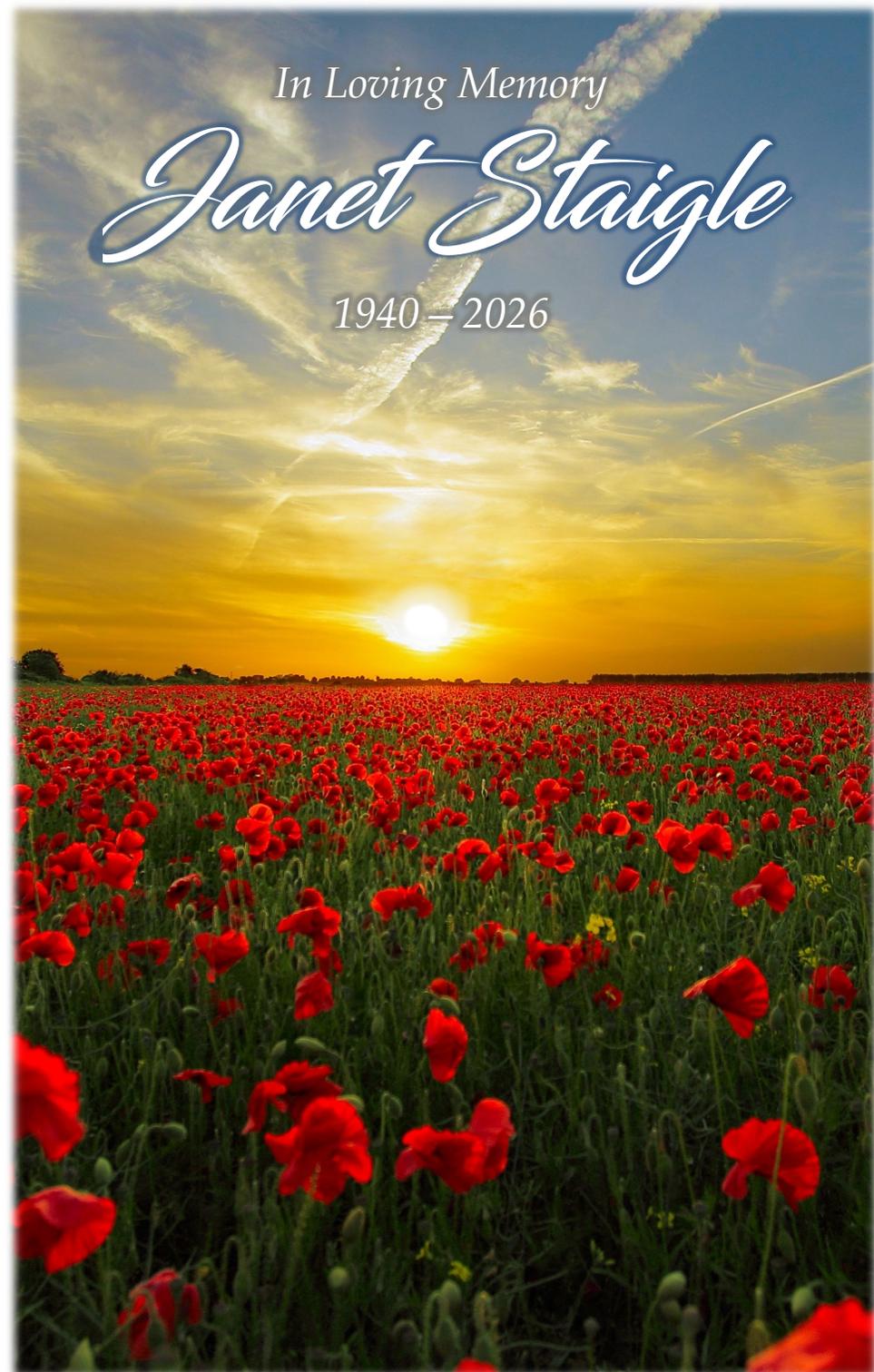


God looked around His garden & saw an empty place.  
He then looked down upon this *earth* & saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you & lifted you to *rest*.  
God's garden must be *beautiful*, for He only takes the best.  
He knew the *road* was getting rough, the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids & whispered "*Peace be thine.*"  
It broke our *hearts* to lose you but you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you the day God called you *home*.



*"Janet was born  
in this beautiful old house."*



Please scan the QR code  
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Celebration of Life  
Tribute video.





**Janet Staigle**, of rural Center, ND, passed away at home on Monday, January 5th, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Janet (Vellenga) Staigle was born to Dirk (Dick) and Adrianna (Jennie) Vellenga on July 16, 1940 in the home she grew up in. She graduated from Pettibone High School and then went on to college at Jamestown College. Shortly after college, she moved to Bismarck and worked at the State Capitol and at the Q & R Clinic. Janet was one of 7 children and had a twin, Joyce.

She met the love of her life, Charles Staigle, in the fall of 1960 on a blind date at a Halloween party. Janet and Charles were married on August 26, 1961, and through this union had 4 children; Wade, Lynelle, Myrna, and Wesley.

Janet and Charles farmed and ranched from the day they were married, including milking cows, selling cream for grocery money, raising sheep, pigs and chickens. They purchased their current farm in 1964 and moved into their farmhouse that had indoor plumbing in 1965. In 2015, they retired and sold the farm to their son, Wade, and wife Merri. Retirement didn't last long for these two as they tended to a large garden which filled their pantry. The produce that was shared with many. They were very involved in helping with day-to-day activities of the farming and ranching operation even after retirement, and were available for caring for grandchildren and great-grandchildren at the drop of the hat.

Janet was a very loving and caring person. It was her joy to welcome family and guests into their home. Her specialties were: caramel rolls, chocolate cake, popcorn, chocolate chip and gingersnap cookies, buns & fruitcake. She was an excellent cook. Her kitchen was her domain. Other things that made her happy were singing, music, watching "The Price Is Right" and "Wheel of Fortune", summer picnics, and snapping her gum. In the more recent years, they loved going to meet their friends at the Mandan McDonald's and Mandan Eagles. They could always be found dancing to favorite band "Erhardt Country" whenever possible.

Janet will be missed deeply by her loving husband of 64 years, Charles, of Center, ND; son, Wade & wife Merri of Center, ND; daughter, Lynn & husband Tim Hanson of Fort Ransom, ND; daughter, Myrna and husband Roland Schoon of Whitewood, SD; son, Wes and late wife Julie of Fargo, ND. Grandchildren: Daniel, Ethan, and Logan, Reed and Derek, Jason and Amanda, Cole and Nathan. Great-Grandchildren: Laramie, Conley, Hensley, Kennedy, Jayleigh and Maren, Benjamin and Levi, Luke, Grace, and Declan, Walker, and 2 more great grandchildren on the way. Sisters: Barbara, Kathryn, Joyce, and Dorothy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by Dick and Jennie Vellenga (parents), Harriet Hagel (sister), Richard Vellenga (brother) and Walter & Marianna (Mary) Staigle (mother & father-in-law).

The family also wishes to extend a special thank you to: CHI Hospital – St. Alexius, CHI Home Health & Hospice, Pastor Dennis Ristvedt & Chaplain Angie, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and Nurse Nicole Wolf.

<b>Prayer Service</b>	Friday, January 9, 2026; 7:00 PM St. Paul Lutheran Church, Center, ND
<b>Funeral Service</b>	Saturday, January 10, 2026; 10:30 AM St. Paul Lutheran Church, Center, ND
<b>Officiant</b>	Reverend Dennis Ristvedt
<b>Musicians</b>	Erhardt Country
<b>Reader</b>	Katie Henke-Simon

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**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JANET STAIGLE**

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Prelude	
Proclamation	2 Corinthians 4:3-4 Romans 6:3-5
Professional	"On Eagles Wings" Erhardt Country
Welcome	
Prayer of the Day	
Psalm 23	
Memories	
Reading	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
A Brief History	
Song	"The Power of Love" Celine Dion
Gospel	John 14: 1-3
Message	Rev. Dennis Ristvedt
Song	"Amazing Grace" Erhardt Country
The Apostle's Creed	
Prayers of Intercession - The Lord's Prayer	
Commendation & Benediction	
Recessional	"I'll Fly Away" Erhardt Country

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***The family invites you for food & fellowship  
at the church immediately following the funeral service.***

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~ Burial will take place at a later date. ~