







Nita Ann Flatland was born in Watford City, ND on November 5, 1954 to William (Bill) and Audre Clifton. She was one of 4 siblings. Her family ran multiple businesses in Watford with a grocery store, truck stop, and the PDQ in Arnegard.

Nita graduated from WCHS in 1972 and went on to earn an Associate's Degree from Williston State College in 1974.

Nita married Lyle Flatland on November 29th, 1975, and they went on to have three children: Matthew, Amber, and Rebecca. Nita set up a daycare when the kids were young and once the kids got older, she moved to teaching at Johnson Corners Christian Academy until her kids were out of high school. Not only did she teach, but she drove the school bus faithfully for several years.

After the kids were out of the house she worked at Mike's Super Value and Larsen's Service Drug.

In the 80's she joined McKenzie County Right to Life and started the Right to Life Craft Auction which the family is glad to see has been taken up by others after she was unable to lead it.

In April 2014, Nita was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer, but beat the normal odds for survival and was able to witness the marriage of Rebecca to Daniel Reiff and the adoption and birth of 2 additional grandchildren (Abilash and Clara). The family also was able to enjoy a trip to Norway in 2017 where we met some of Lyle's relatives.

Nita loved traveling, crocheting, quilting, and enjoying time with the people in Watford and the surrounding area.

Lyle and Nita both accepted Christ as their Savior in January 1980 and they felt blessed to be surrounded by a strong group of believers in the area.

Nita is survived by her husband Lyle. Her children Matthew (TA) Flatland of St Michael, MN; Amber (John) Pankratz of Minot, ND; and Rebecca (Daniel) Reiff of Plymouth, MN and seven grandchildren: Noel Pankratz, Eli Pankratz, Bryn Flatland, Lael Flatland, Isaac Pankratz, Abilash Flatland, and Clara Reiff. Sister Laura Goff, Brother James Clifton, Brother Thomas Clifton and their families.

Nita was preceded in death by her parents Bill and Audre Clifton.

In lieu of gifts or memorials please consider a gift to McKenzie County Right to Life at https://mckenziecortl.org/donate



Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Mathew 11:28

