



In Loving Memory
Barb Olson

Born to John & Sandra Sanders

April 4, 1961
Minot, North Dakota

Called Home to Her Heavenly Father

May 24, 2025
Williston, North Dakota

Funeral Service

Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 2:30 PM
Faith United Methodist Church
Williston, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Ross Reinhiller

Pallbearers

Eric Olson	Craig Sanders
Darin Burau	Matthew Ogurchak
Carl Wallner	Derrick Linghor

Honorary Pallbearers

Barb's Children & Grandchildren

Music

"Amazing Grace"
Halle Burau ~ Kellee Black ~ Melyssa Ostler
"Dancing in the Sky"
Kellee Black & Melyssa Ostler
"You Are My Sunshine"
Kellee Black & Melyssa Ostler

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
Williston, North Dakota



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Barbara Jean Sanders Olson, 64 of Williston passed away Saturday, May 24, 2025 at CHI St. Alexius Hospital, with her family and friends by her side.

Barb was born April 4, 1961 to John and Sandra Sanders. Barb attended Glenburn school until 1973 when her family moved to Williston, here she started 7th grade. On her first day of school, she met her lifelong friends, Cathy, Patti, Deeann and Misti. Graduating with the WHS class of 1979.

Barb attended St. Cloud State University for one year, transferring to Moorhead State University where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 1984.

Barb was a Development Disabilities Case Manager at Northwest Human Service Center for 21 years as well as a Guardian ad Litem for 16 years. She was a Right Track Screener for 9 years, Opportunity Foundation for 5 years and she helped with meals at Briarwood, following her retirement.

Barb's career focused on advocating for children and adults, with passion and dedication felt by those she helped. She was described as an Angel by families she helped through her work. Barb loved her time working in the concession stand at the Baseball Park and watching Eric play baseball.

Barb was a wonderful friend to many. She was a member of Peggy's Pals/Share the Spirit which has been fundraising for cancer patients for 22 years.

On November 10, 1984, Barb married Rick Olson. To their union Libby and Eric were born. Barb also gained a stepdaughter, Nichole. Barb enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, Halle, Madden and Lainey. The joy they brought to her life was evident when she spoke of them.

Barb is survived by her children, Libby (Darin) Bureau of Williston, ND, Eric Olson of Colorado Springs, CO, Nichole Koch of Williston, ND; brother, Craig Sanders of Gillette WY; former husband, Rick Olson; grandchildren, Halle, Madden and Lainey Bureau; Salena, Hunter, Sienna and Tanner Koch; sister-in-law, Marilyn Olson, brother-in-law, Ryan Olson; children's Godmother, April Wallner; lifelong friends, Cathy Walsh, Patti Ogurchak, Deeann Long, Misti McMullen and Peggy's Pals; numerous nieces and nephews.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents, John and Sandra Sanders, father and mother-in-law, Elvin and Patti Olson; son-in-law, Mike Koch; brother-in-law, Brad Olson; sister-in-law, Debby Olson and her grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to Share the Spirit/Peggy's Pals checks made payable to:

Share the Spirit
1322 East Hillcourt
Williston, ND 58801
or

Faith United Methodist Church
or a charity of your choice.

*Barb's smile will
live on in our
hearts forever!*



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 I'm 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 you think of me I know you'll miss me too.
But when tomorrow starts without me please try to understand,
that an *Angel* came and called my name
and took me by the hand.
She said my place was ready in heaven far above,
and that I'd have to leave behind
all those I **DEARLY LOVE**.
But as I turned and walked away, a tear fell from my eye,
for all my life I always thought I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for, I had so much to do.
It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared and all the *fun* we had.
If I could re-live yesterday,
I thought just for a while,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your **HEART**.