



Jordice Mae Leaver

Jordice, 5th child of Marine and Alta Aker, was born August 7, 1938, in Des Lacs, ND. Jordice attended elementary school in rural Des Lacs until the age of 12. She then moved with Marine and Alta to Rapid City where she continued her elementary education at the spring creek school 5 miles south of Rapid City. During this time, Jordice stayed with her uncle, Elmer and

Geraldine Peterson, who lived on Spring Creek. Jordice started high school at the Cathedral in Rapid City until her sophomore year. She then moved to Vale and lived with her brother, Dean, and his wife, Code, and attended the Vale High School. In September of 1954, Dean, Code, and their family moved back to Rapid City. In order to finish school in Vale, Jordice stayed with Charles and Bernice Grant who lived in Vale. Jordice graduated from Vale High School in 1956.

On August 31, 1958, Jordice married Duane Arnold Leaver in Rapid City at the Zion Lutheran Church. Duane was enlisted in the USMC and was stationed at Twenty-Nine Palms, CA. After their wedding, they moved to Twenty-Nine Palms. They also lived in Oceanside, CA, and on April 19, 1971, Duane, Jordice and their three sons moved back to Rapid City.

Jordice worked at the Bennett-Clarkson Hospital in Rapid City until she moved to Whitewood, SD, in the summer of 1972. Jordice then went to work for Sturgis Regional Hospital. In January of 1973, she had a daughter, Tammy Lynn. Jordice started working at Sandstone Manor Assisted Living in 1999. She retired several times. HA HA! She fully retired 3 years ago and was living in Whitewood with her daughter, Tammy, and son-in-law, Rich, and their family at the time of her death. On November 8, 2001, her husband, Duane, died and is buried at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Jordice Mae Leaver, died Saturday, February 13, 2016, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Jordice and Duane had 4 children; Doug (Kelly) Leaver, Sioux Falls, Kenny (Sherry) Leaver, Whitewood, Michael Leaver, Whitewood, and Tammy (Rich) Colvin, Whitewood; nine grandchildren, William, Nick, Samantha, Dylon, Cody, Kelsey, Jayme, Kevin, and Jenny; and five great-grandchildren, Hayden, Julian, Gavin, Serenity, and Samuel.



A special thank you to Samantha for all of the love and care and being with Jordice until the very end. Grandma appreciated it! We Love You Mom! You were our rock!

She is preceded in death by her parents, Marine and Alta; her husband, Duane; four brothers, Merlyn, Virgil, Dean, and Jim; and one sister, Eunice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com



In Loving Memory Of



Jordice Mae Leaver

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The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch following services in the church basement. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

God Knows Best

by Helen Steiner Rice

Our Father knows what's best for us,
So why should we complain--
We always want the sunshine,
But He knows there must be rain--

We love the sound of laughter
And the merriment of cheer,
But our hearts would lose their tenderness
If we never shed a tear...

Our Father tests us often
With suffering and with sorrow,
He tests us, not to punish us,
But to help us meet tomorrow...

For growing trees are strengthened
When they withstand the storm,
And the sharp cut of a chisel
Gives the marble grace and form...

God never hurts us needlessly,
And He never wastes our pain
For every loss He send to us
Is followed by rich gain...

And when we count the blessings
That God has so freely sent,
We will find no cause for murmuring
And no time to lament...

For our Father loves His children,
And to Him all things are plain,
So He never sends us pleasure
When the soul's deep need is pain...

So whenever we are troubled,
And when everything goes wrong,
It is just God working in us
To make our spirit strong.



In Loving Memory Of *Jordice Mae Leaver*

Born

August 7, 1938
Des Lacs, North Dakota

Died

February 13, 2016
Rapid City, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Friday, February 19, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Whitewood, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor David Baer

Musical Selections

"The Old Rugged Cross"
"To Make You Feel My Love"
"How Great Thou Art"

Inurnment

Private Family Inurnment before Service
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota