



Annette Marie Eixenberger

Annette Marie Eixenberger, born June 5, 1949, lost her seventeen year battle with cancer on Monday, April 7, 2014.

She was born in Deadwood, SD, to Maurice (Ike) and Gertrude (Judy) Eixenberger. She grew up in Sturgis, SD, and attended Sturgis Brown High School. In 1969, she

married Steven Leonard. They had two children, Steven V. Leonard and Kelli Ann Leonard. In 1971, the family moved to Illinois, where Annette began her career at Cherry Electric in production. She spent her lifetime working there and became a close friend to many of her coworkers. She was able to pursue her education during her employment and earned her MBA in Business in 1996. In 1997, she was diagnosed with brain cancer and could no longer work.

Annette's passions in life were her grandchildren, her animals, and traveling. She spent much of her life exploring new areas. She enjoyed countless journeys to many tropical destinations, Europe, Mexico, Florida, and Las Vegas! She liked to play cards, was a talented artist, and loved to give people a hard time.



She is survived by her children, Kelli and Steve (Heather); grandchildren, Alan, Tyler, Amanda, Alyssa, and Kaden; brothers, Jim, John (Roze), and Ed; sister, Mary Ellen (Herman) Murray; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; cats, Sugar and Mugho; and dog, MeMe.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ike and Judy; brothers, Jerry, Frankie, Ronnie, and Max; and her cat, Bindi.

A memorial has been established.

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



In Loving Memory Of



Annette Marie Eixenberger

1949 ~ 2014

RELEASE ME

*To Those I love and those who love me...
When I am gone...Release me - Let me go...
I have so many things to see and do...
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be thankful for our many beautiful years.*

*I gave to you my love.
You can only guess how much you
gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
but now it's time I traveled on alone...
So grieve a while for me...if grieve you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part...
So bless the memories within your heart...
I won't be far away. For life goes on.
So if you need me - Call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me
I'll be near, and if you listen with
your heart you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear.
And then when you must come
this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say..
"Welcome Home!"*



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Born

June 5, 1949
Deadwood, South Dakota

Died

April 7, 2014
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, April 12, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergyman

Father Bob Baden

Special Musical Selection

“Somewhere Over The Rainbow”

Pallbearers

Steve Leonard ~ Alan Leonard
Tyler Leonard ~ Kaden Leonard

Inurnment

At A Later Date
St. Aloysius
Sturgis, South Dakota

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments
immediately following the service at Kinkade Funeral Chapel.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*