



A Rose Once Grew

*A rose once grew where all could see,
Sheltered beside a garden wall.
And, as the days passed swiftly by,
It spread it's branches, straight and tall...
One day, a beam of light shone through
A crevice that had opened wide
The rose bent gently towards its warmth
Then passed beyond to the other side...
Now, you who deeply feel its loss,
Be comforted – the rose blooms there –
Its beauty even greater now,
Nurtured by God's own loving care.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Bonita Joyce Nelson

WHO WAS BORN

March 25, 1940

Madison, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

March 11, 2024

Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, March 15, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.

Mundwiler Funeral Home Chapel

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Jan Eifealtdt

MUSICIAN

Brady Nelson

CASKET BEARERS

Derek Nelson | Melissa Nelson | Brady Nelson | Cory Powell

Corie McHale | Adam McHale

Camryn Prondzinski | John Prondzinski

INTERMENT

Revillo Cemetery

Revillo, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Bonita's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for food and fellowship in the Grant-Deuel School building.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home

Milbank, South Dakota

Bonita Joyce (Bunting) Nelson was born on March 25, 1940, in Madison, MN. She was the daughter of Walter and Pearl (Nelson) Bunting. Bonita grew up northeast of Albee, SD, attended country school in Vernon Township of Grant County. She later attended Revillo High School, graduating in 1958.

On April 14, 1960, Bonita was united in marriage with Neiland Nelson. Together, they were blessed with three children.

Throughout her life, Bonita exhibited a profound commitment to education and service. As a dedicated secretary in the Grant-Deuel School system for 22 years, she touched the lives of countless students and staff members with her dedication and kindness. Once a teacher herself, Bonita's passion for learning and growth was evident in all she did.

Apart from her professional successes, Bonita was also a dedicated mother, wife, grandmother, and volunteered as the township clerk.

Bonita's love for the simple joys of life was unending. Whether tending to her garden, embarking on bus tours, or exploring new destinations through travel, she found happiness in every moment. Her love for nature, books, dance, and fishing reflected her vibrant spirit and zest for life.

Left to cherish Bonita's memory are her husband of 63 years, Neiland Nelson of Revillo, SD; son, Paul (Lori) Nelson of Strandburg, SD; daughter, Holly (Randy) Peterson of Lakeville, MN; four grandchildren: Derek (Melissa) Nelson, Brady Nelson (Cory Powell), Corie (Adam) McHale, and Camryn (John) Prondzinski; six great-grandchildren: Draper Nelson, Mayda Nelson, Dirks Nelson, Decker Nelson, Hailey Prondzinski, and Emily Prondzinski; brother, Gordon (Gail) Bunting; and sister, Ellen (Dennis) Guldán.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Walter and Pearl Bunting; and son, Brian Nelson.

