

Bonnie Lee (O'Dea) Jones of Vale, South Dakota passed away at Monument Heath Hospital in Sturgis, SD on December 21, 2024. Bonnie was the youngest of five, born August 13, 1946 to Michael and Virginia (Martin) O'Dea in Oral, SD.

She attended school in Hot Springs, SD and is remembered stating she, "played along the banks of the Cheyenne River". On July 1, 1966 she married Earl Thomas Jones and lived in Pierre, SD for a short time before moving to Sturgis, SD. While living in Sturgis, Earl worked at Homestake Mine.

In 1971 Earl and Bonnie adopted their son, Alan, followed by daughter Donna in 1973. While living in Sturgis, Bonnie worked a variety of jobs. They later bought a farm near Bear Butte, just north of Sturgis before moving a final time to their farm at Vale, SD.

Bonnie loved animals. She raised sheep, cows, and registered goats. She was also well known for her fondness for cats. Bonnie was involved in 4-H, FFA, and Boy Scouts helping her children and grandchildren.

Bonnie will be deeply missed by her son Alan Earl Jones of Loveland, CO; Donna Lorena Jones of Lead, SD; grandchildren, Frankie Jones, Angel Thomas Jones, Melvin Jacob DeSersa, and Tyler John DeSersa; sister, Jane Knapp of Rapid City, SD; and her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Thomas Jones; parents, Michael & Virginia O'Dea; and siblings, Jim O'Dea, Loren O'Dea, and JoAnn Merwin.

There will be a visitation on Friday, December 27, 2024 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Black Hills Funeral Home in Sturgis, SD. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at the First Presbyterian Church in Sturgis, SD at 11:00 am with fellowship to follow at Jay Saloon in Central City, SD.

A memorial has been established in her honor at Twin City Animal Shelter in Lead, SD.

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

Thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory Of

Bonnie L. Jones

August 8, 1946 ~ December 21, 2024

Footprints In the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.

Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always.

But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there have only been one set of footprints in the sand.

Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?"

The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints in the sand, is when I carried you."

By: Margaret Fishback Powers



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Funeral Service

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at 11:00 am

First Presbyterian Church

Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Jil Jennewein

Musical Selections

"Dancing In the Sky"

"One Day At A Time"

"Old Rugged Cross"

Honorary Pallbearers

Angel Thomas Jones Melvin Jacob DeSersa

Tyler John DeSersa Frankie Jones

