

Barbra Kennedy Johnson, age 79, passed away peacefully October 30, 2019 at Touchmark Memory Care Community in Bismarck, N.D.

Born July 20, 1940 to Viola and Angus Kennedy Jr., She was the eldest of their three born children and grew up on the family ranch east of Watford City, ND. Barbra attended Watford City High School, competed in rodeo barrel racing as a young woman, and served as Miss Rodeo North Dakota in 1959. She attended college at Colorado State University, attended nursing school in Sidney, Montana where she received her certificate as an LPN, and later earned her nursing degree from the University of Mary. Barbra or "Barbie" worked as an RN for several years at a hospital in Bismarck before becoming a Public Health nurse first at Standing Rock and returning to Ft. Berthold where she served the community for many years.

Barb was very active in the ranching community and with her family of Kennedys and Paulsens and she had a very active relationship with her nieces in their younger growing up years and continued to love and support them all as they moved away from North Dakota and started their own families. Barb was instrumental in organizing the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame located at Medora, ND and her grandfather, Angus Kennedy Sr. was one the very first inductees in to the hall of fame and later the entire Kennedy Ranch was inducted into the ranch section of the hall of fame.

June 2, 1989 Barbra was united in marriage to Melvin 'Jarrette' Johnson. They made their home outside of Mandaree in the Bear Den area and together lived out their individual, now joint, dreams of raising well-bred quarter horses and paint horses carrying on Barbra's family's quarter

horse bloodlines and introducing the paint horse bloodlines important to Jarrette. Many of those quarter horse lines from Barbra's history and of her cousin Larry Grantier continue into the program of Woroniecki Ranch Quarter Horses with Jodie and Warren Woroniecki and their family. Barbra became a beloved Auntie and Grandma Barb within their blended family. Their union not only blessed each other but those of their grandchildren and many others. They were the people who often gave many others their first horse. Barbie embraced the Native American culture and way of life.

Barbara was truly a 'Giver'. Caring and compassionate, if she had something and she saw a need in someone else, she never hesitated to share whatever bounty she had, great or small. She was a lover of animals and of people and she doted upon her loved ones, especially her nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband Jarrette, father Angus Jr., mother Viola, infant baby brother Angus III, niece Maura Newburn, son Frank Schumacher and her grandparents as well as numerous other aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by Gena Baker, Nona Carlson, Keira Adams, Jodie Woroniecki and their families; Shane and Jaimie Johnson and Jennifer and Luke Yeahquo; and grandchildren Cody Spotted Bear, Casey Rae Johnson, Cash Johnson, Cylee Dobbs, Jace Johnson, KaCee Lee McPhearson, Brittany Johnson, Troy Johnson, Sierra Ventresca, Jessy Yeahquo, LJ Yeahquo and Jeremiah Yeahquo and their families.

Memorial gifts may be made to the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame at 250 Main Street, Medora, ND 58645

# *In Loving*

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## M E M O R Y



***Barbra Kay Kennedy Johnson***  
*July 20, 1940 ~ October 30, 2019*



# *Barbra Kay Kennedy Johnson*

*Born to Angus & Viola Kennedy  
July 20, 1940~North Dakota*

*Passed Away  
October 30, 2019~Bismarck, North Dakota*

*Services  
10:00AM Saturday November 2, 2019  
First Lutheran Church  
Watford City, North Dakota*

*Officiating  
Pastor Mark Honstein*

*Music  
Caroline Schwartz     Garrett Gudmunsen*

*Casketbearers  
Cash Johnson, Troy Johnson, Brandon Johnson,  
Jace Johnson, Myron Johnson & Bennie Johnson*

*Honorary Casketbearers  
All of Barbra's Cousins, Friends & the North  
Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Community*

*Final Resting Place  
Johnson Family Cemetery  
Father Roger Synek, Presiding*

*A luncheon will be served at the church following  
the funeral.*

*Arrangements By  
Fulkerson-Stevenson Funeral Home*

