

A LETTER FROM HEAVEN

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME
AND I'M NOT THERE TO SEE; IF THE SUN
SHOULD RISE AND FIND YOUR EYES ALL
FILLED WITH TEARS FOR ME. I WISH SO
MUCH YOU WOULDN'T CRY THE WAY YOU
DID TODAY, WHILE THINKING OF THE
MANY THINGS WE DIDN'T GET TO SAY. I
KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE ME AS MUCH
AS I LOVE YOU AND EACH TIME THAT YOU
THINK OF ME, I KNOW YOU'LL MISS ME
TOO. WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT
ME, DON'T THINK WE'RE FAR APART OR
EVERY TIME YOU THINK OF ME, I'M RIGHT
HERE IN YOUR HEART.



Celebrating THE *Life* OF *Ruby Fritel*

Born to Oscar & Mildred (Peterson) Wood

June 3, 1955 - Cando, North Dakota

Peacefully Passed Away

April 11, 2025 - Watford City, North Dakota

Funeral Services

Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 11:00am

First Lutheran Church - Watford City, North Dakota

-Luncheon to Follow-

Casketbearers

Daniel Cuzzort	Scott Haugen	Scotty Meuchel
Jacob Meuchel	Daryl Meuchel	Jayce Fritel

Officiating

Minister Matthew Rolfson

Reader

Karen Peters

Eulogist

Rob Favorite

Song Leader

Cara Transtrom

Musician

Caroline Schwartz

Music

"I Hope You Dance" - LeAnn Womack

"Photograph" - Nickleback

"Amazing Grace" - Congregational

Final Resting Place

Schafer Cemetery - Watford City, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home

Watford City, North Dakota



In Loving
M E M O R Y

Ruby Fritel

June 3, 1955 - April 11, 2025

Ruby Rebecca Fritel, 69, of Watford City, North Dakota, passed away on April 11th, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family. Born on June 3rd, 1955, in Cando, North Dakota, Ruby lived a life full of grit, laughter, and deep love for her people.

Ruby was proudest of two things in life: raising her children and drinking Busch Light—sometimes at the same time. She was known for her sharp wit, strong will, and generous spirit. Whether it was through a warm meal, a well-timed joke, or an ear ready to listen, Ruby had a way of making people feel right at home.



In addition to being the heart of her family, Ruby found joy in the simple pleasures—digging in the dirt with her green thumb, tending to her garden, spending time with her beloved dogs, Chubs and Max (especially if there were snacks involved), and relaxing in her pool with a cold drink in hand, soaking up the sun like a true queen of leisure.



She is survived by her loving husband, Don; her children; Lana (Daryl) Meuchel, Treva (Randy) Cuzzort, Jessica Fritel, DJ (Bonnie) Fritel, and Kimberly Fritel.

Her legacy continues in her grandchildren; Aaron Cuzzort, Andrea Cuzzort, Carter Dougherty, Jayce Fritel, Brooke Fritel, Heather Ellis, Emily Cuzzort, Daniel (Haley Goodwin) Cuzzort, Jacob & Scotty Meuchel, Rebecca (Rudy) Guillen, and Apryll Pierce, great grandchildren; Layne Oliver Cuzzort, Asher Rain Travino, RJ, Jesse, and Ivy.

She is also survived by her sisters; Karen Peters, Wendy (OB) Haugen, Linda (Nyle) Nelson, Beverly (Sam) Juma, Louetta Wood, brother; Mike (Judy) Wood, and many extended family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

Ruby was preceded in death by her beloved son; Jesse Pierce, her mother; Mildred “Millie” Martin, her father; Oscar Wood, and her sisters; Paulette Hamdan and Kathy Davis, and great-granddaughter; Eden May Hoyt.

Ruby's strength, humor, and unconditional love will live on in those she leaves behind. In honor of Ruby, raise a cold Busch Light and toast to a life well lived.