

*In Loving Memory*

# Beverly Ann Hanson

June 16, 1935

Faulkton, South Dakota

December 15, 2023

Faulkton, South Dakota

**WAKE SERVICE:**

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 19, 2023

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Faulkton, South Dakota

**ROSARY:** Catholic Daughters

**MUSICAL SELECTION:** "I Believe"

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 20, 2023

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Faulkton, South Dakota

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. John Short

**LECTOR:** Dawn Melius

**EUCARISTIC MINISTER:** Matt Schulte

**OFFERTORY:** Michael Uthe Family

**MASS SERVERS:** Sean and Rhyann Roseland

**PLACING OF THE PALL:**

Beverly's Children

**CASKET BEARERS:**

Dan Scheidel, Mark Melius, Troy Schaefer,  
Brad Hanson, Michael Uthe, and Eric Anderson

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:**

All of Beverly's Family and Friends

**MUSICIAN:** Jerry Bowar

**MUSICAL SELECTIONS:**

"Amazing Grace" "How Great Thou Art"

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" "Song of Farewell" "On Eagle's Wings"

**INTERMENT:**

St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery - Faulkton, South Dakota

We couldn't begin, To count the times  
She tolerated our moods,  
Consoled our heartbreaks & disappointments,  
Endured our ups and downs,  
LISTENED to words confused by tears  
And just simply understood  
For no other reason  
Than because **SHE LOVED US.**

The years hold  
*Precious Memories,*  
But most of all they hold growth.  
In a way, we grew up together...  
Mom is our definition  
Of a special person... Fantastic...  
Exceptional... Unique... Enduring!  
She filled our lives with **HAPPINESS**  
And sweet feelings that we will  
Carry in our hearts *forever.*

Beverly Ann Melius was born June 16, 1935, to Richard and Marjorie (Rohatsch) Melius at the family homestead in Faulkton. She was brought up on the family farm. She attended rural Melius Country School, and Cresbard High School, graduating in 1953. She furthered her education at the National School of Business in Rapid City, graduating with a degree in bookkeeping. On April 25, 1955, she married the love of her life, Roger Hanson of Faulkton, and together they built a beautiful life full of love and happiness. Into this union they were blessed with six children. Throughout life her employment included after college working at the ASC office in Faulkton, 212 Café, and was an in-home daycare provider.

Beverly was a woman of many interests, but her greatest love was for her family. For many years of her life, she was a stay-at-home mom. She had a love and passion for baking and enjoyed sharing baked goods with her family and friends. She would bake after school goodies for her children and their friends. Her children's friends would call her mom, and that warmed her heart. Her caramel rolls, homemade bread, buns, and goulash were regularly requested at family gatherings.

Beverly attended all activities and school functions for her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed bowling, playing cards with her friends who called themselves the 'Golden Girls. She made crafts of all kinds and took great pleasure in sharing those crafts with many people throughout her life. She was an avid collector of nick knacks and filled her home she has lived in for 63 years with her many collections.

Beverly was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church, Altar Society, Catholic Daughters Court St. Monica #1436, Autumn Leaves Senior Citizens Center, American Legion Auxiliary for 35 years, Lifetime member of V.F.W. Auxiliary for 55 years, 4-H leader, Domestics Extension Club, American Cancer Society.

Beverly loved volunteering her time within the community, Bounty Bless, delivering meals and wheels, Helping with bingo and other activities with the residents at the Faulkton Senior Living Center. Beverly saved ample time to be active in the Lutheran Memorial Church quilters club that sewed thousands of quilts. These quilts were sent all over the state to different organizations and to those that were less fortunate. She continued enjoying quilting and socializing with her quilters well into her 80's until mobility ceased to make that possible.

Beverly was an avid gardener and if you visited when she had garden produce, you probably went home with something from her garden. She was always busy canning or freezing her garden produce. She spent many hours working in her flower beds. She would say it was therapeutic, and not work, there were many travelers that came through and would stop to take in the view of the beautiful flowers that could be seen from the highway that was located close to her home.

Grateful for having shared Beverly's life are her children: son Richard Hanson of Faulkton, SD; daughters: Cynthia Hanson of Huron, SD, Marilyn Hanson and Kathy Hanson of Pierre, SD, and Carol (Gary) Uthe, of Presho, SD. She was a proud and devoted grandmother and great-grandmother to Ashley (Eric) Anderson, of Spearfish, SD, Michael (Shauni) Uthe, of Lemmon, SD, Alesha Hanson of Sioux Falls, SD; great-grandchildren; Milo, Ace, Scottie, and Sutton; brother, Dale (Joanne) Melius, Sioux Falls, SD; sisters: Marlene Blanchard, Newbury Park, CA, and Karen (Greg) Schaefer, Rapid City, SD; sisters-in-law: Margret (Peggy) Schiedel, Yankton, SD and Mildred Hanson of Fairbanks, AK; and numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Marjorie Melius; husband, Roger Hanson; infant daughter, Patricia Ann Hanson; infant granddaughter Millie May Uthe; in-laws, Tim and Edna Hanson; brothers-in-law: Eugene, Nels, and Rochne Hanson; sister-in-law, Margret Hanson; nephew, Monty Schaefer; great nephews: Kyle Redden and Shawn Potts; and several aunts and uncles.

Beverly was a woman of grace and kindness; deep faith and love of family and friends, who touched the lives of many with her gentle spirit and love for others. Her memory will be cherished by all who knew her, and her legacy will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to be part of her life.

