

## A TRUE FISHERMAN

Knows when and where  
The fish are biting.

She rises up early in the morning.

Plying the water for that

*elusive catch.*

Waiting in the stillness for a nibble

A slight twitch in the line,

Expertly she reels it in—

A good fisherman

Knows a keeper when she sees one,

*She knows when to toss one back.*

And when to HEAD FOR HOME.



*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF

SANDRA "SANDY" LAFONTAINE

6.28.1959 — 7.20.2022

**S**andra "Sandy" LaFountaine, age 63, of Wahpeton, ND, passed away on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family.

Sandy was born in Belcourt, ND, on June 28, 1959, to Ernest and Louaine (LaVallie) LaFountaine. She grew up there for a short time before her family made the move to St. Paul, MN. After her formal education, she moved to South Dakota where she worked at a treatment center that focused on helping children. She enjoyed the opportunity to impact the lives of the adolescent and was incredibly gifted in working with the youth there. When she wasn't working, she loved participating in local softball clubs.

Throughout the years, Sandy worked for Service Master, Magic Casino, Essentia in Fargo, and Comdel. While working in Browns Valley, she met Dianne Schwagel, while working together. They hit it off immediately and were married on May 7, 2016. They moved to Wahpeton in 1999 and have resided there since.

Sandy had a heart for others and cherished her family immensely. She was witty and loved making others laugh. When she wasn't working, she could typically be found at Lake Traverse fishing with her spouse. Otherwise, trips to the casino or playing cards with her family and friends were always a highlight in her day.

She will be greatly missed by her loving wife, Dianne LaFountaine; children, Jamie (Marcus) Donnell and Jason (Alaina) Donnell; granddaughters, LaTaya and Stacey (Dylan); great-grandchildren, Aiden, Leighton, Jacksten, and Layla; mother, Louaine LaFountaine; and brothers, Irvin, Darrell, and Larry.

Sandy was preceded in death by her father, Ernest LaFountaine and granddaughter, Khloe.

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SANDY ANN LAFOUNTAINE



Born: June 28, 1959 ~ Belcourt, North Dakota  
Died: June 20, 2022 ~ Wahpeton, North Dakota

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Vertin-Munson Funeral Home  
Wahpeton, North Dakota  
12 p.m., Friday, June 29, 2022

**CELEBRANT**

Colette Barton, CHI-Hospice Spiritual Caregiver

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

All Who Knew and Called Sandy "Friend"

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

How Great Thou Art ~ Wind Beneath My Wings  
Dancing in the Sky

**BURIAL**

At a Later Date

*The family wishes to express their gratitude for your  
kind expressions of sympathy and for honoring  
Sandy with your presence at the service.*