

## AFTERGLOW

I'd like the memory of me  
to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow  
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo  
whispering softly down the ways,  
of happy times and laughing times  
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears, of those who grieve,  
to dry before the sun  
of happy memories that I leave  
when life is done.

Memorials in Nancy's honor may be  
made to Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

## APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family we wish to express our sincerest thanks  
and gratitude for your support and presence today

Immediately following the committal service at the cemetery  
you are extended the warmest invitation to join the family for refreshments and  
fellowship at Ryan's Hangar in downtown Huron.



267 THIRD STREET SE  
HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA 57350

# In Loving Memory



# Nancy Balvin

June 4, 1937 - April 25, 2024

Nancy Lou Balvin was born on June 4, 1937 in Sauk Centre, Minnesota to parents Charles and Ruth (Hutchinson) Balvin. As a young child, the family moved to a farm near Wolsey where Nancy and her siblings grew up. She graduated from Wolsey High School in 1955.

Nancy knew she always wanted to become a nurse. She enrolled in St. John's Hospital nursing program, where she graduated with her registered nursing degree. She then attended South Dakota State University to get her baccalaureate degree as a nurse practitioner. Nancy received her nurse practitioner license in 1958 and was the first nurse practitioner in South Dakota. Nancy was working as an NP at the hospital when she heard about a new nurse practitioner/physician's assistant program being offered through the University of North Dakota. Nancy enrolled in the first class at UND. She graduated in October of 1975, took her required boards for nurse practitioner and physician assistant, and became the first nurse practitioner in South Dakota and the first female provider in Huron. Nancy practiced at Tschetter & Hohm Clinic and then with Dr. Mark Belyea. She practiced for 41 ½ years and retired in 2017 at the age of 80. Including her work as a nurse, Nancy was in the healthcare field for 59 years.

Nancy loved to see patients and to help others, but in her spare time, she enjoyed cooking and being with her beloved cats. After retirement, Nancy volunteered with the HRMC Auxiliary before moving to Sioux Falls in 2023.

She is survived by her siblings, Doug (Marlas) Balvin of Huron, and Virginia "Ginny" Gravelle of Sioux Falls; her nieces and nephews, Kristi Perrin, Dale Balvin, Roger Gravelle, Jr., Roxane Ensz, and Robin Gravelle; and several great-nieces and nephews; she also leaves her two special cats, Pepper and Peanut, and special friends "The Angels" from the Village in Sioux Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Ruth; and her brother-in-law, Roger Gravelle.

# *Celebrating the Life of Nancy L. Balvin*

*June 4, 1937 – April 25, 2024*

## ***MASS of CHRISTIAN BURIAL***

11:00 a.m. -- Tuesday, April 30, 2024  
Holy Trinity Catholic Parish  
Huron, South Dakota

## ***CELEBRANT***

Fr. Larry Regynski

## ***MUSICIANS***

Ann Hein--Pianist  
Kathy Gilbert--Cantor  
Lori Magness--Soloist

## ***CASKETBEARERS***

Kristi Perrin - Dale Balvin - Roxane Ensz  
Adam Ensz - Robin Gravelle - Dewey Perrin  
Dr. Michael Fiegen

## ***HONORARY CASKETBEARERS***

All of Nancy's Friends & Patients  
Dr. Mark Belyea

## ***INTERMENT***

Restlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery  
Huron, South Dakota