

Rita Kay Edland (Vanvig) 51 was born on June 15, 1968 in Beach, ND. Rita passed away at Sanford Health in Bismarck on December 26, 2019 due to health complications. She attended grade school in Fryburg and then when the family moved to the Vanvig ranch south of Medora in 1980, she attend Pelisser School and West River School and went on to attend Beach High School graduating in 1986. At the age of 13 she was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma, was treated and survived. After graduating and working in Medora for the summers she attended Valley City State to further her education. She then began working at Pizza Corner Factory in Valley City for over 20 years. While in Valley City Megan Leigh Markuson was born on February 9, 1997 to her and her first husband. Rita move back to Medora in 2015. Rita always enjoyed being around her cat, reading any mystery book she could get her hands on and just hanging out watching a good movie. When she felt adventurous you could find her out fishing or out driving around the country side with her soulmate Gary, or you might just catch her out tearing up the dance floor. She was a wonderful Mother to Megan and someone you could always talk to about anything. Rita met her soulmate Gary Edland in Valley City and was united in marriage on November 22, 2014 in Medora. In 2015 they moved back to Medora to enjoy life together. They had many memories in short time they had together. When they moved back to Medora she began working at the Cowboy Hall of Fame which she really enjoyed up until she passed away. Rita is survived by her husband Gary Edland, Medora; daughter, Megan Markuson, Valley City; parents Roger and Jeanie Vanvig, Dickinson; sisters Rhonda Lewellyn, Bismarck and Renae Praus, South Heart; nieces Kendra (Bryan Larson) Lewellyn, Moorehead, MN; Taylor & Shalee Praus, South Heart; nephew Dylan (Kelsey) Lewellyn, Lincoln and several great nieces and nephews; step-son, Christopher Edland & Family, Grandforks; brother-in-law, Lawrence (Eillen) Edland, Mandan.



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FUNERAL SERVICE:

Friday, January 3, 2020 1:30 p.m.
Medora Community Center
Medora, North Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

Thursday, January 2, 2020 6:00 P.M.
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Mike Pretzer

MUSIC:

Eileen Edland

PALLBEARERS:

Jayne Adams	Donovon O'Brien
Jamie Green	Dylan Lewellyn
Bryan Stotts	Rick Thompson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

Allen Hill	Tom Adams
Willard Swanke	Bud Griffin
Harold Schafer	

INTERMENT:

Medora Cemetery
Medora, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served at the community
center following the graveside service.
Everyone is welcome.*

*God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around her
And whispered, "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And saw her fade away,
Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*