

Jacki McShannon Bertness went to her eternal rest on November 9, 2021, after a brief illness of Stage 4 cancer.

Jacki was the daughter of Ellis (Mac) and Shirley McShannon and was born at home near Crofton, Nebraska on November 27, 1960. She attended school in Little Rock, Iowa, graduating in 1979.

Her professional education was obtained at Buena Vista University for one year followed by three years of St. Luke's School of Nursing in Sioux City, Iowa. She proudly held the title of registered nurse.

In 1984, she married Marc Bertness in Little Rock, Iowa and then moved to Sioux Rapids, Iowa, where they lived and farmed. Jacki was the Director of Nursing of the Sioux Care Center for 30 years. Subsequently, she was a case management nurse for Stay-in-Home Healthcare until her passing. At the care center, a common refrain was "WWJD" or "what would Jacki do?", this was due to her professional expertise, common sense, and competence, leveled with a healthy dose of Scottish wit and humor.

Jacki and Marc traveled extensively, including trips to France, Italy, England, Scotland, and Canada plus many domestic trips in their motor home including Florida, Texas, and Colorado and points in between. Their weekends were spent in their lake house in Arnolds Park, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mac and Shirley McShannon, and her sister Lynn.

Jacki is survived by her husband Marc; sister, Gwen (Rodd) Holtkamp of Primghar, Iowa; 8 nieces; 1 nephew; and extended family and friends.

She will long be lovingly remembered as an ardent champion of animals, especially her dogs and cats. What would Jacki do? Love her family, friends, and her furry children.

In Loving Memory



Jacki L. Bertness

1960 — 2021

I will lift up my eyes to the hills,
where does my help come from
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord watches over you, the Lord
is your shade at your right hand.
The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from
all harm: he will watch over your life;
The Lord will watch over your coming
and going both now and forevermore.
—Psalm 121



We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service.

— The Family of Jacki Bertness

IN MEMORY OF

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Private Family At Later Date

First Lutheran Church

Sioux Rapids, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor Tonya Parsons

CANTOR

Rita Schau

VISITATION

Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 5-7:00 p.m.

Sliefert Funeral Home

Sioux Rapids, Iowa

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