



Anita Sue (Finnerty) Schuman passed gently into heaven on February 26, 2020 after a brief, sudden illness preceded by several years of dementia. She worked her whole life to share her faith with others so that they too would be able to join with her in heaven someday. Anita had spent her whole life preparing for the final leg of her journey and she is now at home in the presence of God. Anita was born on July 11, 1940 in Deadwood, SD to Merl and Myrtis (Strasburg) Finnerty. (Being born in Deadwood may account for her love of slot machine.) She joined her older brother Richard. An infant brother, Gary, passed shortly after his birth. The family expanded when her sister Sally came along followed Brian, who was born after the family moved to Clearmont. The family moved frequently with the Red Owl Corporation and spent time in Hardin, MT where her best friend was also named Anita. She developed a love for the Native Americans while in Hardin and comically changed the way she spelled her middle name for a while to "Sioux" wanting to be a part of something she had so much love for.

The family later moved to Clearmont, WY where she graduated from high school. She and Neal ran away to Rapid City to get married but her sister Sally appointed herself town crier and made sure that the town of Clearmont knew before they got home. They made their home in the Clearmont area until 1972 when they made the leap to purchase the ranch on lower Crazy Woman Creek where Anita liked to say she was "the crazy woman from Crazy Woman". Anita and Neal raised four children on the ranch teaching them the value of work, family and life.

Anita was active in her church whenever the church door was open she was there. Anita was instrumental in starting Christian Women's Clubs in this area. She had a heart for missions and was always knitting a sweater, making a dishtowel or building a quilt to give to someone or to missions. After closing her quilt shop she continued to make dishtowels which she sold locally to support her passion for missions. She traveled to Haiti and Africa on mission trips and continued to support the work even when she became unable to travel.



Anita is survived by her loving husband Neal of 61 1/2 years. Daughters: L. Gay (Lloyd) Wise of Buffalo, WY, Lorri (Scott) Lutterman of Buffalo, WY. Sons: Patrick (Marlene) Schuman of Sheridan, WY and Paul (Lara) Schuman of Buffalo, WY. Grandchildren: Amy (Quint) Gonzales of Buffalo, WY, Amanda (Andy) Smolinski of Idaho Falls, ID, Trevor(Tana) Lutterman of Buffalo, WY, Lindsey Wise of Draper, UT, Mallory (Carl) Singleton of Ogden, UT, Allegra Schuman of Roanoke, VA and Kaden (Dulce Ruiz) Schuman of Buffalo, WY. She had 11 great grandchildren. Her sister Sally Finnerty Miller of Buffalo, WY. She was preceded in death by both parents and her brothers Richard, Gary and Brian.

There will be a celebration of life: July 11, 2020 at 10:00 am at Summit Wesleyan Church, 980 N Main St, Buffalo, WY 82834.

Friends may if they wish donate to Anita's Ministry % Summit Church 980 N Main St, Buffalo, WY 82834, (a ministry which was established to care for church members with dementia) or Hospice % Johnson County Healthcare Center, 497 W. Lott St. Buffalo, WY 82834.

Anita loved Church, family and children but most of all she loved sharing her faith through missions.



## *I'M FREE*

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call:  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I found my place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow:  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savoured much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.*

*Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me;  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

# *Celebrating The Life Of Anita Sue Schuman*



*July 11, 1940 - February 26, 2020*

