

Mary Jo Busta

Mary Jo "Bugsie" Busta was born on April 17, 1953, to Walt and Dorene (Winefelt) Busta, in Breckenridge, MN. She attended grade school at St. John's Parochial School in Wahpeton, ND, where she was also the class secretary. In July of 1967, Mary and her family moved to a farm where Mary was the happiest for the next 37 years. She was very active on the farm with her dogs, cats and horse, collecting old cars and yard work.

Mary was active in 4-H, and played rhythm guitar in the high school stage band. She was the first female in Richland County to work in a filling station.

In the fall of 1971, Mary attended NDSSS in Liberal Arts, she then enrolled in the LPN program, followed by a 4-year Agri Business Course and an auto body class. She worked a variety of jobs, which included St. Francis Nursing Home, Music City Center, Ron and Donna Sherven, her father's Texaco station, and the Super 8 Motel. In 1974 Mary became an EMT. She also taught guitar lessons, played guitar and French horn in Tilford Kroshus's Stage Band, and sang with the Wildcat singers.

In 2004 Mary moved to town, where she enjoyed biking and volunteered at St. John's Church.

Mary is survived by her brother-in-law, John Gagelin; sister, Jane (LeRoy) Stein; brother, Michael (Sue) Busta; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her father, Walter; mother, Dorene; close friend, Marian Saunders; her sister and best friend, Kathy; aunts, uncles and grandparents.

In her later years, Mary appreciated the support of her beloved Saint John's community and the close-knit neighborhood that surrounded her.

Mary Jo Busta
1953 - 2025



In Remembrance



THE TIME HAS COME for me to leave this life. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness which the LORD, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day.

- Paul's Second Letter to Timothy



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Born

April 17, 1953 | Breckenridge, Minnesota

Passed Away

February 19, 2025 | Breckenridge, Minnesota

Age

71 Years | 10 Months | 2 Days

Mass of Christian Burial

2 PM | Tuesday, February 25, 2025
St. John's Catholic Church | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Concelebrants

Fr. Greg Haman | Fr. Dale Lagodinski

Organist

Mary Jane Pauly

Cantor

Karen Kreller

Congregational Hymns

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" | "Ave Maria" | "Give Me Jesus"
"The Holy City" | "Song Of Farewell" | "Soon and Very Soon"

Pallbearers

Betsy Sitz | Muffy Meyer | Michelle Fehr | Linda Roob | Pat Keaveny

Interment at a Later Date

Calvary Cemetery | Wahpeton, North Dakota