



In Loving Memory
CELEBRATING A LIFE

Marlys Granberg

Born to Roy & Joyce Tong

February 13, 1954 ~ Williston, North Dakota

Called Home to Her Heavenly Father

February 19, 2024 ~ Bismarck, North Dakota

Memorial Service

Saturday, February 24, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

Ray Lutheran Church ~ Ray, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Mary Dickman Parris

Eulogist

Leland Tong

Scripture

"Psalm 23" ~ "Ecclesiastes 3:1-8" ~ "John 14 1-3, 27"

Congregational Music

"In The Garden"

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Michelle Dolan ~ Pianist

Music

"Here I Am Lord"

"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

"How Great Thou Art"

Honorary Urn Bearers

Ray High School Class of 1972

Final Resting Place

Sunset Rest Cemetery - Ray, North Dakota

Hope Strength

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Tioga, ND



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Marlys Ann Granberg



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GOD looked around the garden,
And found an empty space.

He looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face. He put

His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful

For He only takes the **BEST.**

He knew that you were weary,
and He knew that you were in pain.

He knew that you would never
be well on earth again.

He saw the roads were getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyelids,

Peace be Thine. and whispered



Marlys Ann Tong was born on February 13, 1954, to Roy F. and Joyce (Hill) Tong at Mercy Hospital in Williston, ND.

She was baptized and confirmed at the Ray Lutheran Church. Marlys started first grade at the Temple School in Temple, ND. After that school closed she attended Ray Public School, graduating in 1972. She attended UND-Williston and obtained her License Practical Nursing degree. She started working as an LPN at

the Tioga Community Hospital in 1973 and worked there for 23 years before retiring due to health issues. As a senior in high school, Marlys became ill with Lupus which affected her kidneys. She received a kidney donated from her younger sister, Judy, in September 1977, which was a perfect match.

On June 12th, 1976, she was united in marriage to Grant Iwen. This marriage ended in divorce. She married James Granberg on June 4th, 1982. With this marriage, she gained three children.

She was a member of the Ray Lutheran Church and served on the Church Council. She volunteered at the Norsk Hostfest for many years. She was also a volleyball referee and line judge for the area schools. Marlys and Jim lived in Tioga for many years until moving to Bismarck in 2012. In July of 2023, they moved to the Edgewood Vista Assisted Living in Mandan. At the time of her death she was living at the Baptist Rehab and Health Center in Bismarck.

She lived her life to the fullest, always dreaming of a new adventure. She loved traveling, playing pinochle, going to Bingo, listening to Daniel O'Donnell and watching her families sporting events, whether in person or on the computer.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Jim Granberg of Mandan; mother, Joyce Tong of Ray; children, Rendi (Travis) Olson of Dickinson, Reed (Shelly) Granberg of Hamilton, MT, and Lisa Olson of Ray. Grandchildren, Halle (Kai) Bertilrud of Dickinson, Logan Olson of Minneapolis, MN, Reagan Olson of Tempe, AZ; Cooper Granberg, Mason Granberg and Austin Granberg all of Hamilton, MT; Hayden Slikker of Pilon, CA, Lucas Olson of Fargo and Abby Olson of Ray. One brother, Roy J. (Lynn) Tong of Plentywood, MT; five sisters, Arlene Sprinkel of Milbank, SD, Nancy Elliott of Greenwood, NE, Teresa (Barry) Johnson of Williston, Judy (Red) Knox of Ray, and Carrie (Leston) Johnson of Bismarck, ND. One brother-in-law, Tom Franklin of Destin, FL. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and one aunt, Cora Weyrauch of Ross, ND.

She is preceded in death by her father, Roy F. Tong; brother, Alan Tong; sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Franklin; brothers-in-law, Robert Elliott and Bill Sprinkel; grandparents, Orren and Cora Hill, Roy and Martha Tong, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

There Are No Tears In Heaven

NO GRIEF OF ANY KIND

I LEAVE THIS FINAL TEARDROP

To those I've
left behind

Though absent from

THE BODY,

IM PRESENT WITH

THE
LORD

THE JOY OF
MY SALVATION
is now my full
REWARD.

