



Susan Melius, 54, of Miranda, SD passed away, Thursday, October 8, 2015 at Avera Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

Susan Geist was born September 29, 1961 to Morris and Sharon (Fogel) Geist in Faulkton, SD. She grew up in a home filled with love and mischief with her siblings: Tim, Jeff, Shelley and Terry. She graduated from Cresbard High School in 1979.

On June 3, 1989, Susan married her best friend, Dan Melius. She brought with her three children, and soon added two more boys. Together they farmed near Miranda, raising kids, crops, and cattle. However, over the last year, Susan kept her distance from mad mama cows.

In addition to the farm life, Susan worked at the community health office in Faulkton. During those years she brought a smile to the faces of many children.

Susan's passion, aside from the constant care and concern for Dan, their children and grandchildren, was photography. She was always concerned about everyone else's needs and never her own.

Susan has touched the lives of so many. She was always reminding her family to stop and see the "everyday beauty" that surrounds us. And to find humor and laughter in all we do, as summarized by all the Melius Family Circus Christmas letters.

Susan is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren, parents, siblings and their families.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Don Melius and nephew, Gabriel Geist.

Arrangements entrusted to Luce Funeral Home, Faulkton, South Dakota, www.familyfuneralhome.net

*God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around her
And whispered "Come with me."*

*With tearful eyes
We watched her suffer
And saw her fade away
Although we loved her dearly,
We would not make her stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*



In Loving Memory of

Susan Melius

*September 29, 1961
Faulkton, South Dakota*

*October 8, 2015
Sioux Falls, South Dakota*

*Prayer Service: 7:00 a.m., Thursday, October 15, 2015
St. Thomas Catholic Church, Faulkton, South Dakota*

*Mass of Christian Burial: 10:30 a.m., Friday, October 16, 2015
St. Thomas Catholic Church, Faulkton, South Dakota*

Officiating: Father Christopher Hughes

Lectors: Bev Huss and Rita Hanten

Altar Servers: Simon and John Bowar

Offertory: Jan Melius and Michelle Hazelhorst

Urn Bearer: Pete Lizer

Honor Bearers: The Girl's Group

Ushers: Clint Ortmeier and CJ Woodring

Organist: Linda Bartholomew

Vocalist: Jerry Bowar ~ "Psalm 23"

*Musical Selections: "Amazing Grace" "Here I am, Lord"
"Be Not Afraid" "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"*

Inurnment: St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery ~ Faulkton, South Dakota