

## *Patricia Louise Goerger*

Patricia Louise Davis was born on January 22, 1943, to Embert F. and Agnes E. (Hafner) Davis, the eighth of ten children. She attended grade school at Barney #1, and high school at St. Francis Academy in Hankinson, North Dakota and graduated in 1961.

Patricia married Allan E. Goerger on February 2, 1963. They had four children: Lorena, Bernadine, Stephanie, and John. The family lived on the Wildrose Stock Farm, the Goerger family farm in Danton Township, where they farmed until 2017.

Patricia attended St. Mary's School of Nursing and was employed at St. Francis Hospital Laboratory from 1961 until 1965. Patricia also served on the St. Francis Hospital Governing Board for eight years. In 1986, Patricia returned to work full-time at Opticare in Breckenridge, MN, becoming co-owner of the business and working as an optician/contact lens technician, and office manager.

Patricia was very active in many capacities at St. John the Baptist's Catholic Church in Wyndmere, ND. She served with the Christian Mothers, chaired many church suppers, taught CYO for many years, and served as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector. Patricia took flying lessons and did her first solo flight in 1975. She and Allan were able to travel the world and hunted big game in Africa, Alaska, Mexico, Central America, and the western USA. Patricia loved to point out that she was able to drop more than a few of her animals with one shot. While all the children were still home, they formed the Goerger Family Bluegrass Band, and the family traveled near and far to perform. Patricia was always proud to tell everyone that while she didn't perform on stage, she was producer and manager.

Patricia enjoyed time with her 10 grandchildren. Some of the family's favorite times were the Grand Adventures that took them in an RV to the Black Hills, the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, and other natural wonders throughout the western US. Patricia was a free spirit who loved gambling, teasing her children and grandchildren, and bartering for goods of all kinds. As she would always say, this would be the greatest adventure of her life and she wouldn't have to pack for it.

Patricia is survived by her husband Allan "Tex" of 59 years, daughters, Lorena Goerger of Santa Fe, NM and Stephanie (Lenn) Goerger Sandahl of Fergus Falls, MN, siblings, Beatrice (Melvin) Foertsch, Gerald (Bernice) Davis, Doris (William) Reimann, Mary (Charles) Lenz, Embert (Donna McCauley) Davis; and her 10 grandchildren, Natasha, Monica, Nickolas, Alexandra, and Caroline Puetz; Kallan and John B. Sandahl; and Ethan, Michael, and Lucinda Goerger.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Embert F. and Agnes E. (Hafner) Davis, daughter, Bernadine (David Puetz) Goerger, son, John (Cathryn) Goerger and siblings, Lavern "Buzz" (Lorraine) Davis, Donavan (Lenore) Davis, James (Dolores) Davis and Corrine (Bernard) Gira.



## I am not there

Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep  
I am in a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the softly falling snow.  
I am the gentle showers of rain,  
I am the fields of ripening grain.  
I am in the morning hush,  
I am in the graceful rush  
Of birds in circling flight.  
I am the star shine of the night.  
I am in the flowers that bloom,  
I am in a quiet room,  
I am the birds that sing,  
I am in each lovely thing.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there. I did not die.

Mary Frye



# In Loving Memory of Patricia L. Goerger

## Born

January 22, 1943 - Breckenridge, Minnesota

## Passed Away

June 21, 2022 - Barney, North Dakota

## Age

79 Years 4 Months 30 Days

## Mass Of Christian Burial

10:30 AM - Friday, July 8, 2022  
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church - Wyndmere, North Dakota

## Officiant

Fr. Troy Simonsen

## Organist

Mary Halvorson

## Cantor

Melissa Quam

## Special Music

Angel Band - Goerger Family Bluegrass Band

## Congregational Hymns

Hymn # 196 - "Holy God We Praise Thy Name"

Hymn #446 - "Amazing Grace"

Hymn #432 - "How Great Thou Art"

Insert - "When The Saints Go Marching In"

## Interment

St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery - Wyndmere, North Dakota