

Connie Lou Komes

Connie Lou Wenzel was born August 2, 1947, to Walter L. and Helen (Dutton) Wenzel of rural Bixby, SD. Her first years were on ranches in Perkins County, and in 1954, her family purchased and moved to a ranch in Enning, SD. She attended Enning and Sunnyslope Schools through the 8th grade and graduated from Sturgis High School in 1965. She married William Komes in 1968, and to this union two sons, Troy and Scott, were born. They later divorced.

She lived in Sturgis, Pierre, Rapid City, Black Hawk, Belle Fourche, and Yuma, AZ, over the years. While living at home on the ranch in Enning, she worked at the Enning Store. She worked at the Fort Pierre Livestock Market in Fort Pierre after high school, and later worked at the middle school in Pierre. In Rapid City, she worked at Boyd's Drug Mart and Prairie Edge. She worked at a laundry facility and was a tour bus guide, and did some auto transport driving, moving cars in the Yuma, AZ, area.

On August 20, 2005, she married Paul Horsey and they traveled the United States with their car hauler. They visited 46 of the lower 48 states and she loved the scenes and had pictures to show all the places they visited. Her husband, Paul, passed away suddenly on a trip across Texas in 2006. She continued to live in Yuma for several years and then moved back to the Black Hills to be close to family, living first in Belle Fourche and then Sturgis.

Spending time with her son, daughter-in-law, and grandson were some of her most wonderful times. She and Kody made many memories cruising through the hills in her Mustang Convertible with the top down.

She loved to shop at secondhand stores and she and friend, Vikki Parsons, spent many hours shopping at their favorite place . . . The Boy's Club Thrift Store in Rapid City. She also loved to go to Deadwood on Senior Day with friends, Carol and Wayne Oedekoven.

She was always looking for a bargain and loved listening to the Eagle Radio Station and calling in for a chance to win free tickets to special events. She was very lucky and received tickets for numerous events. She had just joined the Extension Homemakers Club and was excited to start participating in activities.

Connie, 71, died Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

She is survived by her son, Scott (Heidi) Komes, and grandson, Kody of Union Center, SD; brother, Terry (Lana) Wenzel of Belle Fourche; sisters, Donna (Jim) Bares of Sturgis, and Cathy (John) Timmons of White Owl; one aunt, Dorothy French of Sturgis; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter L. and Helen Wenzel; first husband, William Komes; son, Troy Komes; and husband, Paul Horsey.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the Enning Fire Department.



In Loving Memory

Connie Lou Komes

August 2, 1947 ~ March 6, 2019



In Memory Of
Connie Lou Komes

Date of Birth

August 2, 1947
Rapid City, South Dakota

Date of Death

March 6, 2019
Sturgis, South Dakota

Service

Celebration of Connie's Life
Summer, 2019

Musician

Sandy French

Honorary Pallbearers

All Her Friends and Family

Final Resting Place

Rose Hill Cemetery
Spearfish, South Dakota

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

*Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory,
forever and ever.*

Amen.

