



Twenty years from now,
you will be more disappointed by the things
you didn't do than by the ones you did.
So throw off the bowlines,
Sail away from the safe harbor.
Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore.

Dream.

Discover.

-Mark Twain



Memory
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Kathleen Gail Hovde

Date & Place of Birth

August 28, 1946 ~ Minot, North Dakota

Date & Place of Death

May 29, 2016 ~ Rural Epping, North Dakota

Celebration of Life

2:00 pm, Saturday, June 4, 2016
First Lutheran Church
Williston, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Martin Mock

Eulogist

Pam Lambert

Reader's

J.J. Hovde
Todd Ringeon

Musicians

Beth Olson
Amanda Johnson
Bailee Bea Gabrielson
Sharon Anderson
Herb & Vangie Parker

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Kathi's Students



Hope Strength

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home - Williston
has been entrusted with arrangements and services



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August 28, 1946 - May 29, 2016



Kathleen Gail Johnson was born in Minot, ND on August 28, 1946, the daughter of Hjalmer and Clara (Mikkelson) Johnson. She attended grade and middle school in Minot and later attended Hillcrest Lutheran High School in Fergus Falls, MN, graduating with the class of 1964. She moved to California after graduation and attended Anaheim Junior College for one year. She then attended Minot State College, where she met her husband and the love of her life, John Byron Hovde, a Williston, ND native. They met on a blind date. When he rang the doorbell, standing at the door were two beautiful girls, Kathi and her sister Ruby. As usual, he was confused. But it was Kathi who was destined to be his bride.

Kathi and John were united in marriage on October 7, 1967 in Minot. They moved to Fargo, ND, where Kathi finished college at Moorhead State College and graduated with a degree in Music Education. Here began her legacy, sharing music in countless ways to many, many people. John and Kathi had two children, Kristen Trini and John Mikel (J.J) Hovde. While John was serving in the U.S. Army, Kathi taught at Wilkinson Elementary School in Williston, ND for a short time before moving back to Minot. When John returned from his service in Vietnam in 1972, they lived in Avoka, ND for a short time, and then the family moved to Fairview, MT. Kathi taught at East and West Fairview schools for 13 years.

In 1983, the Hovde's had the opportunity to establish a ranch east of Williston. In the summers Kathi spent her time working on her awesome rock and flower garden. It was admired by anyone who visited, especially her cats. She would go search the ranch from one end to the other looking for that special rock.

Kathi continued teaching music in the Williston School System for several years and retired in 2013. In less than two years, she was called to return to her purpose; teaching children to love music. She taught at Rickard Elementary until her mission was completed on May 29, 2016.

Kathi is survived her husband John, her two children Kristen (Kirk) Gabrielson of Atlanta, GA and J.J. (Tana) Hovde of Sidney, MT, five grandchildren Bailee Bea Gabrielson, Dylan Gabrielson, Trista Hovde, Wacey Hovde and Cedar Hovde, two brothers Roger (Leahanne) Johnson and Bruce (Betty) Johnson both of Minot, ND, two sisters Karen (Leo) Ringeon of Plaza, ND and Ruby (Randy) Naslund of Fargo, ND, sisters and brothers-law, Jean (David) Nelson of Williston, Dave (Jill) Hovde of Epping, ND, Doug (Kathy) Hovde of Grand Junction, CO and Jim Hovde of Williston, ND. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother David Johnson and her mother and father-in-law Martin and Mabel Hovde.

He
Rejoices
over me
With
Singing!
Zeph 3:17

