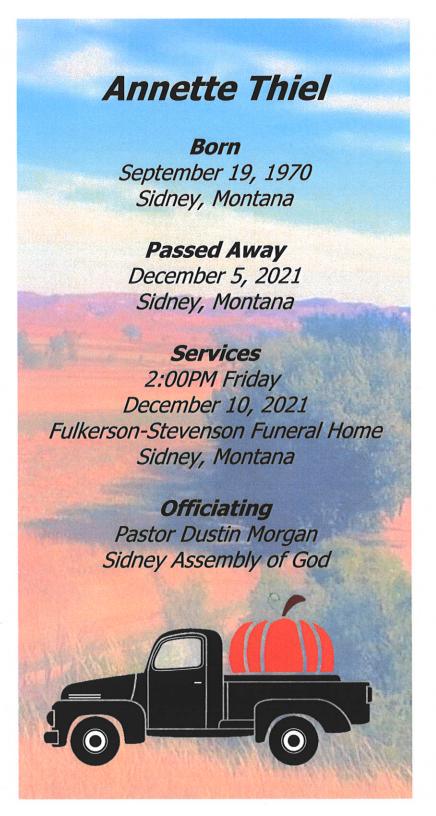
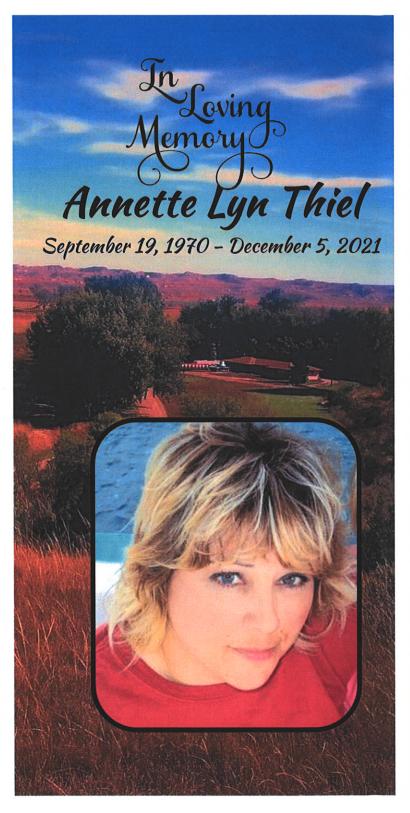
Annette was born Sept 19th 1970 to Ray & Betty Thiel in Sidney MT. She attended Liberty Christian School, graduating in 1988. She attended NDSU-Williston, later transferring to MSU-Billings where she studied Business Administration. From a young age, Annette took on all aspects of her fathers farming operations. She was his side kick & went everywhere with him. She worked right along side her father & her brother (Kim), operating all the equipment necessary to get the job done. In May 1990, she married Tim Partin and in February 1991 they welcomed a daughter, Cherise Partin. Even with a newborn at her side she continued to work on the farm and continue her education. In 1991 Annette planted her 1st crop of pumpkins (by hand) and from that point on her business/farming operations flourished. She started with 8 acres and grew her operation to 50 acres of pumpkins. She grew not only pumpkins, she also grew melons, squash, corn, sugar beets, wheat, watermelons, and mini pumpkins, but she will always be known as "The Pumpkin Lady". In 2002 she purchased the family farm from her father, Annette continued to farm the rest of her life. Annette's produce operation grew to cover a tri-state area. She delivered a majority of the produce herself and took pride in seeing the operations through to the end. Annette enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing. She had a deep love for the land and a passion for farming. She especially loved fall and the colors that it brought on the farm. She was proud of her daughters' accomplishments throughout life but she was most proud of the arrival of her newborn granddaughter, Hailey. Annette enjoyed when her brother Kim and his family would come to the farm on the weekends. Everyone enjoyed camping, fishing, and bonfires. She was proceeded in death by her beloved dog Bark Bark. Annette was a kind soul who saw the good in everyone, she will be deeply missed.









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So God Made A Farmer

And on the 8th day God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker!"

So, God made a farmer!

God said I need somebody to get up before dawn and milk cows and work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board.

So, God made a farmer!

I need somebody with strong arms. Strong enough to rustle a calf, yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry and have to wait for lunch until his wife is done feeding and visiting with the ladies and telling them to be sure to come back real soon...and mean it.

So, God made a farmer!

God said "I need somebody that can shape an ax handle, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire make a harness out of hay wire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. And...who, at planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty hour week by Tuesday noon. Then, pain'n from "tractor back", put in another seventy two hours.

So, God made a farmer!

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place.

So, God made a farmer!

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees, heave bales and yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink combed pullets...and who will stop his mower for an hour to mend the broken leg of a meadow lark.

So, God made a farmer!

It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight...and not cut corners. Somebody to seed and weed, feed and breed...and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk. Somebody to replenish the self feeder and then finish a hard days work with a five mile drive to church. Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who'd laugh and then sigh...and then respond with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life "doing what dad does".

So, God made a farmer!







Annette Thiel unloads 500 pumpkins at the former Buttrey Foods of Williston. She and she picker Ruben Gonzales were delivering the first of three loads that will make a total of 1,30 pumpkins delivered to the store.

