

Colleen Dockter, age 66, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, New Rockford, surrounded by her daughters.

Colleen Estelle Dockter was born on October 24, 1959, to Harley and Doris (Applegate) Vinnard in New Rockford, ND. She graduated from Maddock High School in 1977. Colleen was united in marriage to David Abrahamson in 1975 and to this union welcomed two daughters: Kristy Renae and Julie Ann. Finding the love of her life, she united to Terry Dockter at the Chapel of the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in March 2008.

Colleen worked at Red Owl Grocery Store, in the kitchen at the Maddock Public School, and the Maddock Memorial Home. Most important to her was her nursing as she found fulfillment in building relationships and making a tangible difference in long-term residents' lives. Her passion continued as she received her LPN degree from Northwest Technical College in 1998. This would become her lifelong calling as she worked 18 years at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd.

Colleen suffered from a stroke in 2012. The resulting physical and communication impairments, and subsequent medical struggles, forced her to retire at the young age of 52. She was known for her quick wit, and lively spirit and was never afraid to speak her mind. She possessed a delightful sense of humor and a certain spunk that she will be remembered for. Colleen found joy in tending to her family and friendships. Most of all, she treasured time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandson Sawyer, who knew her as "granny red." She loved being on the ball field, whether it was watching her grandkids play or simply for them to get her a polish sausage. When she could no longer travel well, she would make sure to catch each football, basketball or volleyball game on the TV. She loved watching westerns, game shows, and the Minnesota Vikings.

Colleen is survived by her husband, Terry Dockter; her daughters, Kristy (Tony) O'Connor of New Rockford, ND, and Julie (Cody) Ellingson, Bismarck, ND; grandchildren, McKenzie (Tyler) Seaburg, Kaden Jensen, Kaiya (Preston) O'Connor, Kolton O'Connor, MaKayla (Seth) Ellingson, Preston Ellingson; great-grandson, Sawyer Benjamin; sister, Donna (Dennis) Johnson; brothers-in-law, James (Karla Dockter) and Joe Seiler both of New Rockford, ND; sister-in-law, Charlene Gilliss, Waubun, MN; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harley and Doris Vinnard; mother-in-law, Eileen Dockter; brother-in-law, Kyle Dockter and sister-in-law, Kimberly Seiler.

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Colleen Dockter

OCTOBER 24, 1959 – NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Heartfelt

Before you go Mamma,
and leave this world behind,
take with you our memories,
there's lots for you to find.

Before you go Mamma,
let me hold your hand once more,
I don't want you to forget,
when you walk through heavens door.

Before you go Mamma,
smell the Scent I wear,
take a piece of me with you,
so you'll know that I am there.

Before you go Mamma,
let me put a tissue in your pocket,
to remind you of my tears
and the hair that's in your locket.

Before you go Mamma,
will you look into my eyes?
so you won't forget the colour,
the same as the skies.

Before you go Mamma,
will you promise me just this?
That you will return each night,
to place a little kiss?

Before you go Mamma,
let me wrap you in my love.
Keep it with you always,
as you move to the world above.

Bye Bye Mamma,
untill we meet again.
Now go toward the light,
and free yourself from pain.

Joanne Boyle

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VISITATION

Monday, November 17, 2025

Evans Funeral Home 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd Chapel 5:00PM - 6:00PM
New Rockford, ND

PRAYER SERVICE

Monday, November 17, 2025

6:00PM

Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd Chapel, New Rockford, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

10:00AM

Viking Lutheran Church, Maddock, ND

OFFICIATING

Rev. Amy Kippen

Pastor Cassie Borges

SPECIAL MUSIC

Joann Bergrud ~ Pianist

Congregational Hymn - *On Eagle's Wings* #787

Jealous of the Angels by Donna Taggart

The Lord's Prayer by Arianna Johnson, great niece

Recessional - *Mama I'm Coming Home* by Ozzy Osbourne

PALLBEARERS

McKenzie Seaburg ~ Kaden Jensen ~ Kaiya O'Connor

Kolton O'Connor ~ MaKayla Ellingson ~ Preston Ellingson

HONORARY BEARERS

All of Colleen's Family and Close Friends

BURIAL

Viking Lutheran Cemetery, Maddock, ND

Arrangements by

Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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