

Susan "Susie" Semmens, age 61, of Carrington, ND, died at her home peacefully with her family at her side on September 9, 2020, after a courageous 5½ year battle with cancer.

Susan Kay Mertens was born August 4, 1959, in Devils Lake, ND, to Cecil and Rosemary (Hamilton) Mertens. Susie attended school in Devils Lake, graduating from Central High School in Devils Lake.

Susie met and fell in love with Donald Daugherty, they were united in marriage on December 1, 1979 in Oberon, ND. Susie opened her heart to Donald's two daughters: Jodelle and Camie. Donald and Susie were blessed with four more daughters, Mindy, Nicole, Amber and Karri. In 1990, Susan and Donald established United Seed & Supply on their farm in Carrington. Donald died March 27, 1996, at the age of 46 from cancer.

After Donald's passing Susie continued their seed company, United Seed & Supply. Susie owned and operated the company until she was diagnosed with cancer. She worked hard to provide a life for her and her girls. Her life was not easy, with ups and downs as time healed her.

Susan was blessed to have found love again and was united in marriage on May 8, 1999, to Roger Semmens. They resided on Susie's current farm in rural Carrington. Roger died February 13, 2020.

Susie had a passion for animals. She loved her horses, they gave her joy throughout her life. She and the girls had a common bond when it came to riding and spending time outdoors. The farm was a place for everyone to come together and enjoy each other.

She was a member of the Circle Trail Riders, an active Raiders 4-H Leader for 30 plus years. She was active in orchestrating hay rides at the farm. When Susie was not outside with the animals she could be found inside baking and spending time in the kitchen. Susie loved her family, her children brought joy to her life and her grandchildren filled her heart with love. Of all the things in her life, Susie's family was the center of it all. There is a special place in Susie's heart that belongs to Mindy, her never ending care, devotion and enduring love for Mindy will not be forgotten.

Susan is survived by daughters, Mindy Daugherty, Carrington, Nicole (Russ) Shahin, Williston, Amber (Dusty) Horejsi, Pingree, and Karri Daugherty, Carrington; four step-daughters, Jodelle (Paul) Gefroh, Cleveland, ND, Camie (Steve) Schwan, Sammamish, WA, Ginger (Mike) Westfall, Columbus, NE, and Robin (Jeff) Carter, Blaine, MN; seventeen Grandchildren, Shawn, Samantha, Andrea, Ethan, Maggie, Keith, Tommy, Kayson, Sawyer, Shelby, Bradyn, Grayson, Cody, Isaiah, Colton, Cash and Cain; ten great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bill Mertens, Devils Lake, Mike Mertens Devils Lake; four sisters, Ceya (Don) Holler, Devils Lake, Kathy (Ron) Holler, Grand Forks, Mary (Leland) Koenig, New Rockford and Pattie (Alan) Wilcox, Highlands Ranch, CO.

She is preceded in death by her parents; both spouses Donald Daugherty and Roger Semmens.

## *In Loving Memory of*



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## **ROSARY / PRAYER SERVICE**

Friday, September 11, 2020

Rosary ~ 6:45PM

Prayer Service ~ 7:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford

## **MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

Saturday, September 12, 2020 ~ 1:30PM

St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford

## **OFFICIATING**

Fr. Reese Weber

## **MUSIC**

Heather Klocke ~ Organist / Cantor

## **PALLBEARERS**

Dusty Horejsi ~ Bradyn Collier ~ Matthew Wilcox

Matthew Mertens ~ Paul Gefroh ~ Shawn Gefroh

## **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

All of Susan's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

## **BURIAL**

Carrington Cemetery, Carrington, ND

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home - Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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## ***When Tomorrow Starts Without Me***

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
And I am not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your  
Eyes all filled with tears for me...*

*I wish so much you would not cry  
The way you do each day...  
While thinking of the many things  
We did not get to say.*

*I know how much you LOVE me  
As Much as I LOVE you,  
And each time that you think of me,  
Please know I will miss you, 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 a place was ready,  
In heaven up above,  
And that I would have to leave behind  
All those I truly LOVE.*

*I had so much to live for,  
So much yet to do,  
It seemed almost impossible  
That I was leaving you.*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
Do not think we are far apart  
For every time you think of me,  
I am right here in your HEART.*