

Rebecca “Becky” Jane Utke, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 5th after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, while surrounded by her loving family.

Becky was born on August 1, 1950, to parents William “Bill” and Leona Black. She attended college at NDSU, beginning her avid following of the Bison. Becky met the love of her life in the summer of 1967, she and David were married on June 28th, 1969. They made their home on the farm near Glenfield. David and Becky enjoyed a full and happy life together for nearly 52 years.

Becky was an active member of the local community. She was involved in a variety of organizations over the years, including Glenfield Lutheran Church, teaching Luther League and serving on the Altar Guild. She had many great memories of her friends in the Glenfield Homemakers Club. In the mid-90’s, Becky began working in various positions in the medical field, retiring at the end of 2016 from Sanford Health as a certified medical coder.

Becky’s greatest love in life was spending time with her family. She could pull everyone together with a good game or puzzle. She thoroughly enjoyed shopping, decorating, and getting together for the holidays. Christmas was her Super Bowl. Everyone knew Grandma Becky was a perfect gift giver. Her grandchildren were the light of her life. She loved supporting them by attending school and athletic activities, providing baked goods and treats, and making gift baskets for every holiday.

Her hobbies included gardening, quilting, camping, cooking, listening to music and traveling. Becky was known for living her life with grace, having a loving gentle spirit, and a strong quiet faith. She loved spending time at the lake and socializing with friends and family whenever possible.

She is survived by her loving husband, David; her children, Janna (Todd) Vetsch, Fargo, ND, Joel (Holly) Utke, Glenfield, ND; her grandchildren, Ben and Josh Vetsch, Drew, Ethan and Bryce Utke and Brooke, Hudson and Sienna Topp; her mother Leona Black, New Rockford, ND, sisters Barb Venarchick, Casa Grande, AZ, Donetta Black, Casa Grande, AZ, her brother Kevin (Judy) Black, Grace City, ND, and sister in law Judy Stevens, Rochester, MN, her nieces and nephews Eric (De Anne) Stevens, Mike (Tranette) Stevens, Brenna (Bryan) Coltrane, Meghan McLaughlin, Kim (Kip) Brandt, and Shane (Jess) Black, as well as several great nieces and nephews.

Donations can be made in Becky’s memory to your local Hospice or the Roger Maris Cancer Center.

In Loving Memory of



Becky Utke

August 1, 1950 – March 5, 2021

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Rebecca Jane Utke

August 1, 1950 - New Rockford, ND

March 5, 2021 - Fargo, ND

Always There

When you remember me,
Please do not weep.
My body may not be there.
It has chosen to sleep.
I'm not that far away.
My soul lives on,
Looking down, watching over
You and everyone.
And when you feel sad
And life seems so blue,
Just remember
That my spirit has its arms around you.
And on those special days,
Times that you wish I could see,
That cool breeze flowing past you...
Well, that will be me,
So don't be sad.
Have no fear.
God has taken me under his wing,
But I'll always be near.
I still watch you
Every minute, every day.
My love and soul are with you,
And that's where they will stay.
~Emma Etwell

VISITATION

Thursday, March 11, 2021 ~ 9:00AM – 5:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, March 12, 2021 ~ 2:00PM
Prairie Faith Church, Glenfield, ND

OFFICIATING

Rev. Russ Christiansen
Rev. Mike Stevens

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kim Svanoe ~ Vocalist/Pianist
Rolf Svanoe ~ Trumpeter

PALLBEARERS

Ben Vetsch ~ Josh Vetsch ~ Drew Utke ~ Ethan Utke
Bryce Utke ~ Brooke Topp ~ Hudson Topp ~ Sienna Topp

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of Becky's Nieces & Nephews

BURIAL

Glenfield Cemetery
Glenfield, ND

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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