

Lanette Stollenwerk, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, was born on March 11, 1953, in Breckenridge, Minnesota, to Henry and Ruth (Bontjes). Lanette's journey through life began in the rural communities of Breckenridge, Kent, and Wahpeton, where she attended Wahpeton High School, shaping her into the caring and compassionate person she would become.

For over 35 years, Lanette dedicated herself to serving others as a Certified Nursing Assistant at St. Francis Home. Her genuine care, unwavering work ethic, and compassion left a lasting impact on all whose lives she touched. Lanette had an extraordinary ability to bring comfort; her calm presence being a balm for many. In her professional life, as in her personal life, she was a wonderful listener, open-minded, and welcoming to everyone around her.

Lanette's life was rich with passions and hobbies. She had a love for cooking, a delight in camping, playing bingo, and cherished moments spent at the family cabin on Red Lake, Minnesota. Her spirit thrived with every trip she took, every garden she nurtured, and every bird or animal she encountered in nature. Christmas was a particular joy for her, with her talent for wrapping beautiful gifts becoming a treasured tradition among her family.

In 1977, Lanette married Michael Stollenwerk, and together they made their home in Breckenridge, where they shared many joyful moments until Michael's passing in 1991. In 1993, she found love again with Ronald Svard, partnering with him until his death in 2017. Throughout her life, Lanette exemplified the essence of nurturing and devotion, not just as a partner but as a mother to her children, Chad Stollenwerk and Jamie Rodriguez. They were her proudest accomplishments, and she admired them deeply.

Lanette leaves behind a legacy of love and strength. She is survived by her cherished children, Chad and Jamie; her "bonus children", Denise, Stacey, Shawn, and Kelly; her beloved grandchildren, Devin Delgado, Kaia Delgado, and Landon Rodriguez; and her two great-grandchildren, Athena and Brynlee. Also left to cherish her memory are her brothers, Larry Bontjes (Norma), Laverne Bontjes (Anna), and Ladale Bontjes (Diane); her sister, Linda Strand; and many nieces and nephews who will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael; her partner, Ronald; her parents, Henry and Ruth (Haslerud) Bontjes; and her brothers, Lowell and Lyle Bontjes.

As we remember Lanette, we celebrate her spirit, her love that stretched wide and deep, and her profound ability to connect with those around her. Her memory will forever remain a guiding light in the hearts of all who knew her.





God took the fragrance of a flower,
The majesty of a tree,
The gentleness of morning dew,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The beauty of the twilight hours,
The soul of a starry night...
The laughter of a rippling brook,
The grace of a bird in flight,
The tender care of an angel,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family's need...
Then God fashioned from these things
A creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece was through



He simply called it - Mother.



Lanette Carol Stollenwerk



Born

March 11, 1953
Breckenridge, Minnesota

Passed Away

December 11, 2025
Fargo, North Dakota

Age

72 Years | 9 Months

Memorial Service

2:00 PM
Friday, December 19, 2025
Vertin-Munson Funeral Home
Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Jeanne Putnam

Music

“Heaven’s Garden”
“Gentle Women”
“When I Get Where I’m Going”

Interment at a Later Date

St. Mary’s Cemetery
Breckenridge, Minnesota