

In Loving Memory

Wynette Maurine Bautz, the daughter of Wyatt and Marjorie Walch, was born on December 5, 1946 in Dickinson, ND. Wynette grew up in New England, ND where she graduated from high school in 1964. After high school, she attended Jamestown University and later Dickinson State where she received her teaching degree. Wynette taught in Wahpeton, ND, Mooreton, ND, and later in Gwinner, ND. In between, she was a favorite substitute teacher while she waitressed at Kelsen's Bold Venture in Lisbon, ND. Her joy was contagious. Her students enjoyed her and every diner got an extra serving of cheerfulness whether they wanted it or not. Kelsen's closed down not too long after Wynette stopped working there. Just sayin...

Wynette married her high school sweetheart, Juel Bautz, on December 28, 1966 in New England, ND, after dating for 6 years. They adventured together for 58 years. Two kids, lots of dogs, camping trips, motorcycling, and always taking every opportunity to connect with family and friends. Wynette's address book was thicker than a big city phone book and probably more accurate. She was a prolific writer and telephone talker, always planning the next time to see friends and family. Wynette would often sit down in the kitchen and page through her address book, always finding someone that she needed to call or write or schedule a trip to visit. She was infinitely interested in the lives of her high school friends, her college friends, her adult friends and her extended family.

Connecting with family and friends was always Wynette's first priority. Her second priority might have been shoes. And she loved the fact that she could shop in both the adult and children sections...more options! If you are reading this, there is a good chance that she asked you to go paddle boating with her at some point. And if you did, she probably showed you her rings and her carefully painted finger nails.

Wynette M. Bautz died on Thursday, February 7, 2019 after a long battle with Alzheimer's at her home in Alexandria. She is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Juel Bautz of Alexandria; sons, Travis (Michelle) Bautz of Alexandria and Justin (LaLonnie) Bautz of Dickinson, ND; grandchildren, Carissa Bautz of Alexandria, Tristan Bautz of Alexandria and Stacy Bautz of Dickinson, ND; brothers, Bob Walch of Erp, CA and Pat (Natalie) Walch of Rapid City, SD; cousin JoAnn Fredrich who was like a sister, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.



Wynette Maurine Bautz
1946 - 2019

Celebrating the Life of
Wynette Maurine Bautz

December 5, 1946 † February 7, 2019

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God 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, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that 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,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured 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 heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

Memorial Service

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Bismarck, North Dakota
Monday, February 11, 2019
11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend Bob Caranicas

Urn Bearers

(Wynette's Grandchildren)

Carissa Bautz Tristan Bautz
Stacy Bautz

Honorary Urn Bearers

(Wynette's nieces and nephews)

Graveside Service

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota



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