

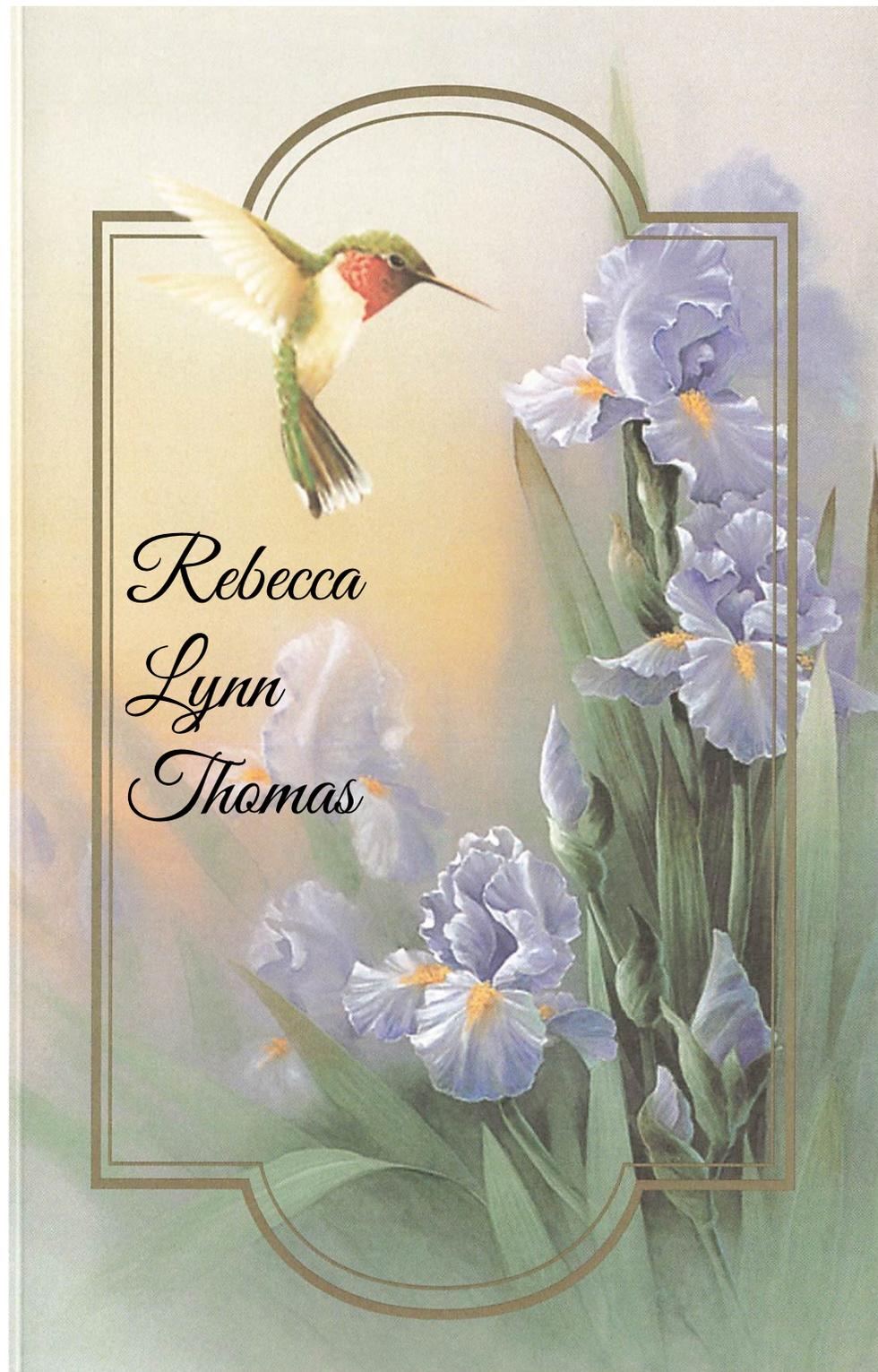
Rebecca Thomas, our dear wife, mom, Grammy B, beloved sister and caring friend, peacefully stepped from this life, into the next on May 23rd, 2020 while sleeping in her comfortable country home. Rebecca Lynn Fischer was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota on February 26th, 1957, the eldest of eight children born to Patrick Jerome Fischer and JoAnne Arlene Rudsenske. She grew up in the Twin Cities and, except for several years in Utah, was a lifelong Minnesota resident. On January 15th, 2004 she married Kelly John Thomas at Detroit Lakes and thereafter made her home at Hamden Township in Becker County.

Rebecca had a great love for humankind and a gift for recognizing opportunities to uplift. Nobody was a stranger and nobody was above or below her ability to touch their heart. Her love of nature enabled her to see the world with unending awe and to describe what she saw with the heart & words of a poet. She did not see pelicans in flight, she saw “silver wings undulating in the sky.” Nor did she see a full moon rising on the horizon. Through her eyes, it was “a pearl on indigo blue.”

Rebecca was never happier than in the company of her husband and thrilled at the opportunity to tend any—or all—of her grandchildren. Rebecca enjoyed feeding, watching & identifying songbirds through multiple windows in the Thomas home and raised a small flock of Buff Orpington chickens, which received her gentle encouragement during feedings and other visits to their coop. Rebecca could often be found tending her vegetable garden or artistically rearranging her flower gardens & shrubbery.

An active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Rebecca served in multiple capacities through the years, often preferring to work with the youth. She had a special talent for reaching the youth, often leaving lifelong impressions on them. Her most recent and final role was that of teenage Seminary teacher in her local Detroit Lakes branch of the church.

Rebecca was preceded by her parents, Patrick & JoAnne, and by her youngest daughter, Megan Arlene Aune. Left in the wake of her passing is her beloved husband, Kelly, of rural Audubon; daughters Jessie (Justin) Eisenlohr of Little Falls and Tylar Aune of Fergus Falls; grandchildren Jackson Eisenlohr, Maddison Eisenlohr and Kolton Stein; sisters Chrissy Hayes of rural Audubon, Shandra Beri of California and Deanna Mercer of Little Falls; brothers Patrick (Marta) Fischer of California, Michael (Robin) Fischer of California, Kelly (Essie) Fischer of Alabama and Casey Fischer of Howard Lake; also a special niece (niece) Kelly Rae Hayes of Fargo; as well as numerous nieces & nephews and longtime friend & “forever brother” David Chapin of Lakewood, Colorado.





In Loving Memory Of
Rebecca Lynn Thomas

*Entered into
Life*
February 26, 1957

*Entered into
Eternal Rest*
May 23, 2020

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, May 30, 2020 - 10:00 AM
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

PRESIDING: President Cook
CONDUCTING: Tom Risdal
CHORISTER: Natasha McJunkin
ORGANIST: Marissa Stewart

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome by Tom Risdal
Opening Hymn #136 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
Opening Prayer by Jamaica Schlauderaff
Special Musical Number "Never Been Gone" by Carly Simon
Special Message by President Cook
Special Musical Number "I Need Thee Every Hour/How Great Thou Art"
by Cael Schlauderaff
Eulogy by Heidi Oyster
Message and Special Musical Number "Heaven" by Kristina Story
Music and Lyrics by Erin Garrett Hatch
Invitation for all those who would like to share a few words
Closing Hymn #165 "Abide With Me; 'Tis Eventide"
Closing Prayer by Kevin Poore

PALLBEARERS

Stetson Becker, Greg Englund, Cael Schlauderaff
Thad Schlauderaff, Easton Stewart, Zakary Watchorn

INTERMENT

Grace Cemetery
Grace, Idaho

**Life is amazing. And then it's awful.
And then it's amazing again. And
in between the amazing and the awful
its ordinary and mundane and routine.
Breathe in the amazing, hold on through the
awful, and relax and exhale during
the ordinary. That's just living
heartbreaking, soul-healing, amazing,
awful, ordinary life. And it's
breathtakingly beautiful.
-LR Knost**