

Born an Irish belle on July 18, 1939, Sharon Colleen (McNamara) Gjermundson was the third daughter of Jerome and Pearl (Schmidtke) McNamara, Watford City, ND. Sharon unexpectedly passed from her earthly life to eternal presence in Heaven in her home at Marshall, ND, on Sunday morning, November 17, 2019. At age 7, Sharon moved with her parents and older sisters from Watford City to Taylor, ND, where she attended school and graduated in 1957. In her high school years, Sharon was in choir, band (drummer!), and cheerleading; she was also an accomplished roller skater and baton twirler. It was at Taylor High School where she met Stanley Gjermundson, and they were married in Taylor, April 6, 1957. A town girl soon became acclimated to farm life as she and her husband, Stanley, worked and became parents while living on the Clinton Perhus farm/ranch north of Taylor. In 1958, the family moved to the Strand farm/ranch 8 miles northwest of Marshall. The Gjermundson Family grew adding four more children, and with determination, hard work, and the grace of God, they farmed and ranched there for five decades. In the spring of 1970, Sharon became the postmaster at Marshall, and the family moved to Marshall that fall. She often provided temporary services in area post offices at Dodge, Halliday, Dunn Center, Richardton, and Hebron. Sharon operated the Marshall Store and post office until she became postmaster in Taylor in 1998 and retired in 2009 at age 70. Sharon was a member of Marshall Lutheran Church, where she served as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent and held various offices in the women's group, presently serving as treasurer. As a member of the Taylor Senior Citizens, Sharon participated in activities and currently served as treasurer. In August 2008, Sharon was honored by the National Weather Service for 30 years of volunteer services as the Cooperative Weather Observer at Marshall, a service she still provided. Always ready to lend a hand in church and community activities, Sharon put the interests and needs of others first. Even when diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis at age 42, she continued caring for her family, friends, and neighbors. She was an accomplished seamstress, sewing western shirts for her boys and various clothing items for her daughters. Many of Sharon's grandchildren, as babies and toddlers, spent hours with Grammie at the store. Over the past 10 years, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have frequently been in her care. She was often the shuttle service for the kids to/from school activities. Whether a rodeo, concert, ball game or any activity in which the grandchildren participated, Sharon was there to support and cheer. Sharon's strong faith in the Lord Jesus saw her through life's joys and trials, and she was a loving and encouraging Godmother to Craig Elkin, Laurie Paulson, Carla (Gjermundson) Schriver, Amy (Gjermundson) Estrada, and Darcy Dressler. Sharon is survived by her husband, Stanley; sons Brad (Jackie) Gjermundson and Casey (Colette) Gjermundson, all of Marshall; and Lyle (Sharlene) Gjermundson of Halliday; daughters Tammy (Rusty)

Gilstad, New Salem; and Connie Gjermundson, Taylor. Her twelve grandchildren are Kane (Justene) Gjermundson, Hali (Bridger Bohmbach, Charleson), Kazanne, and Chesney Gjermundson, all of Marshall; Jori (Garrett) Peterson, Minot; Shaldon (Justin) Osterberg, Killdeer; Sadie (Tucker) Dale, Parshall; Marci (Rilie) Larson, Almont; Miranda Jansson (Matthew Neissess), Menahga, MN; Sheyenne Hill (fiancé Jordan Risher), Savanna Hill, and Colton (Michaela) Hill, all of Fargo. Her precious great-grandchildren are Hollynn and Jet Gjermundson, Marshall; Landon, Paetyn, Saje and Oakleigh Jansson, Menahga, MN; Truett Hill, Fargo; and baby Dale and a second baby Hill arriving in 2020. Sharon is also survived by sisters, Jackie Enderle, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida; Gayle Elkin, Taylor; and brother Michael McNamara, Dickinson. She also leaves Gjermundson in-laws Clara (Ingvald) Paulson, Larry Gjermundson, Paul Gjermundson, and Bob (Eileen) Gjermundson, all of Taylor; Sylvia (Bill) Wendland and June (Marlin) Rambousek, all of Dickinson; Olga Lingle, Circle, MT; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, loving neighbors and friends. Sharon was preceded in passing by her parents, Jerome and Pearl, her parents-in-law, Sven and Eva Gjermundson, several uncles, aunts, and cousins in the Schmidtke and McNamara families, brothers-in-law Clarence Hanson, Leo Enderle, and Evan Lingle, and infant granddaughter, Jasmine Leigh Gjermundson in 2001. May blessed memories of Sharon remain among her family and many friends, whom she dearly loved.

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July 18, 1939 - November 17, 2019





A Grandparent's Prayer

God you have blessed me indeed as the child I love has
had a child I love with all that is within me.

I pray that in your mercy you watch over and protect
my grandchildren as you have always done for me. May
their lives be long and healthy.

May they have the courage to follow their dreams and
should the day come when I am no longer on Earth with
them, may they look back upon me with fond memories
and may they never forget that they were and always
will be deeply loved by me.

Irish Prayer

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

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FUNERAL SERVICE:

Friday, November 22, 2019 10:30 a.m.
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE:

Thursday, November 21, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Tim Voth

MUSIC:

Dennis Paulson, Paulette Huber
Sonja Bergstedt, Casey Fredericks, Sid Stromme
Nola Hutchinson, Sharon Voth

READERS:

David Perhus & Keith Perhus

PALLBEARERS:

Curt Brinkman	Lynn Selle
Jim Perhus	Howard Perhus
Roger Gustafson	Larry Voltz
Kent Dressler	Kelly Dressler

HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

Tex & Pauline Appledoorn	Mike & Emily Fischer
Sid & Elaine Stromme	Gary & Mavis Jepson
Cliff & Marion Ferebee	Vic & Gail Goetz
Warren & Cheryl Smith	Norman & Judy Biffert
Lowell & Susan Larsen	Paul & Sue Larsen
Lynn & Leone Linseth	Armon & Peggy Wolff
Jim & Elva Lou Johnston	

INTERMENT:

Kyseth Memorial Cemetery
Marshall, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Dickinson, North Dakota

Lunch will be served at the
Beisot Activities Center
398 State Ave, Dickinson, ND
following the funeral service.
Everyone is welcome.

