



Susan "Sue" Marie Dow (née Slinde), 80, passed on Monday, June 2, 2025, following a swift, courageous battle with brain cancer.

Born to Arnold and June (née Cormack) Slinde in Fargo, ND, Sue grew up on the 'north side' graduating from Fargo Central High School in 1962. She attended Moorhead State University and graduated from Dunphy Associated Business School. She married Gerald "Jerry" Dow on July 5, 1969, at St Mark's Lutheran Church.

Sue's career was marked by dedication and professionalism in her roles at BCBS ND, Bismarck School District, North Dakota State Tax Department and Millard School District. She leaned into her love of fashion and retail at Herbst Department Store as a young woman and later in retirement at Herberger's Department Store in Moorhead with co-workers who were much like a second family. She served as a Board Member for Dakota Del-Co Credit Union and was actively serving in leadership roles on First Lutheran's Church Council and her neighborhood association at the time of her passing.

A long-time member of Heather and Thistle Pipes and Drums, Sue celebrated her Scottish ancestry playing bagpipes at the annual St Andrews Society dinner, participating in the Scottish tradition of the Kirkin' o' the Tartans and marching with the band in the annual St Patrick's Day parade and others across the region.

Sue lived her faith generously, sharing her time and talents with her church and local community organizations with a special fondness for the Pioneers, New Life Center and Emergency Food Pantry. She was happiest in the company of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and fur-babies; volunteering each summer at Medora; and enjoying her summers at the lake cabin on Little Pelican. Her vibrant social life filled her calendar with monthly card games, breakfast and lunch dates, lively gatherings with Good Grief Girls, and memorable 'girls' trips' to see Daniel O'Donnell perform at Hostfest. She was always game for a fun, new adventure and loved traveling near and far with family and friends.

Sue is survived by her children Jayne (Curtis) Dow Larkin and Ben (Heidi Bruns) Dow; grandchildren Cassidy (Bryan) Bokusky, Cody Dow, and Gillian Larkin; great-grandchildren Gemma and Margot Bokusky; sister Shari (Ed) Franklin; brother Terry (Maribel) Slinde; sister-in-law Beverly (Irv) Aal; nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jerry; their infant daughter Jacqueline Daria; her parents; parents-in-law Vernon and Mildred Dow; brother-in-law Charles Dow; sister-in-law Laura Dow; nephew Douglas Franklin; and niece Debra Dow.

Sue's family extends heartfelt thanks to all her dear friends and extended family who visited and called, sent flowers, texts and cards and brought good food and chocolate along with First Lutheran's pastoral team and Abigail Circle, Dr. Jackson and Dr. Wiisanen at Sanford Health, Dr. Brad Bagan, PAM Acute Rehab, our compassionate home aides from Senior Helpers, Essentia Home Health, and the dedicated staff at Sanford Hospice House who all walked with us on Sue's journey.



Celebrating
SUSAN DOW
January 17, 1945 - June 2, 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 Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh 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've savored 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 hearts and peace to thee;
God wanted me now; He set me free.*



Prayer Service

Sunday, June 8, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - Fargo, North Dakota

Funeral Service

Monday, June 9, 2025 - 10:30 AM

First Lutheran Church - Fargo, North Dakota

Pastor Jessica McEvers - Officiant

Bill Tweten - Accompanist

Prelude
Thanksgiving for Baptism
Procession "Highland Cathedral" Heather and Thistle Pipes and Drums
Prayer
Obituary and Tribute Jayne Dow Larkin
Congregational Hymn "How Great Thou Art" LBW #532
"I Am Free" Terry Slinde
Psalm 23 Irv Aal
Special Music "Softly and Tenderly" David Ferreira
Matthew 25:31-40
Message Pastor Jessica McEvers
Special Music "Amazing Grace" Heather and Thistle Pipes and Drums
Creed p. 65 LBW
"The Lord's Prayer" David Ferreira
Congregational Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" WOV #752
Commendation
Sending
Recessional "Scotland the Brave" Heather and Thistle Pipes and Drums

Pallbearers

Gary Baem - Ron Butenhoff - Cody Dow
Gale Fossen - Ted Gangelhoff - Curtis Larkin
Delbert Spurgeon - Paul Wegleitner

Graveside Service

"Going Home" - Solo Piper
Barnesville Cemetery - Barnesville, Minnesota

All are invited to a luncheon following the service.