

Legacy OF Love

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,
This is the legacy we have from you.
You **TAUGHT US LOVE** and how to fight,
You gave us strength, you gave us might.
A stronger person would be hard to find,
And in your heart, you were **ALWAYS KIND**.
You fought for us all in one way or another,
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.
For all us you gave your best,
Now the time has come for you to rest.
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts, we'll
Eternally Keep.



In Loving Memory of Eileen Buckingham

Born to Harold & Esther Skaar
December 12, 1951 ~ Williston, North Dakota

Called Home to Her Heavenly Father
February 24, 2024 ~ Fargo, North Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, March 2, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM
First Lutheran Church
Watford City, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor David Dennis

Music

In the Garden ~ Jo Duffey
It is Well with my Soul ~ Bev Skaar
The Old Rugged Cross ~ Congregational

Pianist

Caroline Schwartz

Casket bearers

Chad Buckingham	Ryan Rafferty
Travis Horner	John Horner
Mike Horner	Brian Skaar

Honorary Pallbearer

Justin Buckingham

Final Resting Place

Hanna, Wyoming

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
Watford City, North Dakota

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Eileen Carol Buckingham was born to Harold and Esther Skaar at Mercy Hospital in Williston, North Dakota on the 12th Day of December 1951. The Skaar family called western North Dakota home, and Eileen was raised with a bit of the pioneer spirit of the west. As a young lady she

participated in the drama team, the high school newspaper staff, and did twists and turns with the high school gymnastics team. She graduated with the Watford City class of 1970 and chased her young talented spirit to Dickinson State College where she would soon meet the love of her life, John Carl Buckingham. The two quickly fell in love and married Sept. 5, 1971. Eileen worked as a teacher's aide and studied with John while at DSC. After his graduation in 1974, they both did internships with the National Forest Service and worked as fire fighters in Wyoming. One of their favorite places was near a mountain top in southeast Wyoming where they built trails and cabins together for the forest service. On this mountain they hunted, fished, hiked, and spent much of their younger days falling in love and living out their dreams. Somewhere in those mountains they even lived in a lookout fire tower. Then they moved to Carbon County, Wyoming, where they raised their first two children, Chad and Justin. They loved elk-hunting, camping, motorcycle riding, and anything that cried of the wild outdoor adventure.

In the early 1980's Eileen was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, which brought the family many challenges in the years to come.



After Darcy was born, and Eileen had some time to rest, the family moved to Keene, ND to work on the Skaar family farm, and the last baby girl, Jill, was added to the family. They helped with the Shekinah Bible camp and farmed there until 2002 when Eileen's disease progressed to the point of needing full time nursing care. She resided at the Good Shepherd Home until 2010. Eileen then followed her daughter Darcy and moved to Fargo, ND to be closer to the grandchildren. This is where she passed peacefully on the 24th day of our Lord, February 2024 surrounded by her loving family, and the final answer to prayer and complete healing was given.

She will always be remembered for her class. She loved hats, jewelry, and playing bingo. She taught many lessons in her life. She was outspoken about her disdain for complaining. It is a sin, and she never complained no matter how hard life got. She was gentle, kind, loving, giving, and a great listener. She suffered greatly through the storms of life, but with a difference everyone could see. She lived through the grace of God, and a quietness that can only be of the Lord. She was born again and saved the Bible way. She had a relationship with her heavenly Father that carried her through every trial.

She is preceded in death by her husband John Buckingham and her parents Harold and Esther Skaar.

She is survived by her children, Chad (Jody) Buckingham, Justin (Danielle) Buckingham, Darcy (Travis) Horner, and Jill Buckingham. 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Her sisters, Diane (Andy Freeman) Skaar and Patti Gunderson, and her brother Brian (Bev) Skaar, and numerous nieces and nephews.

