

Jo Ann (Anders) Strong was born July 17, 1927, to Carl and Alice (Edwards) Anders at Marcus, SD. She passed away on July 27, 2022. She was the third child of five: Vernon, Bernard, Jo, Ronald and Marvin Anders.

Jo attended rural Meade County Schools, then high school in Faith and Sturgis. She boarded with her brothers in Sturgis while going to high school.

She met her future husband, Floyd Strong at a local dance. They married October 21, 1944. On April 6, 1946, they welcomed their only child, Billy Joe.

Floyd and Jo custom farmed and had a construction business with Floyd's brother, Bob Strong. During this time Jo fed the crew in a little cook shack. Bob continued with the construction business, Floyd sold his interest and bought a neighboring ranch. They worked the ranch together and to supplement their income, Jo had a chicken business, selling eggs to Black Hills Egg Producers. In 1958 their son, Billy Joe, died of leukemia.

They continued ranching until Floyd's passing in 1981. They had begun leasing part of the ranch to the Harwood Family.

Jo was instrumental in the development of the Central Meade County Community Center. She was one of the first board members, holding that position for several years, along with helping in the operation of the Center.

Jo was generous to her family and friends. She often gave to those down on their luck. She was a special friend to many folks, young and old. She made time and had an open door for friends and neighbors, whether it be for a meal or a glass of tea.

Jo was a member of the Cow Bells, SD Stockgrowers, Order of the Eastern Star, board member of the CMCCC, and a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary.

It's hard to put into words what Jo meant to so many of us. She was a pillar of her community. She made people feel cared for like an aunt and special friend. She truly was one of a kind. Jo was one of the hardest working people you could find, with a fun sense of humor. She could cook a fantastic meal, keep an immaculate house, raise an amazing garden and flowers year after year, and was always dressed with class and style. She taught many of us how to fish and hunt, (she was a dead-eye shot on a jackrabbit or prairie dog).

Jo was preceded in death by her son, Billy Joe; her husband, Floyd Strong; her brothers, Vernon, Bernard, Ronald, and Marvin Anders. Her sisters-in-law, Doris, Lucille, Wanda and Carolyn Anders and her great-nephew, Travis Anders.

She is survived by her remaining nieces and nephews, and many special friends.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the Central Meade County Community Center.

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

*The family invites you to fellowship and lunch, immediately following the service. Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

## *In Loving Memory Of*



***Jo Strong***

***July 17, 1927 ~ July 27, 2022***



### **For Aunt Jo**

*What a special lady, our Aunt Jo  
She was one of a kind and we've all been blessed in our life to know.*

*Kind, caring, helpful and always concerned for others.  
To many of us, she was our second mother.*

*Her ranch, yard and flowers were her pride and joy.  
She tended and took such good care, along with the help of a special neighbor boy.*

*Her flowers were beautiful each and every year  
and she grew bountiful gardens even when fighting the pesky hoppers and deer.*

*There wasn't much Jo couldn't do  
She was so talented and very crafty too.*

*Thinking of all the bouquets, boots, and centerpieces for many weddings she  
helped make.*

*We cherished her wisdom and advice, which we often did take.*

*Being a wonderful cook was another talent too.  
Her cakes, cookies, salads, pies and special tea are just to name a few.*

*She was always being asked for a recipe for this or that dish to share  
Everything she made was so "tasty," because she made it with her special care.*

*Thinking back of all the beautiful clothes she sewed during her life,  
and the neat things she made while being a wonderful mother and wife.*

*Her house always sparkled and shined,  
and not a speck of dust would you ever find.*

*JoAnn was her name, but preferred just Jo  
and if you added the Ann, she hated it, and would let you know.*

*Nicknames have always been a part of the Anders family  
not everyone knows everybody's as they can be just a little embarrassing!!*

*Now is time for you to go and have a well-deserved rest  
as you've lived a life that has truly been blessed.*

*You've been a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, friend and  
neighbor to so very many.*

*We'll cherish the memories and the times spent together, knowing for those who  
believe in Jesus we'll all be together, forever, in eternity!!!!*

**Love,  
Alice**

## ***In Loving Memory Of Jo Strong***

### ***Born***

July 17, 1927  
Marcus, South Dakota

### ***Died***

July 27, 2022  
Elm Springs, South Dakota

### ***Funeral Service***

Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 11:00 a.m.  
Central Meade County Community Center  
Union Center, South Dakota

### ***Officiant***

Pastor Harold Delbridge

### ***Musicians***

Sylvia Rhoden - Pianist    Grayson Anders - Violinist  
The Circuit Riders:  
Dennis Hall    Wyatt Peterson  
John Rhoden    Larry Rhoden

### ***Special Music***

"Amazing Grace"    "I'll Fly Away"  
"Precious Memories"

### ***Pallbearers***

Steve Anders    Jason Anders    Justin Anders  
Baxter Anders    Josh Sigman    Chance Trask  
Toby Maier    Wade Huntington

### ***Final Resting Place***

Mountain View Cemetery  
Rapid City, South Dakota