



Gretchen Ruth Buss

February 25, 1942 - November 7, 2017

Gretchen Ruth Buss, 75 of Grand Island died Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at CHI Health St. Francis in Grand Island.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Grace Lutheran Church, Grand Island. Reverend Daniel Bremer will officiate. Burial will be 10 a.m. Monday in the Grand Island Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Friday from 5-7 p.m. at the church.

All Faiths Funeral Home of Grand Island is entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Grace Lutheran, Grace Guild, LWML or Heartland Lutheran High School.

Gretchen was born February 25, 1942 in Bertha, Minnesota, the daughter of Pastor Martin and Myrtle (Naslund) Kirsch. Her elementary education was received in Lakefield and Hutchinson, MN. In 1960 she graduated from High School in Dodge Center, MN. Following high school she attended Concordia College in St. Paul, MN and graduated from Valparaiso University, Indiana in 1965.

Gretchen served as Parish Deaconess at Zion Lutheran Church in Hastings, NE from 1965-1969. On November 2, 1969 she was united in marriage to Duane Buss in Yorktown, Iowa. They lived in Great Falls, Montana and have lived in Grand Island since 1970.

She is a member of Grace Lutheran Church having served as organist and choir director since 1970. Other memberships include Grace Guild and served as a Sunday school teacher. She was also employed by The Good Book and

Gift Shoppe.

Survivors include her husband, Duane; one son, Daryl (Jennifer) Buss of Parker, CO; grandchildren, Ethen, Eliya and Hannah; brother, Martin Kirsch of Richfield, Minnesota as well as sister-in-law, Iona Grundmann of Grand Island; brothers-in-law, Larry (Donna) Buss and Roger (Gail) Buss both of Hastings and nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and infant sister, Alice Marie.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Gretchen Ruth Buss*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Ron Scheiding lit a candle in memory of
Gretchen Ruth Buss*



Ron Scheiding - November 11, 2017 at 09:17 PM



Sorry we were not able to be there Praying for all of you.

Ron Scheiding - November 11, 2017 at 09:20 PM



“ I was so sorry of hearing about Mrs. Buss's passing. I have so many fond memories with her in my younger years from being a student to Jr. and Sr. Choir. I always was excited for Choir practice because I was going to be with her and singing beautiful songs with her. I will never forget the time when we were practicing for our Christmas Contada and I was chosen for a solo and the morning of the contada Paul Hammond and myself had to pass the microphone and he had in the sheet of music and he forgot to hand it to me and I had to nudge him, It was so funny but we went on to finish and as we were getting ready to go to the room Paul, Andy, and myself started chuckling And I will never forget her face and she said you ,3 behave After church was over we all laughed so hard I'm going to miss her bright smile and always when I would be in church she always greeted me with a hug and kiss. But I know she is with us in our hearts and she is playing the organ with the Angels in Heaven. God bless you Mr. Buss and Darrell I am sorry



Dora Crom - November 09, 2017 at 09:18 PM

RE

“ Duane and family, So very sorry for the loss of your loved one. God be with you and comfort you. Rosellyn Enevoldsen

ROSE K ENEVOLDSEN - November 09, 2017 at 04:33 PM

JJ

“ Gretchen was a great friend to our family. She was my confirmation teacher at the old Zion school in 1967 in Hastings. She was a precious person. We remember her with fond memories. Joni McCoy Johnson, and the McCoy family, Joyce, Josh and Jeff McCoy. God give you peace.

joni johnson - November 09, 2017 at 01:42 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of Gretchen's passing. One of the things that drew me to Grace Lutheran Church was her amazing ability to play the organ. She will truly be missed. Prayers to her family. God Bless

Jack/Joan McKee - November 09, 2017 at 10:57 AM

 Janet Petermann

“ Rest in peace, dear Gretchen!!! You are missed & loved.

Janet Petermann - November 09, 2017 at 07:19 AM

 Stuart Burt

“ Duane, I was so saddened to hear about Gretchen's death, I have so many fond memories of the two of you maintaining Grace LUTHERAN garden. Gretchen's wonderful artistry on the organ. But most importantly her Baptismal grace shown forth in her love of Christ and her redemption that Christ shines upon her. I truly look forward to communing with her this Sunday when the Sacrament given to me, there she will be with all the host of Heaven. Isaiah 25:6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. 7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. 9 It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Stuart Burt - November 08, 2017 at 11:43 PM

DZ

“I thank my God every time I remember you. . . . I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel . . .” *Philippians 1:3-5*

I thank God for my friendship with Gretchen. As church organists, Gretchen and I were partners in the gospel using our skills to assist our congregations in worshipping Jesus. Gretchen's faithfulness in worship inspired me to practice and play my best in service to my Lord.

The last time I spoke to Gretchen, I said that her friendship was like having a sister. She was moved by my comment, because neither of us have biological sisters. I mourn her passing as a "sister in Christ." I rejoice that she has peacefully entered into heaven with our Savior Jesus.

I pray for you, Duane and Daryl, as you mourn Gretchen's absence in your lives.

Dona Zrust - November 08, 2017 at 02:06 PM