

***Funeral Service***

Wednesday, November 12, 2025  
10:00 AM  
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church  
Huron, South Dakota

***Officiant***

Rev. Phill Andreasen  
Rev. Scott Spiehs

***Music***

Julie Kropuenske — Pianist  
- Congregational Hymns -  
*How Great Thou Art*  
*Amazing Grace*  
*On Eagle's Wings*  
*Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

***Casket Bearers***

Kelly Bauer  
Gerrit Merriam  
Connor Merriam  
Ross Sundeen  
Lonnie Roth  
Steve Roth

***Interment***

Restlawn Memory Gardens Mausoleum  
Huron, South Dakota

*“Her children rise up  
and call her blessed;  
her husband also,  
and he praises her:  
‘Many women have  
done excellently  
but you surpass them all.’”*  
*(Proverbs 31:28-29)*



***In Loving Memory***



**Wanelda Merriam**

**October 10, 1943**

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**November 7, 2025**



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Wanelda Jean Merriam was born October 10, 1943, in Lake County (Madison) to Delmar and Adeline Callies. She attended school in Howard from kindergarten through her graduation in 1961 from Howard High School.



She married Allen Merriam on August 11, 1961, and they moved to Huron where she spent the remainder of her life. The couple raised three sons and a daughter.

The Merriams attended Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. Her faith played a major role in her life along with her pride in being a wife, homemaker, mom, grand-mother and great grandmother.

Early on in their marriage, Wanelda was a stay at-home mom and continued with those duties until her children had either completed



or nearly completed elementary school.

Her work experience out of the home included the Huron Public Schools Lunch Program, Randall's grocery, Raven's, Nordby Center and BankFirst. She also spent countless hours attending her children and grandchildren's athletic and other activities.

Wanelda is survived one daughter, Tricia (Ross) Sundeen of Watford City, North Dakota; three sons, Rodney (Misti) Merriam of Sioux Falls, Roger (Kris) Merriam of Watertown and Troy (Carrie) Merriam of Huron; ten grandchildren; Maddie (Alex) Schnell, Connor Merriam, Brittany (Justin) Schwiager, Quinn Merriam, Mollie Merriam (Jordan), Gerrit Merriam (Betty), Chrystal Merriam, Olivia (Tommy) Dwyer, Addison



Sundeen (Casey) and Avery (John William) Suter; nine great-grandchildren, Graham, Jax, Blakely, Cortland, Lavin, Rheap, Rossi, Maeve and Elin; and sister, Connie Roth of Mitchell.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

Wanelda passed away in her sleep on Friday, November 7, 2025, at the Avantara Nursing Home, at the age of 82 years and 27 days.

