

Mary Jorensen, 73, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at her home in rural Sturgis. There is comfort in knowing she went to be with her heavenly Lord.

Mary was born August 7, 1946, in Carson, ND, to John and Katherine (Schaefer) Kopp. The family moved to Sturgis in the 1960s.

Mary's greatest joy in life was spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. To Mary, family was everything. The love of her life was her husband, Gene. The two married in April of 1964, and ranched near Sturgis for many years. How wonderful that reunion in heaven must be.

Gene and Mary worked together at various area sale barns in the 1970s and 1980s. Mary loved meeting new people and visiting with anyone she encountered. She worked various jobs in town, retiring from First Interstate Bank in 2010.

She is survived by her children, Kathy (Steve) Brown of Sturgis, and Barney (Dawn) Jorensen of Sturgis; grandchildren, Katie (Nathan) Wiederholt of Custer, Kyle (Shannon) Brown of Sturgis, Brody Jorensen of Sioux Falls, and Cassidy Jorensen of Dickinson, ND; and great-grandchildren, Amelia, Wyatt, Allie, and Audrey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene; her parents, John and Katherine; 2 brothers; and 2 sisters.

In lieu of flowers, although Mary truly loved her flowers, memorials have been established to the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department and Meade County 4-H.

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

We never lose the ones we love.
For, even though they're gone,
Within the hearts of those who care,
Their memory lingers on.

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the Erskine Room in the church basement following the funeral services, prior to the committal services.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Mary Jorensen

August 7, 1946 ~ January 22, 2020

Waiting at Heaven's Door

Death beckoned her with outstretched hand
And whispered softly of an unknown land,
But she was not afraid to go
For though the path she did not know
She took death's hand without fear
For God who safely brought her here
Had promised He would lead the way
Into eternity's bright day.

For none of us need go alone
Into the valley that is unknown,
But, guided by our Father's hand
We journey to the promise land.

She was our special loving Mother
You shared your lives with one another,
And you'll find comfort for your grief
In knowing her death brought you sweet relief
For, now she is free from all suffering and pain
And your great loss became her gain.....

You know her love is with you still
For she loved you in life and always will.
Love like hers can never end
Because it is the perfect blend
Of joy and sorrows, smile and tears
That just grew stronger with the years.
Love like hers can never die
For she's taken it with her to the sky...

So think of Mom as living above
No farther away than your undying love,
For now she is happy and free once more
And she's waiting for you at Heaven's door.

In Memory Of Mary Jorensen

Date of Birth

August 7, 1946
Carson, North Dakota

Date of Death

January 22, 2020
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Harold Delbridge
Rev. Paul Henschen

Musician

Danny Chapman

Songs

"Green, Green Grass Of Home"
"In The Garden"
"The Hand That Rocks The Cradle"

Pallbearers

Kyle Brown Brody Jorensen Nathan Wiederholt Jared Schmidt
Dave McFarland Neil Kopp Bart Jorensen Gavin West

Honorary Pallbearers

All Mary's Pleasant Valley Neighbors

Final Resting Place

Pleasant Valley Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota