

Helen "Janet" Coe, 80, of Sturgis, SD, passed away on November 12, 2019, surrounded by loved ones at the Lippold Hospice Suite at Sturgis Regional Hospital in Sturgis.

Helen Janet (Witcher) Coe was born October 4, 1939, to Edward "Platt" Witcher and Helen (Green) Witcher in Bison, SD. She graduated high school from Sundance, WY. Janet had one sister, Joan (Witcher) Kokesh. Janet was previously married to Vernon Coe and had three children, Jody (Coe) Pekas of Rapid City, SD, Kim Coe of Vale, SD, and Ken Coe of Newnan, GA.

Janet has always been a hard worker from a young age, working on the ranch near Aladdin, WY, with her mother and sister. Later on, she worked for various government agencies and eventually for the postal service, where she retired as postmaster in 1991. After her retirement, Janet continued to work as a bank teller in Sturgis and in most recent years, she volunteered many hours at the Senior Center thrift store in downtown Sturgis.

Besides her work ethic, Janet "Gramma Coe" will be remembered for her contagious smile and full-hearted laugh, always dressed up, hair done, and lipstick on. She will be remembered for her chocolate chip cookies, popcorn balls, fudge, cheesecake, french toast, her special graham cracker cookies with frosting, and a block of melted butter on top of everything! She will be remembered for her avid book reading, playing the piano and accordion, her beautiful flowers and plants, thrift shopping, letter writing, and never forgetting to send a birthday card. She may have called you "sis" or "honey" and always had a cup of coffee and cream to offer! Family and friends all agree she was admirable, strong, independent, and touched the lives of everyone that had the pleasure of knowing her.

Janet is survived by daughter, Jody Pekas; son, Kim Coe and wife, Patti (Kopp) Coe; son, Ken Coe and wife, Melissa (Kuehl) Coe; as well as her 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; and sister, Joan Kokesh.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents, Edward "Platt" Witcher and Helen Witcher Roth; stepfather, Elmer Roth; brother-in-law, Joe Kokesh; son-in-law, Vic Zepeda; grandchildren, Trent Coe and Byron Crown; and great-grandchildren, Robert and Ella Brunson.

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

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Sturgis Veterans Club following the funeral service, prior to the committal. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Helen "Janet" Coe

October 4, 1939 ~ November 12, 2019



*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of Lord forever.*



In Memory Of ***Helen "Janet" Coe***

Date of Birth

October 4, 1939
Bison, South Dakota

Date of Death

November 12, 2019
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, November 16, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Reverend Bruce Baum

Songs

"Green, Green Grass of Home"
"Jealous of the Angels"
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

Pallbearers

Lisa Gruhn Aimee Paulsen Jennifer Brunson
Megan VanLishout Michael Pekas Darren Pekas
Jordan Ross Abby Coe Kenzie Coe

Final Resting Place

Rose Hill Cemetery
Spearfish, South Dakota