

## Marilyn A. Bergman

Marilyn A. Johlfs was born September 27, 1926, in Iona, MN, to Bernard R. and Marie (Harms) Johlfs. She attended county school in Iona, MN, later graduating from Slayton Minnesota High School. She then attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD.

She married Barney O. Bergman in Sioux Falls, SD, on December 11, 1948. The family lived in Sioux Falls, and Watertown, SD before relocating to Rapid City, SD, in 1968. Marilyn took pride in her family and being a stay-at-home mom with their four children until the death of her husband, Barney in 1971. She then began a career as a math tutor working for the Douglas School District, retiring in 1991.

Marilyn was an active member of South Canyon Lutheran Church and volunteered in many activities throughout the years including the woman's group. She was extremely active at Canyon Lake Senior Citizens Center especially with the aerobics group, the dinners, and the center rummage/bake sales. She was named volunteer of the month in January 1998, and October 2000. Marilyn enjoyed volunteering at The Chapel in the Hills and was a member of the Red Hat Society.

Marilyn enjoyed living life, church, traveling, dancing, playing cards, hiking, rides through the Black Hills, baking, canning, decorating, taking care of her home, yard work and especially mowing. She especially cherished her times spent with family, and you would often find her enjoying life with the ones she loved. Marilyn always had a positive outlook on life, spreading happiness wherever she went, she had the best sense of humor, and loved to laugh. Those whose lives she touched are very blessed. She will forever be in our hearts.

Marilyn A. Bergman, 97, Rapid City, SD, passed away on Thursday, February 29, 2024, in Sturgis, SD, at Aspen Grove Assisted Living.

Those left to cherish her memories, daughter: Kathryn (Lawrence) Oliver; sons: William (Judy) Bergman, and Brian (Angi) Bergman; daughters-in-law, Lisa Bergman, and Andra (Scott) Hagen; 12 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Barney, son, Paul, granddaughter, Jenny, infant brother, Charles, four sisters: Irene Gustafson, Lorraine Farrell, Margret Biéber, and Carol Jean Pralley, and brother, Wallace Johlfs.

A memorial has been established.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Kinkade Funeral Chapel of Sturgis, and George Boom Funeral Home in Sioux Falls.

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

*The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the service at Grace Lutheran Church basement in the Son Shine room. Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

***In Loving Memory Of***



***Marilyn A. Bergman***

***September 27, 1926 ~ February 29, 2024***



### *God Is Always Near*

*One thing can always cheer me  
when I'm feeling sad and low,  
When I tire of daily trials  
that I have to undergo,  
When those who should seem closest  
seem like people I don't know,  
One thing can always cheer me—  
I know that God is near me.  
One thing can always cheer me  
when I do not understand  
How the pain and sadness in our lives  
can get so out of hand,  
When the best of human efforts  
doesn't meet the day's demands,  
One thing can always cheer me—  
I know that God is near me.  
One thing can always cheer me  
more than anything I've known,  
And convince me that I never have  
to struggle on my own,  
For no matter what might happen,  
I will never be alone—  
The thing that always cheers me  
Is knowing God is near me.*



## *In Loving Memory Of Marilyn A. Bergman*

### *Born*

September 27, 1926  
Iona, Minnesota

### *Died*

February 29, 2024  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### *Funeral Service*

Friday, March 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### *Officiant*

Reverend David Baer

### *Musicians*

Candy McKay Marlene Kotab

### *Musical Selections*

“I Was There To Hear Your Burning Cry”  
“On Eagle's Wings” “God Bless America”

### *Pallbearers*

Christopher Bergman Daniel Berman Zachary Bergman  
Josh Bergman April Mabe Miranda Hagan

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Beth Halsne Tom Oliver Melissa Bergman Autumn Hagen  
Sawyer Hagen Michael Bergman Shalom Bergman  
Joseph Bergman

### *Final Resting Place*

Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.  
Mount Pleasant Cemetery  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota