



GOD saw you were getting tired  
When a cure was not to be.  
He closed his *Arms*  
around you and whispered,  
"Come To Me."  
In tears we saw you sinking,  
we watched you fade away.  
Our *Hearts*  
were almost broken,  
you fought so hard to stay.  
But when we saw you sleeping  
so peacefully, free from pain,  
we should not wish you back to suffer that again.  
So treasure her, Lord, in your garden of rest.  
For here on earth,  
**She Was The Best.**

*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF

# *Vickie R. Bratton*

OCTOBER 14, 1953 – JANUARY 31, 2025

**Services At:**

Trinity Lutheran Church - Cyrus, Minnesota  
Tuesday - February 11, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

**Officiating Clergy:**

Pastor Christopher Richards

**Accompanist:**

Keni Zenner

**Soloist:**

Jere Solvie

**Music:**

*Amazing Grace*  
*Softly And Tenderly*  
*What A Friend We have In Jesus*

**Interment:**

West Zion Cemetery - Hancock, Minnesota  
Spring of 2025

*In lieu of sending individual notes, we would like to take this opportunity to say a very heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone for your many acts of kindness and support during this difficult time.*

**Vickie Rae Valnes** was born to Raymond and Vivian Valnes on October 14, 1953, in Morris, Minnesota. She graduated from Hancock High School, Class of 1971. After high school, Vickie began working at Fingerhut in Benson.

On July 7, 1973, she married Daniel Bratton and the couple had two children, Jason and Jodie, and later divorced. In 2001, she moved to Morris.

Vickie worked various jobs around the area including, Varnums, the café in Cyrus, drove a Medivan, was a first responder in Cyrus, worked part-time at the University and retired from the South Cenex Store as an assistant manager when her health declined.

Vickie attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Cyrus and Faith Lutheran Church in Morris. She enjoyed playing bingo, bowling, sudoku puzzles, watching her grandchildren play hockey and baseball and spending time with her family.

Being diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis at age 30, Vickie became well acquainted with many doctors in the medical field. Eventually, it forced her into early retirement. She was a courageous fighter through it all.

Vickie died Friday, January 31, 2025, at Sanford Medical Center in Fargo, ND. She was 71 years old.

Vickie is survived by her significant other, Robert “Bob” Towner of Morris; children, Jason Bratton (Ali Lorensen) of Morris and Jodie Bratton of Morris; grandchildren, Nathaniel Bratton, AJ Santibanez, Rae Bratton and Benjamin Bratton; siblings, Richard (Caroline) Valnes of Eugene, OR, Betty Anderson (Rod Johnson) of Glenwood and Robert (Barbara) Valnes of Morris and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Vivian; siblings, Earl “Bud” Valnes and Harvey Valnes and brother-in-law, John Anderson.



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