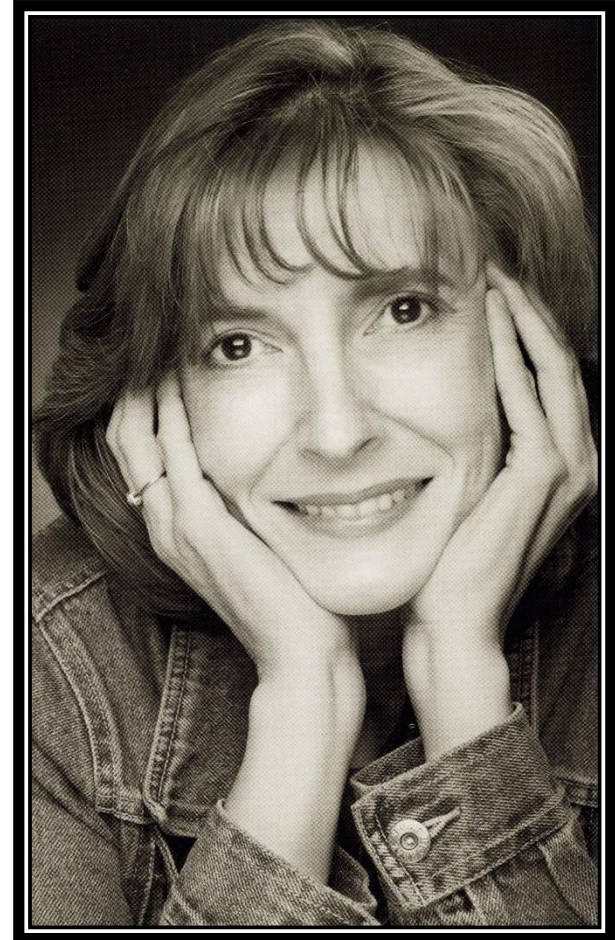


# *In Loving Memory*

## I Hear Your Hand

Hey there friend you've got a hand;  
Help me see what you say to me.  
Don't hide your hand. My ears are closed,  
I cannot hear but we can share the world,  
don't fear, just lend a hand.  
Lend a hand and I can show you  
how to sing words in the air.  
You can share my world of silence.  
God gave us a dream to share. I'm reaching out to you;  
there's so much we can do.  
Before you knew I walked with you until today  
you turned away, see what I say.  
The world that you are hearing now, is the same world  
that I see...reach out your hand; I hear your hand.  
They call me Deaf, but I can see;  
Birds singing, breezes in the trees, and children laugh.  
A world is lonely without you, just look at me and smile,  
and clasp my hand in yours. Give me your hand and  
learn my language, You can speak signs in the air.  
We can reach for the stars about us;  
I've so much I want to share.  
I'll share my life with you.  
God can make dreams come true.



# *Marsha Vae Goeken*

*October 10, 1958*

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*January 10, 2023*

God is good! With the help of every ASL Interpreter and God's guidance in parenting Marsha down through the years, was a great joy; grateful for the many acquaintances that had come into her life that had given her so much joy and down through the years, who also became WONDERFUL friends! The many that have already gone on before her, of whom she talked of often, that she so enjoyed in life and helped her to be who she was: a caring, kind and loving spirit-filled person and daughter, who will continue to live on in my heart. So grateful to God for giving your Dad and me ~ YOU!

*In Loving Memory  
Marsha Vae Goeken  
1958 ~ 2023*

*Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, March 31, 2023  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Scotland, South Dakota*

*Memorial Service 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 1, 2023  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Scotland, South Dakota*

*Clergy  
Andy Bueber*

*Janet Grate & Lisa Fowler ~ interpreters*

*Music  
Jan Kocer ~ organist  
Congregational Hymns  
Jesus Loves Me  
Peace Like a River  
Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

*Special Music  
The Lord's Prayer Choir  
Cheryl Ziegler ~ accompanist  
Family & friends; Kay Farrar ~ KSL*

*Inurnment  
Ebenezer Cemetery  
Scotland, South Dakota  
(at a later date)*

Marsha was born to Donald and LaVerne Goeken on October 10, 1958. She was baptized into the Lutheran Faith at Kaylor SD, and thereafter as she grew in years, a Christian education was provided for her through the Heartland EPHPHATHA Ministries where she continued learning in Lutheran teachings, until she made public affirmation of her baptism at East Side Lutheran in Sioux Falls, SD.

Marsha attended and graduated from the South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, SD in 1977, and thereafter continued her education at the Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. She was president of the Psi Theta Cast of Alpha Psi Omega (National Theatre Honor Society) and a Phi Kappa Zeta sister. There she entered competition and won The Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Award held at the Kennedy Center's American College Theatre Festival, which brought about her graduating with a B.A. degree in Theatre in 1982. She then became employed at the Fairmount Theatre of the Deaf in Cleveland, Ohio, which is a traveling theatre company that gave her opportunities to perform throughout the USA, plus other parts of the world, such as, Japan, Jordan and Czechoslovakia. In 1986 her desire and love for theatre work took her to North Hollywood California, where she became one of the original members of the Deaf West Theatre Company and partook in many of their great productions. Aside from theatre, Marsha worked in television and films, such as CBS Beauty and the Beast, FOX's 9-1-1, No Ordinary Hero: The SuperDeafy Movie, and Jack and the Beanstalk, as well as others. Another desire of hers came about in 2020, which was doing a Super Bowl Commercial for Turbo Tax. As a devoted member of the Deaf Community, Marsha's services included working for the Self Actualization Institute for the Deaf, plus several others, that were always for the betterment for deaf culture.

She was a devoted member of St Matthew's Lutheran Church in North Hollywood, where she coordinated Sharing Hands Deaf Ministry at St. Matt's, teaching ASL classes, as well as, volunteering for the NoHo Home Alliances Drop-In Services for an unhoused ministry, making sure those in need were well fed and clothed. Marsha had a passion of being within the company of her friends and caring for many of their children. She was adored throughout her communities of CA and SD.

Marsha passed away Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center, Burbank, CA at the age of 64.

Marsha was preceded in death by her father Donald Goeken, and her paternal and maternal grandparents.

She is survived by her loving mother, LaVerne Goeken of Scotland; aunt, Dorothy Lang of Rapid City and a host of cousins and friends.