

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God has laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard His call;
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with time of sorrow.
For I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee,
God wanted me now so **HE SET ME FREE.***

In Loving Memory Of

Gloria Renae Hansen

September 24, 1953
Faulkton, South Dakota

March 3, 2022
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

WAKE SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Luce Funeral Home
Faulkton, South Dakota

FUNERAL MASS: 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 10, 2022
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Faulkton, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. Randy Phillips

LECTOR: Carol Ann Myler

MASS SERVERS:
Sean Roseland and Philip Holsing

OFFERTORY:

Nichole Chhen, Adam Hansen, and Eric Hansen

CASKET BEARERS:

Gloria's Nieces and Nephews

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

Savannah Chhen, Siah Chhen, Noah Chhen, Carter Hansen,
Callen Hansen, Cambree Hansen, Avery Hansen, Harper Hansen

VOCALIST: Jerry Bowar

MUSIC:

*"Amazing Grace" "Be Not Afraid"
"Ave Maria" "Song of Farewell" "On Eagle's Wings"*

INTERMENT:

St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery
Seneca, South Dakota

Gloria Renae (Baloun) Hansen, 68, of Sioux Falls, and formerly of Redfield, SD passed away Thursday, March 3, 2022, in Sioux Falls.

Gloria Renae Baloun was born September 24, 1953, in Faulkton, SD to Reg and Elsie (Martz) Baloun. She graduated from Faulkton High School in 1971.

Gloria loved helping people and that was evident in the career path she selected. She attended Presentation College in Aberdeen, SD and graduated with her Nursing degree. She worked at Dakota Midland hospital and Rapid City Surgical Center prior to shifting her focus to her family and raising her 3 children, Nichole, Adam, and Eric. All while raising her 3 children, Gloria maintained her nursing license for the next 30 years assisting others when nursing needs arose. Gloria was heavily involved in her children's numerous activities and enjoyed every minute of their years growing up. Whether it was 4-H, sporting events, or band/vocal concerts, Gloria was her children's #1 fan (and later grandchildren) and instilled in them a passion to work hard, continue learning, and enjoy life.

Gloria was active and passionate with many other activities and hobbies throughout her years. She was a very religious individual from birth to passing and involved in the Catholic Church through the years, as a member of St. Ann (Frankfort), St. Bernard (Redfield), and Holy Spirit (Sioux Falls). Gloria's baking was legendary, and many full stomachs can thank her for the Bohemian, Danish, and American dishes she prepared with love. Another passion of Gloria's was taking care of her animals. She had a special way with them and loved caring for her cattle, dogs, and cats to name a few. If you ever wanted to hear a good story, pull up a chair and be prepared to be entertained as Gloria continued the Baloun tradition of entertaining through stories and the laughter that would go on and on. Music could always be heard in her home or car as the Golden Oldies and Christian music were her favorites.

Gloria is survived by her children: Nichole (San) Chhen of Sioux Falls, SD, Adam (Jordann) Hansen of Redfield, SD, and Eric (Rachel) Hansen of Sioux Falls, SD; grandchildren blessed to call her GG (Grandma Gloria) include: Savannah, Siah, and Noah Chhen of Sioux Falls, Carter, Callen, and Cambree Hansen of Redfield, and Avery and Harper Hansen of Sioux Falls; siblings of Gloria include: Eugene (Dianne) Baloun of Seneca, SD, Yvonne (Ken) O'Connor of Prescott, AZ, Terry (Sheryl) Baloun of Sioux Falls, SD, and Brad (CamMay) Baloun of Sioux Falls, SD; and brother-in-law, Gordon Bauhs of Fort Collins, CO.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Reg and Elsie; brother Daryl; sister Darleen; and nephews Tate and Justin.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to be made in Gloria's honor to the Alzheimer's Association South Dakota, 4304 S Technology Dr, Sioux Falls, SD 57106 or online at <https://act.alz.org>

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