

Janice Ruth Hardy

The youngest of four children, Janice was born on October 12, 1940, in Sturgis, SD, to Walter and Hazel Hardy. After graduating from Sturgis HS in 1958, Janice attended the University of Denver on a full tuition scholarship to study education, communications, and speech pathology. She completed her BA and MA degrees which prepared her for a fulfilling career in speech and hearing. Janice's expertise allowed her to work in many areas of her field, and for many entities, including: Arapahoe Co. Easter Seals; Sheridan Schools and Easter Seals; Tri Co. Health with Youth Services, Migrant Council, and summer immigration camps; Sewall Rehab Center; and Cherry Creek Schools, all in Colorado. She also worked in SD for the Sioux Falls School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Sioux Falls Public Schools. For several years, Janice digressed from her field, worked in real estate and also taught classes at Metro State College of Denver. She concluded her professional career with the PERA in Colorado.

In 1988, Janice took an early retirement and began a life of travel worldwide. A lifelong learner, she treasured her experiences in other countries and made many friends along the way. She eventually embraced a life of living in Mexico six months of the year and taught English as a second language to the villagers, for nearly 22 years. She moved to Rapid City in 2011 for health reasons, but still connected with her family and friends in New Mexico, Colorado, and her beloved Mexico. Throughout her life, Janice loved reading, painting, opera, cooking, traveling, learning the Spanish language, and especially playing scrabble.

Janice Ruth Hardy, 75, died October 18, 2015 at Hospice of the Hills, Rapid City, SD.

Janice is survived by her brother, Carroll (Jan) of Longmont, CO; son, Bruce (Bobette) Panches of Fredericktown, Missouri; 5 grandchildren; 4 nieces; Sharon (Jeff) Schramm, Gwen (Dennis) Varland, Jill (Bill) Bissell, Lisa (Hardy) Wynn; 1 nephew; Jay Hardy and her special caregiver, Maxine Sieler, family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 2 brothers, LaVern and Dale; a sister-in-law, Georgene; and one nephew, Brian.

A memorial has been established in Janice's name to Hospice of the Hills, Rapid City.

Condolences may be made to the family at kinkadefunerals.com.

In Loving Memory Of



Janice Ruth Hardy

1940 ~ 2015





The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; Thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

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Born

October 12, 1940
Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

October 18, 2015
Rapid City, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Friday, November 6, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Rev. Denzel Nonhof

Accompanist

Brenda Schaffer

Musical Selections

"In The Garden" #300
"Rock Of Ages" #384
"Amazing Grace" #422

Inurnment

Private Family

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