



Vickie Ann (Winter) Harter, 65, was the daughter of Ralph and Shirley (Rehak) Winter. She was born August 23, 1955, in Winner, SD. On August 16, 1956, Vic was blessed with the birth of her younger sister, Val Winter. The two of them spent the next sixty-four years sharing all the joys, triumphs, and hardships that life had to offer them and shared a bond that only sisters can. Vic attended school in Winner, where she graduated from high school in 1973. While growing up in Winner, she enjoyed the tight-knit community and friendships that are found in small towns all across South Dakota.

While attending high school, Vic met and fell in love with Lonny Vern Harter. They were married on August 10, 1974, starting a love-filled adventure that would last forty-seven years. Shortly after the wedding they packed their bags and moved to Sturgis, SD, where Lon accepted a job teaching at Sturgis's Elementary School. After spending their first few years together as a married

couple in Sturgis, they once again packed their bags and moved to Philip, SD, where Lon accepted a job to become the Elementary Principal for Haakon County School District.

While living in Philip, Vic and Lon were blessed with the birth of their first child. Eric John Harter was born in Philip, SD, on August 24, 1979. Three years later, Amy Lynn Harter was born in Philip, SD, on October 17, 1982. During this time, Vic was able to stay home and take care of two of the most important people in her life, Eric and Amy.

In 1984, Lon accepted the job of Middle School Principal at Sturgis Williams Middle School. The Harter's were once again on the move, but this time they were a family of four. In 1987, Vic took a job working at Black Hills Special Services Cooperative, which she retired from on June 7, 2019, after 32 years of service. While working there, Vic made several lifelong friendships that lasted beyond retirement. While living in Sturgis, Vic and Lon attended LifeSpring Wesleyan Church. They were regulars at the church and met many lifelong friends, not just at church, but throughout the community. They enjoyed spending time with all their friends and family as often as they could.

Vic was blessed with a wonderful husband, incredible children, and a loving family, but without a doubt the thing she enjoyed the most in her life was her grandchildren. There was nothing she enjoyed more than cuddling with them in her big recliner, facetimeing them at bath time, talking to them on the phone, and just spending time around all of them. Whether taking them on a trip to Disney World or watching them wrestle with Lon on the living room floor, it was pure joy for Vic. A birthday or holiday did not go by without receiving a card from their grandma, and Sunny, Sean, Berkeley, and Calder loved every second of their time with her.

Victoria "Vickie" Ann Harter, 65, of Sturgis, died Monday, May 31, 2021, at Monument Health Rapid City Hospital.

Survivors that cherished their time spent with Vic include her husband, Lon Harter of Sturgis, SD; her son, Eric (Jason) Harter of Dell Rapids, SD; her daughter, Amy (Chris) Bessette of Wall, SD; grandsons, Berkeley and Calder of Wall, SD; a grandson and granddaughter, Sean and Sunny of Dell Rapids, SD; her mother, Shirley Winter of Rapid City, SD; her sister, Val (Steve) Lien of Rapid City, SD; many in-laws; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ralph Winter; her father and mother in-law, Vern and Berniece Harter; and her nephew, Reed Lien.

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



In Loving Memory Of

Vickie Ann Harter

August 23, 1955 ~ May 31, 2021

A Mother's Farewell To Her Children

When I must leave you, for a little while,
Please do not grieve, and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

A Wife, A Mother, A Grandma Too

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,
This is the legacy we have from you.

You taught us love and how to fight,
You gave us strength, you gave us might.

A stronger person would be hard to find,
And in your heart, you were always kind.

You fought for us all in one way or another,
Not just a wife, not just a mother.

For all of us you gave your best,
Now the time has come for you to rest.

So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep.

In Loving Memory Vickie Ann Harter

Born

August 23, 1955
Winner, South Dakota

Died

May 31, 2021
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, June 4, 2021, at 2:30 p.m.
LifeSpring Wesleyan Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Matt Shulaw

Musician

Ryan Smith

Special Music

"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"
"The Old Rugged Cross"

Pallbearers

Tom Frank Don Smalley Greg McDougall Ron Rosenboom
Russ Harter Lyle Harter Rick Palacek Doug Kartak

Final Resting Place

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota