

In Loving Memory
Colleen Mae Tank

When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken
Remember some good I have done
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun.
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way
Remember I have fought some hard battles,
and won, ere the close of the day.
Then forget to grieve for my going
I would not have you sad for a day
But in summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay.
And come in the shade of evening
When the sun paints the sky in the west
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best.

-Mrs. Lyman Hancock

Date of Birth
August 20, 1946

Date of Death
March 27, 2024

Memorial Service
10:30 A.M. Monday, April 1, 2024
Christ the King Lutheran Church
Ellendale, North Dakota

Officiating: Pastor Erik Weber
Keyboardist: Evelyn Fuller
Soloist: Michelle Mueller
"How Great Thou Art"

Congregational Singing
"In the Garden"
"The Old Rugged Cross"

Honorary Urn Bearers
Austin & Chelsey Tank
Samuel, Kristine, Harley & Roni Tank
Anna, Abby & Aden Elsen

Burial
Sunset Memorial Gardens
Aberdeen, South Dakota

Arrangements by
Hoven Funeral Chapel
Ellendale, North Dakota



Colleen (VanHeel) Tank, 77 of Ellendale, ND died March 27, 2024 at Benedictine Living Community, Ellendale. Colleen was born August 20, 1946 to James and Esther VanHeel in Sisseton, SD. She was baptized and attended Sunday School and Confirmation at Bethel Lutheran Church near Peever. She attended grade school at One Road #1 School District and graduated from Peever

High School in 1964. Colleen married Roland Tank on June 15, 1968 at Grace Lutheran Church in Sisseton, SD and later divorced. She moved to Ellendale in 1968 where they lived on the farm. She worked on the farm raising chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. She had a large garden and canned the vegetables. She helped with calving in the spring and with any other things that needed to be done. In 1992 Colleen began working at Ulmers Super Valu for 8 years during which time she moved to Ellendale in 1996. She then was employed at Fargo Assembly until 2015 when she retired. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, sewing, puzzles and spending time with the grandchildren and great grandchildren. Colleen was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Ellendale, Treasurer of Elden Township for many years, 4-H leader when the kids were young and helped on the farm, community and church when things needed to be done. Survivors include her children: Valerie Tank, Jamestown, ND, Julie (Michael) Elsen, Hecla, SD, Darryn Tank, Aberdeen, SD and Darryl (Deb) Tank, Ellendale, ND; nine grandchildren: Austin, Chelsey, Samuel, Kristine, Harley, Roni, Anna, Abby and Aden; and two great-grandchildren: Grayson and Oliver. She was preceded in death by her parents, infant brother Jerry, sister Judy and two grandsons Alex and Allen Elsen.



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