

We all Have a Story

We all have a story
a tale to be told
of the joys we've experienced
and the hardships we've known.

Sometimes we wear them
on our sleeves for all to see
but often they're hidden
as deep as they can be.

So, let us be kind
for we never truly know
the struggles and the battles
that others undergo.

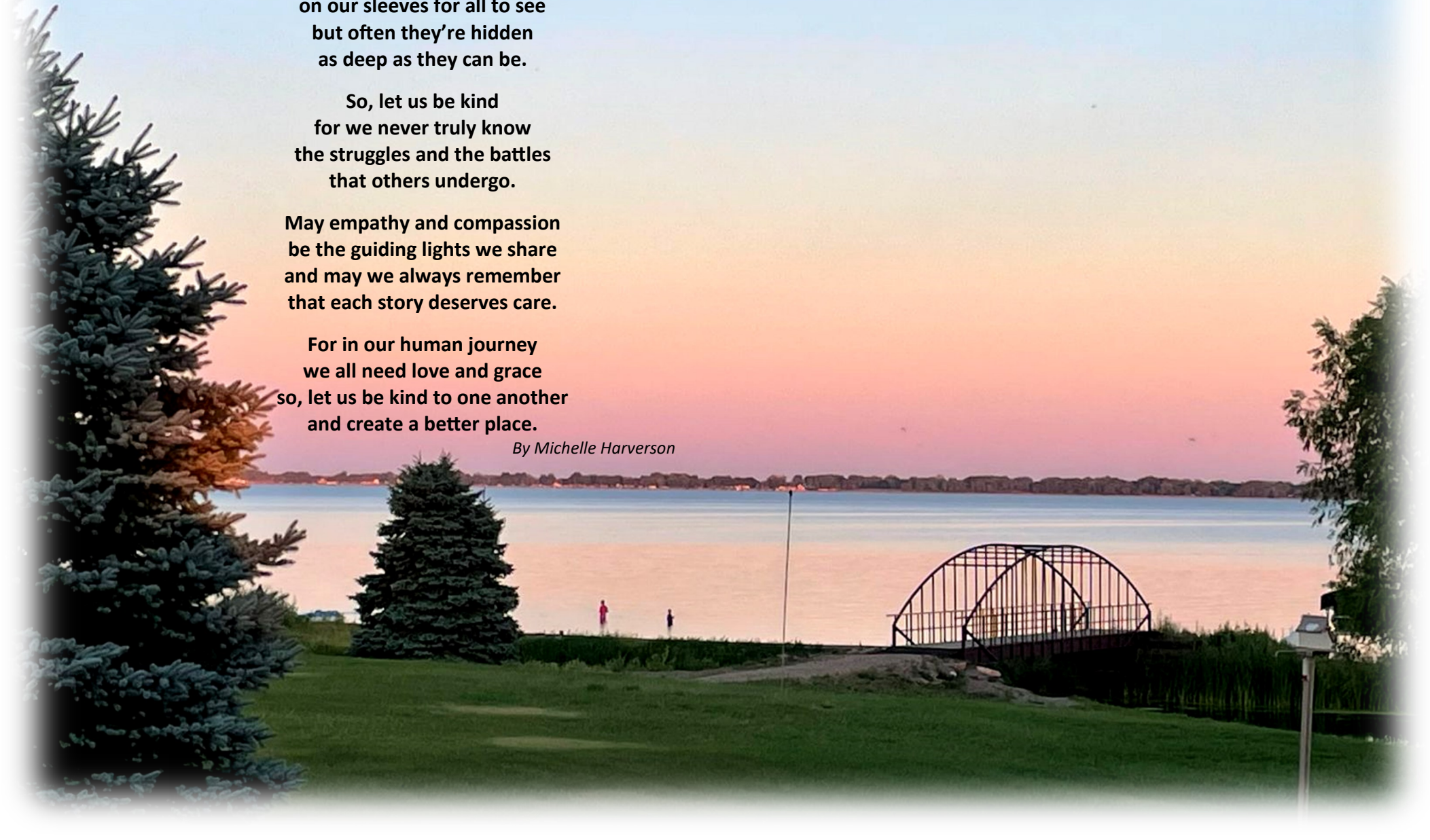
May empathy and compassion
be the guiding lights we share
and may we always remember
that each story deserves care.

For in our human journey
we all need love and grace
so, let us be kind to one another
and create a better place.

By Michelle Harverson

In Loving Memory of Roxanne "Roxy" Kerkvliet

December 29, 1953-April 22, 2024



Roxanne (Roxy) Marie Kerkvliet, age 70, of Lake Poinsett, South Dakota died Monday, April 22, 2024, at Sanford Hospital in Clear Lake, South Dakota.

Roxanne, the third of six children, was born to Vincent and Doris (Lebert) Kumm on December 29, 1953 in Watertown, SD and lived her childhood in Watertown. She graduated from Watertown High School in 1972.

Roxanne met her husband, Greg, during high school. They married on May 19, 1973 at St. Mary's Church in Bryant. Upon their marriage, they moved to the family farm three miles west of Bryant where they raised their four children: Heather, Jason, Ryan, and Mike. She quickly adjusted to farm life and loved spending time with Greg and the kids doing things like gardening and going for drives to look at the crops and cattle. She loved working with and seeing her kids involved in 4H projects, church groups, and sports.

Roxy enjoyed serving many different roles in the church including Parish Council, Altar Society, lector, and Sunday School teacher. She also served on boards for several different organizations and touched many lives during her career as secretary of Hamlin High School for 38 years. After moving to Lake Poinsett in 2014, she found joy in golfing, being around friends and family, playing pickleball, and traveling. She traveled to places like Peru, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Ireland, and Scotland. She and Cliff had a love for music and enjoyed cruises and concerts with friends.

Family was Roxy's greatest love. She loved being a grandma to her grandkids and was known for always cooking the best meals when grandkids came to visit. She would play yard games, cards, or just sit and snuggle with the grandkids. Whatever they wanted!

Roxanne is survived by her four children - Heather Kerkvliet (Jim Hulscher) of Florence, SD; Jason (Jenny) of Clear Lake, SD; Ryan (Katie) of Sioux Falls, SD; Mike (Chalsea) of Tea, SD; her grandchildren Owen, Tate, Natasha, Ella, Hadley, Nolan, Emma, Alonzo, Arielle, Trinity, and Madisyn; a great-grandson, Ryatt; her sisters, Kathy (Gene) Bierscheid and Deb (Larry) Lutz; her three brothers, Kelly (Judy) Kumm, Marty (Linda) Kumm, and Todd (Ann) Kumm; her significant other, Cliff Steuck; Randall Fallas, who became like an adopted son; and Greg Kerkvliet.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vince and Doris Kumm and her parents-in-law, Bernard and Gerri Kerkvliet.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to them that may be distributed to Roxy's favorite organizations and charities.



Celebrating the Life of Roxanne Kerkvliet



Mass of Christian Burial

St. Mary Catholic Church
Bryant, South Dakota
Monday, April 29, 2024
10:30 AM

Celebrant

The Reverend Richard Baumberger

Lector/Readers

Brenda Wicks, Hadley Kerkvliet & Larry Lutz

Music Provided by

Jayne Pommer

Casket Bearers

Roxy's Grandchildren

Honorary Bearers

Sue Holiday Cathy Smith
Dede Dylla Deb Munsterman Nola Osborne

Interment

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Bryant, South Dakota

*The family of Roxy Kerkvliet thanks you for your presence here today,
for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.*

*Following the burial, please join the family for refreshments
and a time of fellowship in the Bryant Community Center.*

