

Sharon Rae (Beaudet) Gookin was born January 23, 1939 in Baker, MT. She was the second of three daughters born to Raymond L. and Mildred (Cate) Beaudet. In her early years Sharon and the rest of her Family followed her father's work around various places before finally settling in the Miles City area where she began attending school at Sacred Heart and eventually graduating with the Class of 1957. After Graduation, she began working as a Telephone Operator for the Mountain Bell Telephone Company then later as a secretary for the Miles City Mercantile. Sharon met Marvin H. Gookin a Cowboy from Ismay, MT and the rest is History. On February 27, 1960 she married Marvin and the two began writing their own Love Story. In 1960 Marvin and Sharon moved to Marmarth, ND to start working as Ranch Hands for Bud & Mary Lee Brown on the Brown Ranch. Marvin and Sharon were then blessed with two children, Kim and Jim. In 1970, Marvin and Sharon made the decision to purchase their own Ranch a few miles South of Baker, MT. While Marvin was running his trucking company, Sharon began working various jobs at the Fallon County Times Newspaper, The Ford Garage, as well as running her own Bookkeeping service for several local businesses such as Verke Refrigeration, KC Welding, K & R Trucking, Straub Heating and Cooling and the Gookin Ranch. When she wasn't keeping books or chasing her kids, she would help Marvin with anything he needed help with. Sharon was extremely active in the Community, holding positions with the Catholic Daughters/CCW-President, VCCW-Treasurer, SMART- Board of Directors, Eastern Montana Economic Development Authority-Board of Directors, Eastern Montana Landowners Group-as Secretary Treasurer and was also the Treasurer for the Friends of FMC Foundation. With Agriculture also being an important part of Sharon's Life, she spent many hours working as a 4-H Leader, FFA Alumni (Secretary Treasurer), Baker Cowbells, and the Baker Beef Boosters. Even though she was very busy offering her time to the community, she always knew that being a Ranch Wife & Mother was her most important role. Throughout Sharon's life, she was a pillar of Faith and very devoted Catholic and did her best to pass these values on to those around her, even in her final days, her Faith never wavered. Sharon also had many other things that brought her joy, including spending time with her family and friends, dancing, traveling, gardening, horseback riding and cooking/baking, Playing cards (including

her favorite game, Phase 10), attending Rodeos, and if there was some good Cowboy Poetry anywhere you could find her and Marvin (and sometimes their friends) on the road to attend. In early 2024 Sharon decided to finally retire to the Ranch to care for Marvin as his health declined and in October of 2024 she lost Marvin to Heart Complications. Shortly after losing Marvin, Sharon was able to do a few things that she enjoyed such as going on walks in the hills on the ranch, spending time with her sisters, helping Kim feed the cattle into the early winter and had made plans to take a couple of trips to Florida and Arizona. And had made plans to go take a Trips to Florida, & Arizona. Unfortunately, in February, Sharon was diagnosed with Stage IV Pancreatic Cancer that aggressively took over her once healthy body. After a Valiant 47 day fight Sharon passed away on the First Day of Spring, March 20, 2025. Sharon is survived by her daughter, Kim Gookin of Baker, MT; son, Jimmy Gene (Melisa) Gookin of Miles City, MT; Grandchildren; Amber Roberts, Dusty (Zach) Elmore, Gus Cumber, Trista Peck, Kayla (Chris) Carpenter, Kateel (Landon) Melchor, 12 Great Grandchildren, Sisters, Shirley Gierke and Mary Bernadine Schieffert both of Miles City and Numerous Nieces and Nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Marvin Gookin; Parents, Raymond & Mildred (Cate) Beaudet; in laws, Samuel and Anna Belle (Johnston) Gookin. In Lieu of Flowers, memorials may be made to FMC Foundation of Baker, or the Outreach Clinic of Miles City, MT 59301.

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January 23, 1939 - March 20, 2025



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FUNERAL MASS:

Friday, March 28, 2025 10:00 am
St. John Catholic Church
Baker, Montana

ROSARY & VIGIL SERVICE:

Thursday, March 27, 2025 6:00 pm
Stevenson Funeral Home
Baker, Montana

CELEBRATING:

Father Baskar Raj

MUSIC:

Steve and Karol Zachmann

GIFTBEARERS:

Espyn Hostetler & Gresyn Hostetler

PALLBEARERS:

Turk Stark Todd Nunn
Doug Bruha Tom Nunn
Espyn Hostetler Gresyn Hostetler

PRIVATE INTERMENT:

Custer County Cemetery
Miles City, Montana

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Baker, Montana

*Lunch will be served at
The Fallon County Fairgrounds
following the Funeral Mass.
Everyone is welcome.*



MISS ME- -BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road
and the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free
Miss Me A Little- -But Not Too Long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once
shared. MISS ME- -BUT LET ME GO.

For this is a journey that we all must
take. And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan.
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good
deeds. MISS ME- -BUT LET ME GO.



Gookin Ranch
Est. 1970