

Ellen Jane was born June 16, 1951, in Kadoka, SD, to James Graham Ramey and Myrtle (Alden) Ramey. Her childhood years were spent on the banks of Bear Creek, near Wanblee, SD.

She attended school in Kadoka, SD, through the eighth grade. The family moved to Belle Fourche where she attended her freshman and sophomore years. Her junior and senior years were spent at the Fenster School in Tucson, AZ, graduating in 1969. She remained in Arizona and married Tom Aderhold in 1976. She worked at a Navajo rug outlet and spent many good times on a houseboat on Lake Powell.

In 1989 Jane moved to Flagstaff where she became an expert at repairing Navajo rugs. She worked for the museum of Northern Arizona documenting and displaying their Navajo rug collection. She became a docent and gave lectures on Navajo rugs and weaving. She enjoyed working with the Northern Arizona University in their Elder Hostel program, and was an assistant trip leader on backpacking trips to the Grand Canyon.

In 1996 Jane met Bryan McMahon through business with his family-owned trading post. In 2000 she returned to Deadwood to help her mother through a bout with cancer. Bryon joined her in South Dakota in 2001 and they were married in the Nemo church on June 16, 2001. They moved back to Flagstaff where Jane worked at Slug Dog Inn B&B.

In 2008, after her mother's death, they moved back to Nemo to help care for her father. While in the Deadwood - Nemo area Jane enjoyed working at the Black Hills Hideaway B&B with Ned and Kathy Bode.

After her husband's death in 2017 Jane remained in the Deadwood area. She had made many friends in the Nemo Church and the Nemo - Deadwood community, that have been such a source of love and support.

Jane made friends everywhere she lived and kept contact with all of them. Her friends were her greatest treasures. She will be remembered for her laughter and her positive attitude.

Jane is survived by her sister, Joy (Larry) Dolezal; her brother, John (Anita) Ramey; her brother-in-law, Gary Schaefer, and extended family.

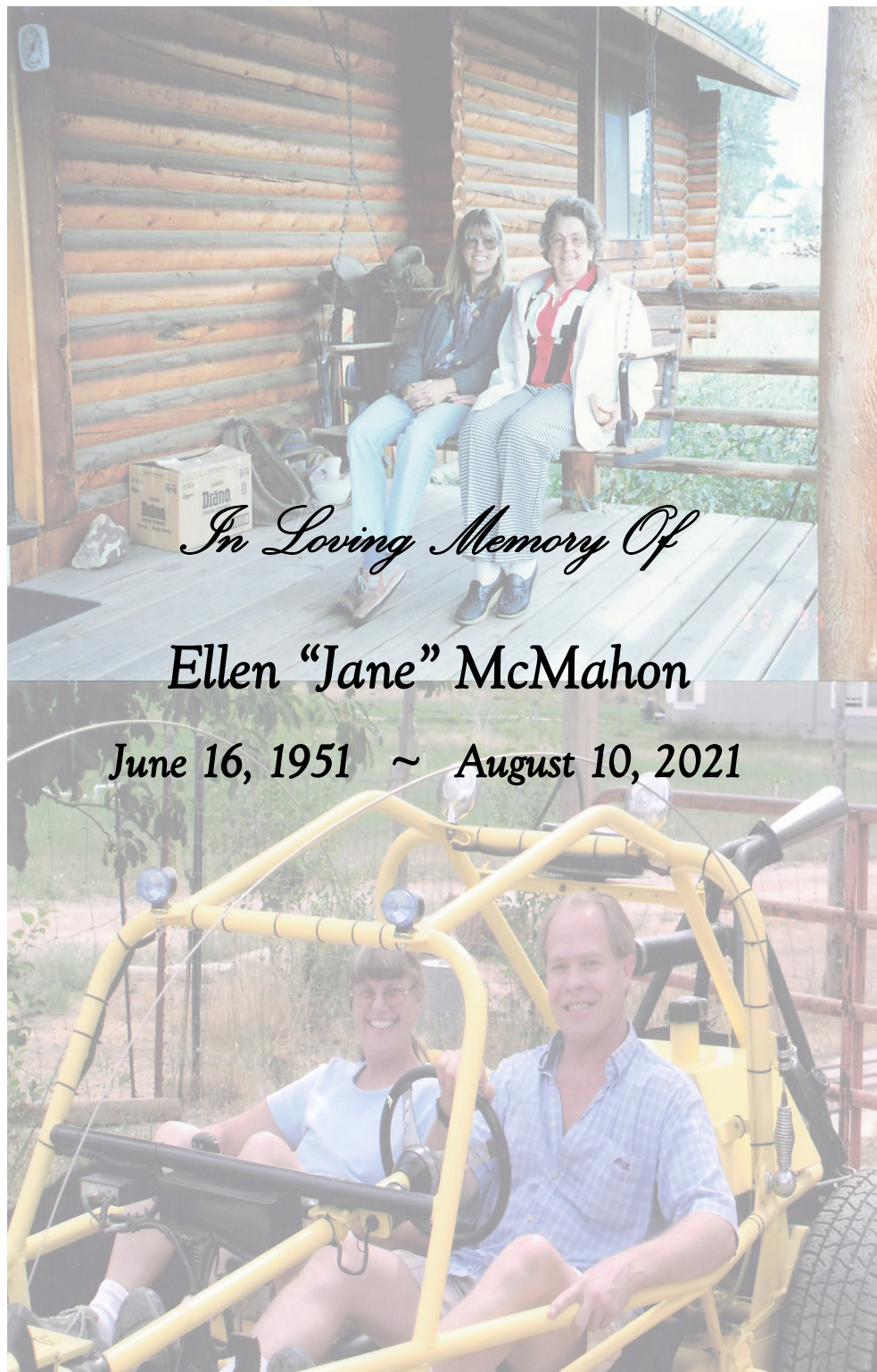
She was preceded in death by her husband, Bryan McMahon; her parents, Jim and Myrtle Ramey; her sister, Ann Schaefer; her nephew, Brian Schaefer; and her niece, Grace Dolezal DeVries.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the Nemo Church or charity of your choice.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM, Friday, August 20, 2021, at Nemo Community Church, Nemo, SD, with Pastor Clark Jones officiating. Interment will follow at Nemo Cemetery.

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

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





The House by the Side of the Road

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the place of their self-content;
There are souls like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze the paths
Where highways never ran -
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.



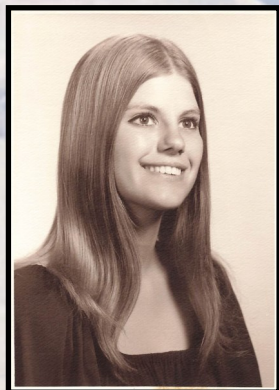
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by -
The men who are good and the men who are bad
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorner's seat
Nor hurl the cynics ban -
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife.
But I turn not away from their smiles and tears,
Both parts of an infinite plan -
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend of man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,
And mountains of wearisome height;
That the road passes on through the long afternoon
And stretches away into night.
And still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice
And weep with the strangers that moan,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by -
They are good, they are bad, they are weak,
They are strong,
Wise, foolish - so am I.
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in the house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

- Sam Walter Foss



In Loving Memory **Ellen "Jane" McMahon**

Born

June 16, 1951
Kadoka, South Dakota

Died

August 10, 2021
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, August 20, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
Nemo Community Church
Nemo, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Clark Jones

Musicians

Cindy Jones Mary Christopher Norman Eggers

Special Music (congregational)

#278 "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

#328 "In Times Like These"

#513 "When We All Get to Heaven"

#519 "When We See Christ"

#510 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Pallbearers

Mark Heller Terry Schmitz Jim Nemec
John Dolezal Norm Eggers Dale Ramey

Final Resting Place

Nemo Cemetery,
Nemo, South Dakota