

In Loving Memory of
Crystal Beard

November 11, 1971 ~ February 26, 2024

Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, March 9, 2024 ▪ 11:00 AM
First Lutheran Church ▪ 800 N 7th St
Bismarck, North Dakota

Welcome

Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

Prayer

Reading of Obituary

Trent Loos

Eulogy

Scripture Readings

Psalm 103:13-17

Treva Beard

Proverbs 3:5-9

Tedi Maher

1 Peter 1:24-25

Shannon Barth

2 Timothy 2:11-13

Bonnie Tweeten

Psalm 23:4-6

Kirsten McIntyre

John 3:16-17

Bailee Beard and Teagan Beard

Song

“Callin”

Lafe Nelson

Sermon

Song

“Ain’t No Grave”

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Commendation

Exit Song

“When I’m Gone”

Officiant Pastor Allen Wagner

Following the service, the family invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship in the lower level at First Lutheran Church.



Tribute Video



Crystal “Kris” Beard, 52, went to be with her Savior, Jesus Christ, while being held by her loving husband and two precious daughters.

Kris was born to Arthur and Carol Neer on November 11, 1971 in Bismarck, ND.

Kris married Marty Beard on May 17, 1991, and started her transformation from city girl to country bumpkin. She went on to raise and nurture their two daughters that she loved dearly.

Kris worked for Aetna Healthcare for 26 years, and spent the rest of her time doing what she loved; bringing family and friends to Jesus, spoiling (in a good way) her most cherished grandson Augustus,

tending to her beautiful lily garden, taking crocheting to the “next level”, studying the Bible, hauling her two daughters across the country to team ropings in worn out pickup trucks, mentoring her nieces and nephews, educating her sons-in-law on how to deal with her headstrong daughters, and guiding her hillbilly husband through their many adventures in life, which included anything from riding horses that bucked to raising a pet coyote.

Kris was loved dearly and will be deeply missed by her family and many loving friends.

Her faith in Jesus never wavered and was evident by her love and grace towards others, and her joy of sharing the words of Jesus. She is in Heaven caring for her twin babies, growing flowers for her Savior, building a roping arena and picking out a fresh set of cattle for her girls, and hunting Marty’s past hounds. We know Gus and her future grandbabies have the best, most protective guardian Angel in Heaven.

She is survived by her husband Marty, two daughters Saje (Logan), Mardi Jo (Garrett), grandson Augustus (Saje & Logan), Father Arthur, Mother-in-law Sharon, Brothers Alan (Lori), Tory (Rachel), Dan, Brother-in-laws Bill (Treva), Monte (Angie), Casey (Ashley) and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Kris was preceded in death by her twin babies, her mother, Carol Neer, father-in-law, Dean Beard and her grandparents.

The family would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the close friends that were there for Kris as she battled a rare form of brain cancer and made her transition to Heaven. Thank you, Shannon Barth, Kate Zainhofsky, Treva Beard, Steph Weisz, Andi Thon, Kirsten McIntyre and Jerilyn MacDonald.

The family would like to give recognition to mycancerstory.rocks and the protocol that Jesus led us to which gave us more quality time than any of the doctors said she would have.

Kris’s final wishes would be to urge others to make sure their children, and grandchildren know Jesus and his everlasting love.



Meet You at the Gate

*A beautiful garden now stands alone,
missing the one who nurtured it,
But now she is gone.*

*Her flowers still bloom, and the sun it still shines,
But the rain is like tear drops for the ones left behind,*

*The weeds lay waiting to take the garden's beauty away,
But the beautiful memories of its keeper are in our hearts to stay.*

*She loved every flower, even some that were weeds.
So much love she would plant with each little seed,*

*But just like her flowers, she was part of God's plan.
So when it was her time, he reached down his hand.*

*He looked through the Garden, searching for the best.
That's when he found her; it was her time to rest.*

*It was hard for those who loved her to just let her go,
But God had a spot in his garden that needed a gentle soul,*

*So when you start missing her, remember if you just wait,
When God has a spot in his garden, she'll meet you at the gate...*

-BARBARA BAILEY

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