



Theresa was born October 24, 1948 in Rugby, ND to John M. and Doris A. (Vatsvog) Haman. She attended grade and high school in Towner, graduating Salutatorian of her senior class.

She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Minot State College. While teaching grade school at Goodrich and Ray, ND, Theresa could see a lapse in services for children with "Special Abilities". She pioneered Learning Disabilities programs in North Dakota, earning her masters degree in Learning Disabilities from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. She continued in Special Education, obtaining her doctorate degree in Teacher Education from the University of North Dakota. She was the Learning Disabilities Coordinator in Devils Lake and many surrounding schools, and then worked at Minot State University as Coordinator of Special Services.

Theresa's passions in life included involvement with her nieces and nephews and collecting various clowns. She had a beautiful singing voice, singing in choirs throughout her school years--especially enjoying gospel music. Theresa loved to cook, and in fact, she took sabbaticals from work to be a chef at many restaurants. In 1988, Theresa took a leave of absence from her job to become full-time caregiver for her parents in their declining years. She took an early retirement because of health issues. In 2000, Theresa underwent a kidney transplant. The kidney was given to her by a special niece and Godchild, Michele Bitz.

Theresa was instrumental in guiding nieces and nephews in their educational and spiritual journeys. She took a genuine interest in others' lives, impacting them greatly. Her Godchildren had a special place in her heart.

Her biggest joys in life were preparing feasts for family and other family-oriented gatherings. Her warm smile and giving nature will be missed by all.

She was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Minot, ND.

Survivors: Brothers and sisters, Jerome (Mary Ann) Haman, Kent, WA, Monica (Jim) Hoynes, Bismarck, Debbie (Ken) Schmidt, Minot, Sandra Haman, Bismarck, John M., Jr. (Annette) Haman, Parker, CO, Lisa (Tom) Wilson, Minot, Shari (Brian) Olson, Minot, Jay (Cassandra) Haman, Kerrville, TX, numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews and cousins. Theresa was preceded in death by her parents, John M. "Johnnie" and Doris Haman.

