

## Yvette LaDean Philipsen

Yvette Philipsen, 63, died September 10, 2014, with her family by her side at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Yvette was always very active and a competitor in everything she did. She always strived to bring out the best in everyone she touched. During her school years, she was active in fast pitch softball, cheerleading, FFA, and 4-H. After leaving high school, she trained and showed horses, participated in rodeos, bowled, and continued playing softball.

Yvette was a gifted leader and a very caring person. She was a City of Sturgis Councilwoman, on the board of directors for several nonprofit associations, and helped raise and guide several foster children through some of the most difficult times of their lives.

In 1984, she opened Sturgis Bookkeeping and Tax Service and went on to earn her Enrolled Agent accreditation with the IRS and received numerous professional commendations for her work.

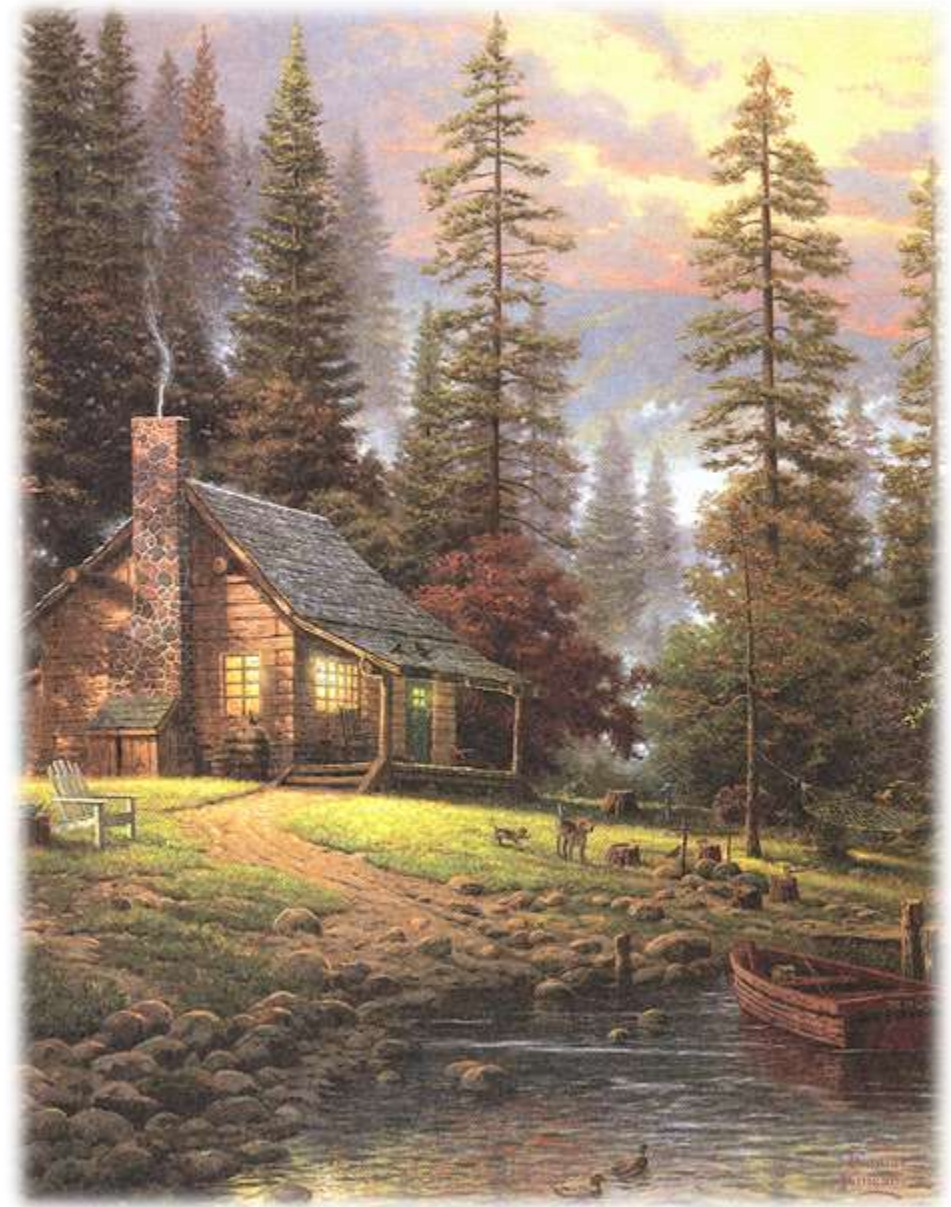
In her free time, she liked to sing and play musical instruments, read, and ride her motorcycle. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, the Motor Maids- the oldest woman's motorcycle club in the U.S., the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Christian Motorcycle Association, where she was the area rep and helped establish two new chapters in South Dakota.

Survivors include husband: Roy Philipsen of Sturgis; one sister: Yvonne Koistinen (Lyle) of Sturgis; five children: Wendy Philipsen of New Underwood, Dee Dee Scovel (Tony) of Peyton, CO, Mel "ML" West (Stacy) of Tacoma, WA, Kristi Bradley (Jason) of Mitchell, SD, and Brian Philipsen (Jennifer) of New Underwood, 13 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Yvette was preceded in death by her mother: Wanda Gammel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

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



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

***In Loving Memory Of  
Yvette LaDean Philipsen***

***1950 ~ 2014***



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## *Yvette LaDean Philipsen*

***Born***

December 30, 1950  
Guymon, Oklahoma

***Died***

September 10, 2014  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Memorial Service***

Monday, September 15, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.  
Black Hills Fellowship  
Black Hawk, South Dakota

***Clergy***

Pastor Nathan Ennis

***Special Musical Selections***

"The Old Rugged Cross"  
"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"  
"Mansion Over The Hilltop"  
"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

***Honorary Pallbearers***

All Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

***Inurnment***

At A Later Date  
Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***A Letter From Heaven***

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
and I'm not here to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your  
eyes, filled with tears for me.  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry,  
the way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things,  
we didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me,  
as much as I love you.  
And each time you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.  
When tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart,  
for every time you think of me,  
I'm right there in your heart.*

*Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and  
would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.*

*~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5: 6-8*