

Connie Hovdenes, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, passed away peacefully on July 28, 2025, in Carrington, ND surrounded by her loving family. Connie grew up with a strong sense of compassion and commitment to others.

Born on November 20, 1957, in New Rockford, North Dakota, she was preceded in death by her parents, Allen & Ellen Messner, Sheyenne, ND; grandparents, George & Idelia Messner, Hamar, ND, Paul & Myrtle Smith, Sheyenne, ND; sister, Charleen Lesmeister; father and mother-in-law, Carl and Carrie Hovdenes; brothers-in-law, Frank LaMonica and Dave Knudson.

Connie is survived by her husband, Robert Hovdenes, Underwood, ND; son, Jason (Jodi) Hovdenes, Carrington, ND; daughter, Angela (Jesse) Carr, Underwood, ND; brothers, Steve (Barb) Messner, Sheyenne, ND and Dallas Messner, Fairview, MT; sisters, Colleen (Richard) Hoffner, Sheyenne, ND and Arleen (Brian) Dougherty, The Hills, Texas; sister-in-law, Jean Knudson with her children, Kayla and Amy, Minot, ND; grandchildren, Ean, Chloe & Carrie Hovdenes, Casen & Easton Carr; step grandchildren, Chaz and Jarret Bauer; step great grandchild, Haddie Bauer.

On April 6, 1979, Connie married her soulmate, Robert Hovdenes, at a beautiful ceremony in New Rockford, ND. Together, they built a life centered on family, kindness, and unwavering support of their community and family & friends. She graduated from Lake Region College as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and dedicated several years to working in nursing homes, where her compassion for others flourished. Her nurturing spirit extended beyond her patients, she later founded her own day care business, where she helped guide and care for countless children, preparing them for the chapters ahead. Her joy in life came from nurturing and supporting those around her, especially her daycare kids, each of whom held a special place in her heart.

Dear to Connie's heart were her grandchildren, who brought her endless joy and pride. She cherished every moment spent with them, creating lasting memories filled with laughter and love. Connie also enjoyed several hobbies that brought her immense happiness. She was an avid quilter, crafting beautiful and cozy pieces that were treasured by family and friends. Her passion for baking, especially cookies, ensured that her delicious creations were a staple at family gatherings, and she took great pleasure in decorating birthday cakes, making each celebration unforgettable. These hobbies weren't just activities; they were extensions of Connie's nurturing spirit. Through each quilt square, spoonful of dough, and swirl of frosting, she brought joy and connection to those around her.

Her journey may have ended, but her story is far from over. It's echoed in every laugh, every recipe passed down, every cozy quilt wrapped around someone she loved. May we carry her warmth with us, always.

In Loving Memory Of



Connie Hovdenes

NOVEMBER 20, 1957 - JULY 28, 2025

Letting Go

The Angels gathered near your bed,
so very close to you.
For they knew the *pain and suffering*
that you were going through.

I thought about so many things,
as I held tightly to your hand.
Oh, HOW I WISHED that you were strong
and happy once again.

But your eyes were looking homeward,
to that place beyond the sky.
Where JESUS held His outstretched arms,
it was time *to say goodbye.*

I struggled with my SELFISH THOUGHTS,
for I wanted you to stay.
So we could walk and talk again,
like we did - just yesterday.

But JESUS KNEW THE ANSWER,
and I knew He loved you so.
So I gave to you life's greatest gift,
the gift of letting go.

Now my heart will carry MEMORIES
of the love you gave to me
Until we meet again in heaven,
where the best is yet to be.

Celebrating A Beautiful Life

Connie Jean Hovdenes

November 20, 1957 ~ New Rockford, ND

July 28, 2025 ~ Carrington, ND

VISITATION & PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Visitation ~ 5:00PM-6:00PM

Prayer Service ~ 6:00PM

Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, August 4, 2025

10:30AM

Augustana Lutheran Church, Underwood, ND

OFFICIATING

Rev. Giselle Loucks

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kim Wirtz ~ Pianist

Congregational Hymns

On Eagle's Wings

Amazing Grace

How Great Thou Art

PALLBEARERS

All of Connie's Grandchildren

HONORARY BEARERS

All of Connie's Daycare Children

BURIAL

Riverside Cemetery, Sheyenne, ND

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