

"I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13



Tammy's family would like to express their sincere gratitude for your presence as well as for any memorials and flowers that have been gifted. The love, kindness and support that has been shown is deeply appreciated.

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF
Tammy Kay Watson



Memorial Service

Friday, August 15, 2025 - 1:00 PM
Hartquist Funeral Home
Pipestone, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Ben Payne

Scripture

Philippians 4:13 - read by Rylan Rouzer
Isiah 40:31 - read by Emmett Rouzer

Readers

Carrie Belkham Sarah Rose

Music

"I Can Only Imagine" - as recorded by MercyMe
"Lions" - as recorded by Chase Rice
"The Champion" - as recorded by
Carrie Underwood

Honorary Urn Bearers

Terry Halvorson Kevin Ross
Duane Amundson Kaleb Bigelow

Inurnment

Memory Gardens - Luverne, Minnesota

Arrangements by
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME

IN LOVING
Memory



Tammy Kay Watson

September 17, 1974 - August 9, 2025

For My Friend

Tammy, I see you, riding on the horizon,
Your hair dancing in the wind,
The sun warm on your back.
You ride with peace in your spirit,
And joy in your soul,
Singing praises to the Lord as you go.

I see the angels ahead,
Wings spread wide, waiting with open arms.
Heaven smiles as they welcome you home.

I see you dismount,
Walking into the embrace of Jesus—
Your journey on earth is complete,
But your life in Heaven has only just begun.

“Come, My child,” He says,
“Let Me show you your heavenly home.”

Tammy Kay Watson

Tammy Kay Watson was born on September 17, 1974, to Albert and Myrna (Sandbulte) Hoogland in Luverne, Minnesota. While growing up on the family farm, Tammy attended the Jasper School in Jasper, Minnesota, until the 8th grade. She then attended and graduated from Garretson High School in Garretson, South Dakota, in 1993. During her middle and high school years, Tammy participated in cross country and track, both sports that she holds records in. The foundation of her faith was built during her childhood years, as she and her family attended church every Sunday, sometimes twice a day.

In her early adult years, life brought Tammy to many different homes throughout the Midwest. Each home taught Tammy lessons that she carried throughout her life. On September 8, 2007, Tammy was united in marriage to the love of her life and her rock, William (Bill) Watson, at the Split Rock Park in Garretson. Together the couple moved from Garretson to Paola, Kansas – a move that was a pivotal moment in Tammy’s life. Her time in Paola was the biggest leap in her faith, a leap that changed her life in ways she never imagined. In 2021, Tammy and Bill settled down and set their roots in Mitchell, South Dakota where Tammy continued her dream of training horses, boarding them for others and giving riding lessons. Tammy was a member of Northridge Baptist Church in Mitchell. She regularly attended a bible study group, The Power of Blessings, weekly on Facebook messenger.

Tammy always saw the best in people and in horses. She had a gift of being able to speak and communicate with her horses without using words. Tammy’s gentle disposition, spunky personality and her feistiness were cornerstones in her relationships with her family, friends, the rodeo community and her horses. Her strength throughout the hardships during her life was a true testament of her faith. Her faith was always unwavering in her God – her Savior and her personal friend. Tammy passed away unexpectedly from a very rare infection on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at the age of 50 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Tammy is lovingly remembered by her husband and the love of her life, Bill Watson of Mitchell, South Dakota; her children, Samantha (Dylan) Rouzer of Jasper, Minnesota, Tanasha Watson of Ralston, Nebraska, Cheyenne Helm of Valley Springs, South Dakota, and Abby Watson of Vermillion, South Dakota; her beloved grandchildren, Emmett, Rylan and Leo Rouzer, and Brexlee Larson; her mother, Myrna Hoogland of Luverne, Minnesota; siblings, Terry (Nancy) Hoogland of Luverne, Jason (Paula) Hoogland of Berthoud, Colorado, Randy (Lisa) Hoogland of Garretson, South Dakota; her faithful dog, Skye; and her horses, Dezi, Chicky and Rosi. She was preceded in death by her father, Albert Hoogland and her mother-in-law, Betty Grause.



Tammy truly lived her life enjoying the ride and never fearing the fall.

