

Marian Marie Miller was born on May 16, 1948, in Pierre, South Dakota, to loving parents Arthur and Harriet Miller, who raised her on their family farm. She grew up in a home filled with hard work, kindness, and strong values. Marian graduated from Draper High School and pursued her calling to care for others by attending St. John's McNamara School of Nursing, where she fulfilled her dream of becoming a registered nurse.

In 1969, Marian married Robert Terneus Jr., and together they welcomed their beloved son, Robert Terneus III. After living and nursing in Rapid City, South Dakota, and West Virginia, Marian eventually returned to her roots in South Dakota.

She found love again and married William Dalton in 1973, and they were blessed with their dear daughter, Michele Dalton. Marian found joy in her family, her work, and her community. She worked at Fort Meade Hospital from 1975 to 1980, where her compassion touched the lives of many patients and colleagues.

Marian's strength and resilience inspired all who knew her. After moving to the Massa Berry Nursing Home in Sturgis, she continued to live with grace and courage, even in the face of life's challenges. Marian fought a brave battle with cancer, and on September 16, 2024, she passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children and loving sister.

She leaves behind cherished memories in the hearts of her children, Robert and Michele; her sister, Janice Jensen, and family; her brother, Dennis Miller, and family; and her grandchildren: Kayla, Krista, Kyle, Kambria, Connor, Chase, Leigha, Leah, and Nickolas. Many friends, nieces, and nephews will also forever remember her warmth, kindness, and unwavering love.

Marian was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Harriet, and her grandparents, who surely welcomed her home with open arms.

Our family would like to express our deepest gratitude to the hospice team and the many caregivers who provided comfort and care to Marian throughout the years. Your compassion and dedication made all the difference.

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

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



*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Marian Marie Dalton***

***May 16, 1948 ~ September 16, 2024***





I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully. I shall abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous and shall not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug.

-The Nightingale Pledge (1893)



*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Marian Marie Dalton***

*Born*

May 16, 1948  
Pierre, South Dakota

*Died*

September 16, 2024  
Deadwood, South Dakota

*Memorial Service*

Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 11:00 am  
Sturgis United Methodist Church

*Officiant*

Reverend Jenene Earl

*Musical Selections*

"Jesus Loves Me"  
"How Great Thou Art"  
"I'll Fly Away"

*Honorary Pallbearers*

All Family and Friends

*Honors*

West River Nurses Honor Guard

*Final Resting Place*

At a Later Date  
Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota