Tara Beth, daughter of David and Karen (Hager) Rieger was born on July 5, 1979 at Dakota Hospital in Fargo, ND. Tara grew up in Sheyenne, ND with her two siblings, Bryan and Dana. She graduated from Sheyenne Public School in 1997.

Tara met her husband, Elvis Thumb Jr., in 1995. The two exchanged wedding vows on June 11, 1999. Together they had five strong and beautiful daughters, Shantel, Shayla, Alyssa, Trysta and Cambree.

Tara loved being a mother. Having five daughters was something she and Elvis were



very proud of. They gracefully cared for them and raised them to be strong and independent. Tara loved having at home spa days and watching Hallmark movies with them. In the summer you could find them all on the porch, enjoying each other's company as hummingbirds flew all around. In 2021, Tara became a grandmother to a grandson, Wilder. She loved watching him grow and was quick to spoil him, like the best grandmas do.

Once all of Tara's daughters were in school she began working at the New Rockford-Sheyenne Public School in the cafeteria. Tara loved this job and often talked about the new friends she had made. She appreciated the continuous love and support she received from them.

Tara's battle with cancer was short. Even on the hardest days she remained positive and made future plans, like taking another trip to her favorite place, Las Vegas. She never wanted anyone to worry about her and did her best to continue to provide hopeful comfort to those around her.

Our hearts break as our wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend has passed on. We feel blessed to have a beautiful guardian Angel. We will continue to feel her presence and see her among the hummingbirds.

Tara's loving family includes her husband, Elvis Thumb Jr.; five daughters, Shantel (Troy) Storm, Shayla (Sam) Thumb, Alyssa Thumb, Trysta Thumb, and Cambree Thumb; grandson, Wilder Storm; parents, David and Karen Rieger; siblings, Bryan (Tara) Rieger and Dana (Sam) Rieger; nephews, Camden, Gavin, Jaxyn, Kye, Joseph Jr., Jermiah, Jaden and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Romaldus and Beatrice Hager, Ed and Gen Anderson, Pete and Marie Rieger; mother-in-law, Karen Peterson; uncles, Danny Hager and Harvey Solberg; aunts, Sandy Wolters, and Norma Nye.

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Tara Beth Thumb



JULY 5, 1979 - APRIL 13, 2023



Mom's Poem

Us girls weep together as we mourn the passing on of our mother
Our father weeps alongside us as he mourns the passing on of his wife
When losing such a blessing, we need to reflect on our amazing life
Our mother was beautiful, both outside and in
She was selfless and put us all first time and time again
She loved us unconditionally, even more so on the days that were hard
She reminded us that when we were falling apart
she would listen with no disregard
Life can be unfair, we know this to be true
Us girls will make it through together
because of the lessons taught by you
Treat each other kindly, wear your heart on your sleeve

And if someone treats you poorly, their words you don't have to believe
You are perfect as you are and your struggles will make you stronger
Mom, no matter how much time we would have been gifted to have you here
with us, we'd always wish it could be longer.

~Shantel Rose Storm

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VISITATION

Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:00PM - 7:00PM St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

ROSARY & VIGIL SERVICE

Thursday, April 20, 2023
Rosary 6:40PM ~Vigil Service 7:00PM
St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday, April 21, 2023
Service ~ 10:00AM
St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

OFFICIATING

Father Reese Weber Deacon Bart Salazar

SPECIAL MUSIC

Annette Hovey ~ Musician Choir

PALLBEARERS

Wilder Storm ~ Camden Rieger ~ Kye Freidt Gavin Rieger ~ Jaxyn Rieger

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

The Cafeteria Staff at the New Rockford-Sheyenne Public School

BURIAL

St. John's Catholic Cemetery, New Rockford, ND

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