

Sharon Faye Ross



Sharon was born September 9, 1940, in Ennis, MT, to John W. and Corinne A. (Ellefson) Schmidt. She grew up in Marcus on the family ranch where she lived with her parents and her brother, Jerry. She attended country school, taught by her mother. She stayed with her grandparents so she could attend high school in Sturgis, graduating in 1958. She then graduated from the National College of Business in Rapid City. She lived and worked in St. Petersburg, FL, and New Orleans, LA. She moved back to Sturgis in 1962 where she worked at Sturgis Community Federal Credit Union for 32 years, retiring in 2006.

She married Vernon E. Ross on August 7, 1967 in Mitchell, SD.

She spent much of her youth playing along Red Owl Creek with her many cousins that also lived along the creek. She enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, gardening, canning, and attending the many activities and sporting events of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was adventurous. She rode on the back of her daughter's motorcycle from Sturgis to Cody, WY. She loved to camp, in a tent, the back of a pick-up, or in a camper, it didn't matter, as long as she was in the outdoors. She was an avid photographer, filling many photo albums and winning contests with some of her outdoor photos. She always grew a large garden, usually larger than she and Vern needed. She canned or froze many fruits and vegetables from her garden every year. Many family weekends were spent in the Hills picking berries which she would turn into syrup or jelly. She was an avid fisherman and hunter, most times out fishing and out shooting the men in her life.

She was very strong, overcoming many obstacles and illnesses in her life. She was sent to Shriners Hospital in Hot Springs to learn how to walk due to complications during her birth. She developed kidney disease and was put on dialysis until her husband Vern donated one of his kidneys, allowing them the freedom to enjoy doing the things they loved to do. She silently fought cancer for over 14 years, never complaining or giving up.

Sharon Faye Ross, 77, Sturgis, died Thursday, October 12, 2017 at the Lippold Hospice Suite at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Vern, Sturgis; daughter, Corinne (Steve) Johnson, Kingston, WA; step-son, Jerry (Linda) Ross, Rapid City, SD; 7 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Corinne Schmidt; an infant daughter, Michelle; brother, Jerry Schmidt; step-son, Leonard Ross; and grandsons, Gavin Ross and David Ross.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at Grace Lutheran Church in Sturgis with Pastor Kris Garlick officiating. Inurnment will follow at Bear Butte Cemetery in Sturgis.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the Lippold Hospice Suite at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

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

In Loving Memory Of



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The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship, cookies and refreshments following committal. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



GOD SAW

God saw she was getting tired
and a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around her
and whispered "come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
and saw her fade away
Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hardworking hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He takes the very best.



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Memorial Service

Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.
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Officiant

Pastor Kris Garlick

Musician

Danny Chapman

Musical Selections

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
"How Great Thou Art"
"Amazing Grace"

Honorary Urn Bearers

Brian Ross ~ Steve Ross ~ Johnny Ross
Leona Ross ~ Denise Ross ~ Daniel Ross

Inurnment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota