

# The Chain

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We knew little that morning  
That God was going to call your name.

In life we **loved you dearly.**  
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,

You did not go alone,

For part of us went with you,

That day God called you **HOME.**

You left us  
*peaceful memories,*

Your love is still our guide:

And though we cannot see you,

You are **ALWAYS** at our side.

Our family chain is broken,

And nothing seems the same,

But as God calls us one by one

The chain will link again



## *In Loving Memory Of Barbara "Barb" Craig*

**Born to Kathryn "Katie" (Zupanik) and Fred Hansen**

September 6, 1942 ~ Baker, Montana

### **Returned to Heaven**

March 10, 2023 ~ Sidney, Montana

### **Memorial Services**

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 11:00 am

Pella Lutheran Church ~ Sidney, Montana

*Luncheon to Follow at the Church*

### **Officiating**

Pastor Tim Tharp

Pastor Barb Haugerud

### **Casketbearers**

Daniel King

Carson Propp

Brad Edinger

Justin King

Raymond Hegle

Kelly Bahls

### **Ushers**

Alia King

Bert "Buzz" Suko

### **Honorary Casketbearers**

Titus Edinger     Atlas Edinger

Gabe Stokeling     Theodore Partridge

### **Visitation**

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fulkerson Stevenson Memorial Chapel ~ Sidney, MT

### **Arrangements By**

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Sidney, MT



*In Loving*  
M E M O R Y

*Barbara "Barb" Craig*

*September 6, 1942 - March 10, 2023*

Beloved Mother and Grandmother, Barbara "Barb" E. Craig, 80, of Sidney MT, passed away on March 10th surrounded by her family.

Barb was born on September 6, 1942 to Fred and Kathryn "Katie" (Zupanik) Hansen in Baker, MT. The family moved to Rhame, ND in 1948 right before Barb started her first year of school. She attended Mound School, a one room country school within walking distance from their home. Of course, Barb never missing the opportunity to remind her children that they walked to school, uphill, both ways. Barb graduated from Rhame High School in 1960 and attended Dickinson State University, graduating with an Elementary Education degree.

As a child, Barb was raised on a cattle ranch and enjoyed spending her time roaming the country side with her siblings. Barb enjoyed many outdoor adventures being rambunctious with her brother Gale, sister Bev and close neighbors. Always imaginative and competitive, the kids entertained themselves with stick pony races, riding horses, chasing chickens and bottle feeding their calves. Mom always said the highlight of the week was traveling to Baker to visit her candy doting Aunt Audrey.

Barb's strength, compassion and love never wavered as she raised three loving children. Kimberly, 1968; Jason, 1969 and Jami in 1978. She was totally dedicated to her children in all aspects of their lives. Her devotion and love expanding with the addition of her grandchildren.

Barb moved to Sidney in 1962 to teach at Central Elementary. Later, she worked at the Chamber of Commerce before working at Sidney Job Service for 30+ years. Barb loved serving the public and extending her generosity to those in need. In retirement, Barb, void of idle hands, worked at Fulkerson Funeral Home and Party Central, as well as numerous hours volunteering in the community.

A strong-willed woman with her head held high, determination in her heart and Folgers in her veins, Barb was always full of grace and class, never stepping out without looking her best. She loved to cook and kept an immaculate house. Always a farm girl at heart, she had a passion for gardening. She truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures; chatting with friends and family and spending time with her grandchildren. Barb was well renowned for her patience, although she never held back an opinion and had a knack for telling it how it was. Until her health made it impossible, Barb remained active in the Pella Lutheran Church.

Barb spent her last 4 years at Savage Sunrise Manor enjoying crafts while visiting fellow residents and staff. Barb's favorite part of her day was drinking coffee and absorbing Mary's "gossip." Staying busy 'til the end, Barb continued to enjoy her hobby of gardening while at the Manor. The family wishes to thank the entire team at Savage Sunrise Manor who provided immeasurable care and support.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Katie; brothers, Terry and Gale; her infant son, Kevin; her beautiful daughter, Kimberly Suko; and her special friend Orin Anderson.

She is survived by her son, Jason (Patti) King; daughter, Jami (Trenlin) Propp; step-daughter, Stacy (Scott) Warner; son-in-law, Buzz Suko; grandchildren, Daniel (Ivy) King, Cheryl (Brad) Edinger, Shelby Suko, Lacey Propp, CeCelia Propp, Carson Propp and Alia King; great-grandchildren, Titus Edinger, Atlas Edinger, Theo Partridge, and Gabe Stokeling; sister, Beverly (Roy) Buckmier; sister-in-law, Marjean (Jim) Schultz; and numerous nieces and nephews.



*If roses grow in Heaven, Lord,  
Please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my Mother's arms  
And tell her they're from me.  
Tell her that I love and miss her,  
And when she starts to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek,  
And hold her for a while.  
Remembering her is easy,  
I do it everyday.  
But there's an ache in my heart  
That will never go away.*

