

### LETTING GO

The Angels gathered near your bed,  
so very close to you.  
For they knew the pain and suffering  
that you were going through.  
  
I thought about so many things,  
as I held tightly to your hand.  
Oh, how I wished that you were strong  
and happy once again.  
  
But your eyes were looking homeward,  
to that place beyond the sky.  
Where Jesus held His outstretched arms,  
it was time to say goodbye.  
  
I struggled with my selfish thoughts,  
for I wanted you to stay.  
So we could walk and talk again,  
like we did just yesterday.  
  
But Jesus knew the answer,  
and I knew He loved you so.  
So I gave to you life's greatest gift,  
the gift of letting go.

### THINK OF ME

Heaven's not that far away,  
Look through your heart to see.  
That you'll come home someday,  
And forever be with me.  
Think of me when you're lonely,  
I'm sure you'll see my smile.  
God will send a happy memory,  
To comfort you for awhile.  
My pain is gone forever,  
He took away my fears.  
Please try to remember,  
I do not need your tears.



# In Loving Memory



# Judy Strong

March 17, 1960 ~ November 27, 2023

Judith Elaine Howard was born on March 17, 1960 to parents Harley "Junior" and Harriett Elaine (Sunderman) Howard in Clarinda, Iowa. Judy grew up in northwest Missouri attending West Nodaway High School.

Judy had many careers throughout her life including seamstress, dog groomer, and chicken farmer. Her most important job of all was that of mom. She loved raising her children and farm animals and everything that came with being a farmwife. She loved to garden and can her vegetables and produce. She enjoyed restoring furniture and other crafty adventures. She liked to fish and camp with family. Spending time with her grandchildren was also very important to her.

Judy married Danie Strough in Burlington Junction, Missouri in 2002. That same year, Judy and Danie moved to South Dakota. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Wolsey.

She is survived by her husband, Danie of Wessington Springs; her children, Corey (Kellee) Dawson of Burlington Junction, MO and their children Hunter and Haylee Dawson, Chad (Jacki) Dawson of St. Lawrence, SD and their children Harlee, Brylee, Kaylee and Shaylee Dawson, Lenai (Ethan) Heckenlaible of Ft. Pierre, SD and their children, Addysen, Hayden and Landen Heckenlaible, Dustin (Hilary) Hunt of Wolsey and their daughter Raelynn Hunt, Codie (Triston) Fox of Elmo, MO, Carrie Strough of Redfield, SD and her daughter Claire Grant, and Rickie (Anthony) Lowe of Clarinda, IA and their children Braxton and Patricia Lowe; two brothers, Randy Howard of Ozark, MO and Ronnie Howard of Clearmont, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her son Curtis Dawson, and two sisters-in-law, Brenda Howard and Melissa Howard.

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## **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

2:00 P.M., Friday, December 1, 2023

St. Johns Lutheran Church  
Wolsey, South Dakota

## **OFFICIANT**

Pastor L. Scott Spiehs

## **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Judy's Grandkids

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Go Rest High On That Mountain" ~ "Jealous of the Angels"  
"Here I Am Lord" ~ "When I Get Where I'm Going"