

In Loving Memory

Susan Marie Schmitz was born on March 19, 1946, in Chamberlain, SD, to Carl and Gladys (Davis) Kiehn. She grew up with nine siblings and attended country school near Presho, SD. While working as a waitress at a roadside café, Susan would meet her future husband, Donald Schmitz, Sr., while he was working on construction in the area. The couple were married on March 7, 1963, in Pierre, SD and went on to have six children. The family lived in Trenton, Nebraska and St. Paul, Nebraska before they moved to Boyd, MN.

Susan worked a variety of jobs in Boyd, including at the liquor store and grocery store, before spending 32 years as a cutter at Clarkfield Outdoors. In her free time, Susan enjoyed camping, reading, word finds, puzzles, sewing, and watching Gunsmoke. She will be remembered by her family for liking her grandchildren more than her kids, and her great-grandchildren even more than her grandchildren.

On Thursday, April 3, 2025, Susan died at Johnson Memorial Health Services in Dawson with family by her side. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald; sons, Mike Schmitz and Donald “Pork” Schmitz, Jr.; granddaughter, Danielle; great-grandson, Zander; son-in-law, Daryl Hermanson; sister, Connie Moore; brother, Curt Kiehn; and brother-in-law, Perry Stout.

Susan is survived by her children: Missy Hermanson, Tim (Carin) Schmitz, Troy (Michelle) Schmitz, and Mandy (Craig) Clark; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 7 siblings, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of a thank you card, please accept our sincere thanks and gratitude for the cards, condolences, and time spent today sharing your memories of Susan. The kind sentiments and gestures will not be forgotten.

~The Family of Susan Schmitz



Susan Marie Schmitz

1946~ 2025

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

In Memory of

Susan Marie Schmitz

March 19, 1946



April 3, 2025

Memorial Service

Trinity Lutheran Church

Boyd, Minnesota

Friday, April 11th, 2025

11:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Bob Knutson

Organist

Mavis Hutt

Urnbearers

Brooklyn Schmitz

Trevor Hermanson

Garrett Schmitz

Tyler Hermanson

Nicholas Schmitz

Honorary Urnbearers

All of Susan's grandchildren & great-grandchildren

Interment

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Boyd, MN

