



## Cleo Ann Wood

Cleo Ann Wood influenced the lives of many and was known for her loving spirit and wonderful sense of humor. She was born

March 16, 1942, in Bison, SD, to Ann and Adolph Aaker. She graduated from Bison High School in 1960. She married Tom Nelson on February 19, 1960, and had two daughters, Julie Ann Nelson in 1960 and Paula Sue Janovy in 1966. After she & Tom divorced, she worked at Black Hills State University in Spearfish at her first job as Secretary to Dr. Charles Schad.

She married Norman Wood on March 8, 1976, in Las Vegas, NV, and moved to Newell after remodeling their old farmhouse in 1977. Their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Wood, was born in 1991. After Norman's passing in 1996, she moved closer to Newell, but still had land on a dirt road, animals, and her beloved garden. Cleo enjoyed spending time gardening, playing cribbage and card games, attending rodeos, and being with her family, friends, and her loved grandchildren and pets.

Cleo, 73, Newell, passed peacefully Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at her residence.

She will be greatly missed by her family; brother, Arlen Aaker of Bison, SD; daughters, Julie (Paul Gaither) Nelson of Austin, TX, Paula (Dan) Janovy of Spearfish, SD, and Jennifer Wood of Newell SD; four grandchildren, Connor Janovy, Taylor Janovy, Norma Jo Wood, and Tyrell Wood, as well as extended family.

Cleo was preceded in death by her parents, Adolph and Ann Aaker of Bison, SD; and her husband, Norman Wood.

A memorial has been established for the education of Cleo's grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch  
in the church hall following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving  
Memory Of*

*Cleo Ann Wood*

*1942 ~ 2015*





*Do not stand by my grave and weep:  
I am not there. I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn's rain.*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush of  
quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there. I did not die.*

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## *Cleo Ann Wood*

***Born***

March 16, 1942  
Bison, South Dakota

***Died***

April 28, 2015  
Newell, South Dakota

***Vigil***

Thursday, April 30, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

***Funeral Service***

Friday, May 1, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.  
St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church  
Newell, South Dakota

***Officiant***

Father Tyler Dennis

***Accompanist***

Janet Higbee

***Soloist***

Vonda Mahaffy

***Musical Selections***

"In The Garden"    "Amazing Grace"  
"Green, Green Grass Of Home"

***Pallbearers***

Connor Janovy ~ Taylor Janovy ~ Norma Jo Wood  
Tyrell Wood ~ Dan Janovy ~ Michael Kautz

***Honorary Pallbearers***

Paul Gaither  
And Cleo's Close Friends and Family

***Interment***

Hope Cemetery  
Newell, South Dakota