

For Those I Love, For Those Who Love Me...

When I am gone, release me, let me go -

I have so many things to say and do,

You musn't tie yourself to me with tears.

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love you can only guess,

How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown.

But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve awhile for me if you must

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for awhile that we must part

So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near -

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear

All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile, and "Welcome Home."



In Loving Memory of

Naomi R. Scales

May 13, 1944 ~ October 26, 2025

Celebration of Life Service

Hickey Funeral Chapel, Chamberlain, SD

6:00 p.m., Friday, October 31, 2025

Officiating

Pastor Aaron Stephens

Interment

Riverview Cemetery, Chamberlain, SD

Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD

Beloved mom, grandma, friend, and the unofficial mayor of everywhere she went

Naomi Scales, 81, passed away peacefully, surrounded by love.

Born in Ohio, Naomi made her home in Chamberlain, South Dakota, in 1972. Just a year later, in March of 1973, she married Joe Scales, beginning a life filled with love, laughter, and more than a few spirited debates.

Naomi never met a stranger — only people she hadn't charmed yet. Over the years, she managed several businesses in Chamberlain, transforming workplaces into extended families. Whether you knew her as your boss, your neighbor, or the friendly face behind the counter, chances are she remembered your name, your kids' names.

After Joe passed away, she was lucky enough to find Russ Davis and they moved to Sheridan, Wy. Russ brought her many years of companionship, warmth and joy to her later years.

She is survived by her children: Denzel Sipes, San Diego, CA, Troy Sipes (Roxanne), Mitchell, SD, and JoLee Frederiksen (Mike), Elkton, SD, who carry forward her wit, wisdom, and just a touch of her stubborn streak. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren — Ray, Brittney, Paige, Kevin, Tyler, Tea, and Ethan — and her great-grandchildren: Spencer, Shaymus, and Beau, who will grow up hearing stories about a great-grandma who could outtalk, outbake, and out love just about anyone.

Naomi was the kind of person who made life better simply by being in it. She was quick with a joke, generous with her time, and always ready with a cup of coffee and a listening ear. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her stories, laughter, and love live on in everyone lucky enough to have known her.



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