

Remembering the life of....

Roberta "Bobbi" Rice died peacefully on March 7, 2021 at the Fargo Sanford Hospice House. She had suffered a major stroke February 22, 2021.

Roberta "Bobbi" Fay Rice was born on October 24, 1941 to Robert C. and Mildred F. (Lee) Rice in Mitchell, S.D. Her family moved to Sisseton when she was a young girl. She graduated from New Effington, S.D. and attended Airline "Stewardess" School in Kansas City, KS. She lived in Washington, D.C. and then on to Los Angeles, CA and resided there for many years.

The next chapter of her life began with a move to Mississippi. She acquired her beloved parrot Alex Francis while living there. In the mid-'80s Bobbi reconnected with a daughter that she had lovingly placed for adoption at birth. She moved to Sioux Falls, S.D. to be closer to family in the late '90s. Bobbi was overjoyed to be Grandmother to Bethany, Brittany, and Jordan.

Bobbi worked for Citibank for many years in Sioux Falls. She was a faithful member of St. Joseph's Cathedral and active in many church activities. She later moved to St. Louis, MO to work for the Archdiocese of St Louis. Upon retiring from that employment, she and Alex Francis moved to Fargo, N.D. to live with her niece. Bobbi loved her family and friends and enjoyed gatherings and attending their events and activities.

Bobbi's final place of employment was for Sanford Hospital as an E.R. Admissions Registrar. She worked at the downtown location until the move to the new hospital. She acquired many friends among co-workers and known for her work ethic, sense of humor and wit, and bringing treats and gag gifts. She truly loved her job and her work family but decided to retire mid-December of 2020.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a baby sister Lola Lee Rice; granddaughter Bethany Harms; her brother-in-law Andrew Eide; and great-nephew Michael Torgerson.

Roberta is survived by her sister, Marjorie Eide; daughter Barbara Gray and her husband Jim; granddaughter Brittany Erickson and her husband Chad and daughters Cali, Dani, and Gemi; grandson Jordan Carter; nephew Steven Eide; nieces Andrea Eide, Joan Brewster and her husband Tom, and Mary Jensen and her husband Dennis; great-nieces and nephews: Christie Torgerson and her children Alyssa Smith, Nicholas Smith and Sydney Smith; Katie Torgerson Dunphy and her husband Adam; Michaela Vanderpol and her husband Chip and their daughters Paitynn, Sophie, and Vienna; Adam Jensen, and Scott Jensen and his wife Kamra; and several cousins.



In Loving Memory

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 Him 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 my peace at the end of 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.
But be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow!
My life's been full, I've savored much-
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't try to lengthen it with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me. He set me free!

Celebrating the life of *Roberta "Bobbi" Rice*



MEMORIAL SERVICE
West Funeral Home Chapel
West Fargo, North Dakota
Saturday, March 27, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Officiant

Fr. Phil Ackerman

Music

Rosalie Anglin, *cantor & pianist*

Hymns

"Be Not Afraid"
"May the Choir of Angels"
"Prayer of St. Francis"

Scripture Readers

Nicholas Smith, Kaitlin Dunphy
Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 23, I Corinthians 15:51-57

Interment

Woodland Cemetery Bryant, South Dakota