

*Heaven must be beautiful
because you are there.*



In Loving Memory

*Barbara Jeane
Schell*

The disease took her away. Away from her family.

Away from her friends! Away from us!!

It took away her mind.

Although none of our love for her could be taken away,

So much of what we used to do together was.

When we look at her, we saw the same woman we always saw.

But if we looked deeper, inside her mind,

*She was a different person, not remembering
any of the things that we would reminisce about.*

She did not understand, and she did not remember,

So we just kept reminding her,

We love you.



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Celebration of Life
Tribute

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Barbara (Broneske) Schell, 75, of Apache Junction, AZ, formerly of Bismarck, passed away on Friday, June 27, 2025.

On September 26, 1949, in Riverdale, ND, Erma and Elmer Broneske welcomed their first child Barbara into the world. She was the fourth Broneske cousin born that year and they were referred to as the “49ers”. She was raised north of Turtle Lake, ND and attended a country school until the first grade. Her father went into road construction where they moved around until settling in Commerce City, CO. Barbara graduated from Adam City High School in 1967. Barb attended Bottineau and Bismarck State

College where she received an Associate Degree in Business Communications.

During the summer months she would stay with her grandparents Louie & Hazel Rasmussen in Turtle Lake where she met the love of her life. Barb married the love of her life, Calvin Schell, on September 20, 1969. Calvin’s job took him to numerous cities before they settled in Bismarck, ND. She was a stay-at-home mother to three daughters. She then went to work for the North Dakota Game & Fish where she was a secretary for the Enforcement Division. After 20 years, Barb retired and she and Cal took many trips during their retirement. After being snowbirds for a few years, they made their residence in Apache Junction.

Barb fought Parkinson’s Disease for 15 years and Calvin rarely left her side. He was the most devoted caretaker to her. Per her wishes, her body was donated for Parkinson’s Research hoping that someday soon there will be a cure.

She will be deeply missed for her great hugs, her contagious smile, and her love for family...especially her grandchildren.

Barb is survived by her husband of 55 years, Calvin; daughters, Chrissy Nelson (Pat Bieber), Melissa Stroklund, & Rebecca Schell, all of Bismarck; grandchildren, Jessica (Michael) Hogue of Grand Forks, Kevin Bontrager II of Fenton, MI, Isaac Schell of Rochester, MN, & Kayden Stroklund of Bismarck, and one sister, Sharon Sparks of Federal Heights, CO.

She was preceded in death by her parents, mother and father-in-law (Albert and Regina Schell), granddaughter (Alysha Vetter), several nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, & sisters-in-law.

May God bless the memory of Barbara Jeane (Broneske) Schell.

Funeral Service

Wednesday, August 13, 2025; 11:00 AM
House of Prayer Lutheran Church
Bismarck, ND

Officiant

Reverend Joel Samuelson

Musician

Rhonda Gowen

Celebrating the Life of Barbara Jeane Schell

Prelude

Words of Promise

Opening Song

“How Beautiful Heaven Must Be”

Opening Words and Prayer

Hymn

Eulogy

Chrissy Schell & Cal Schell

Scripture

Psalm 23

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

2 Timothy 4:6-8

John 14:1-4

Sermon

Hymn

“Amazing Grace” Red Hymnal #779

Apostles Creed

Prayers

Lord’s Prayer

Commendation

Recessional Song

“Jealous of the Angels”

***The family invites you for food & fellowship
in the church fellowship hall immediately following the funeral service.***

Graveside Service

2:00 PM, North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, ND