



### *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took his hand when I heard His 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 the peace at the 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 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 to thee  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## *Heidi Jo Christenson*

WHO WAS BORN

April 24, 1957

Buffalo, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

December 27, 2019

Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 - 10:30 a.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Timothy Koch

MUSICIANS

Kristy Tostenson, Organist

Jacob Ebsen, Vocalist

Jim's Musician Friends

INURNMENT

At A Later Date

Milbank City Cemetery

Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Heidi's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for lunch and fellowship in the church dining room.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home

Milbank, South Dakota

**H**eidi Jo (Solberg) Christenson was born on April 24, 1957, at Buffalo, MN, to Ted and Darla (Johnston) Solberg. Heidi grew up in the Buffalo area and graduated from high school and college. She served six years in the United States Marine Reserve in Minnesota.

Heidi was married for 16 years before getting divorced. Later, she met Jim while working with Jim's son at Dakota Sewing Factory in Milbank. Jim and Heidi were married on August 25, 1996, in Milbank. They were blessed with 23 wonderful years together.

Heidi was a quilter and an artist. She had a tremendous zest for life! She loved riding on her own 1946 Doodle Bug motor scooter with Jim and her grandchildren. Heidi's family was everything to her! She adored her three grandchildren, as well as, her two children and husband, Jim.

Heidi was a devout Christian; she knew the Bible from cover to cover and read it many times over. If you had a question about something in the Bible, she would know the answer!

Heidi is survived by her husband, James "Jim" Christenson of Milbank, SD; son, Rory Pond of Aurora, SD; daughter, Lauren Pond of Milbank, SD; three grandchildren: Niah, Riley, and Alana Pond, all of Milbank, SD; her father, Ted (Jean) Solberg of Buffalo, MN; sisters: Bonny (Louie) Boeson of Maple Lake, MN; Sara Bursch of Buffalo, MN; Heather (Ron) Dick of Buffalo, MN; and Bliss (John) Benson of Minneapolis, MN; brothers: Todd (Donna) Solberg of Rogers, MN; and Shane (Sandy) Solberg of Cokato, MN; and many nieces and nephews. Heidi was preceded in death by her mother, Darla; and sister, Terry Ek of Kasson, MN.

