



Celebrating THE *Life* OF
Sheila M. Kaelin

JULY 18, 1965 – JANUARY 11, 2025

Letting Go

The Angels gathered near your bed,
so very close to you,
For they knew the *pain and suffering*
that you were going through.

I thought about so many things,
as I held tightly to your hand.
Oh, HOW I WISHED that you were strong
and happy once again.

But your eyes were looking homeward,
to that place beyond the sky.
Where JESUS held His outstretched arms,
it was time *to say goodbye.*

I struggled with my SELFISH THOUGHTS,
for I wanted you to stay.
So we could walk and talk again,
like we did - just yesterday.

But JESUS KNEW THE ANSWER,
and I knew He loved you so.
So I gave to you life's greatest gift,
the gift of letting go.

Now my heart will carry MEMORIES
of the love you gave to me
Until we meet again in heaven,
where the best is yet to be.

Services At:

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Starbuck, Minnesota
Friday, January 24, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Don Swenson
S.A.M. Synod Authorized Minister

Musician:

Dee Syverson

Music:

"In The Garden"
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
"In The Arms Of An Angel"
by Sarah McLachlan

Urn Bearers:

Nick Peters and Casey Barkeim

Honorary Urn Bearers:

Charlie Drozdowicz, Ella Drozdowicz, Lillian Drozdowicz
Alex Klimek, Callie Johnshoy, Cassidy Johnshoy, Cierra Johnshoy

Interment:

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery
Starbuck, Minnesota

Sheila Marie Johnshoy was born in Glenwood, Minnesota on July 18, 1965, the daughter of Robert and Mary (Olson) Johnshoy. She grew up on a dairy farm southwest of Starbuck. She graduated from Starbuck High School, Class of 1984.

Following her schooling, she moved to Roseville, MN, and worked at Menasha Packaging for over ten years. During this time, she met Neil Kaelin and the couple was married on August 20, 1994 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural Starbuck. Sheila and Neil made their home in Zimmerman where Sheila worked at various jobs in the surrounding area.

Being a near carbon copy of her mother, Sheila enjoyed gardening, canning, fishing, making lefsa and playing pull tabs. She and Neil also enjoyed making wine together from the grape vines on their property. Sheila was a caring person and could strike up a conversation with anyone. She dearly loved her grandchildren and nieces and nephew.

Sheila Kaelin died of natural causes on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at her home having reached the age of 59.

Sheila is survived by her siblings, Roxanne (Ken) Spore of Starbuck, Kyle (Lisa) Johnshoy of Starbuck and Carrie (Johnshoy) Glass of Lancaster, SC; step-daughter, Lisa (Doug) Drozdowicz of Madison, WI; grandchildren, Charlie, Ella and Lillian Drozdowicz; nieces and nephew, Nick (Connor) Peters, Alex Klimek, Casey (Lee) Barkeim, Callie Johnshoy, Cassidy Johnshoy and Cierra Johnshoy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Neil Kaelin (4/20/2023) and her parents, Robert and Mary Johnshoy.

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