

Kathy Ann (Byrne) Wood was born in Mobridge, SD, on October 26, 1946, to Bob and Ruth (Dearborn) Byrne. She joined older siblings: Pat, Jim, Larry, Tom, and sister Ramona. Kathy described her family with lots of love and faith. Most every story included how well her brothers stuck up for her and always having her back in every situation. Her parents obviously instilled a "hard work" ethic in her. Kathy knew how to tackle a job and get it done.

Kathy attended elementary school at Mobridge, Trail City and Ottumwa, SD, and then attended high school at St. Martin's Academy in Rapid City. Kathy told many stories of the Nuns at her school. After graduating high school, she went to college at Black Hills State in Spearfish for two years. Kathy started teaching in Milesville, SD, where she met Kenneth McDaniel. Kathy continued teaching at other area schools throughout her life.

Kathy married Kenneth McDaniel on June 12, 1967, in Philip, SD. They lived in Philip working on the family ranch with Kenny's brother, Harold McDaniel. A few years later, Kenny and Kathy welcomed a son Travis. Kenny was taken from this family in a tragic airplane accident on November 1, 1972. Soon after Kenny's passing, Kathy and her son, Travis, moved just outside of Belle Fourche. Kathy's brother Larry introduced his sister to his friend Gilbert Wood. Obviously, it was love at first sight for both. Gilbert and Kathy were married in Belle Fourche on June 5th, 1973. Gilbert brought into this marriage 3 children Clint Wood, Jane (Wood) Burke, and Clay Gilman. In 1981, they welcomed another daughter to this family Nicole (Wood) Jones.

Throughout the years, Kathy has always been very active in St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church of Newell. She has had many jobs over the years- from owning her own restaurants and catering businesses to cooking for anyone who needed fed. Anyone was always welcome at her table. No matter what, she LOVED to feed people and was a very good cook. She was as passionate about her food as she was about her family. Both Kathy and Gilbert enjoyed working at the local sale barns and loved a good game of cards with family and friends. Kathy touched so many lives in her own special way. Her faith and determination made her the very strong person that got her through a lot of tough times in life. It was very important to her to pass that onto her children and grandchildren.

Kathy passed away at Monument Health Rapid City Hospital on November 9, 2023, surrounded by family.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years Gilbert Wood of Newell, SD. Children: Nicole (Todd) Jones of Sturgis, SD, Travis (Missy) Wood of Spearfish, SD, Clint (Katherine) Wood of Wickenburg, AZ, Jane (Joe) Burke of Newell, SD, and Clay (Robin) Gilman of Springville, CA. Siblings: Larry (Barbara) Byrne of Sundance, WY, Tom (Aileen) Byrne of Pine Haven, WY, and sister-in-law Betty Jane (Jim) Byrne of Devils Tower, WY. Kathy is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great grandchildren that she adored.

Kathy was preceded in death by her first husband Kenny McDaniel; her parents, Bob and Ruth; her siblings, Jim, Pat, and Ramona; her infant grandson Jamie Burke; and her sister-in-law Nelda Byrne.

A memorial has been established to the St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Newell, SD.

Condolences maybe sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
at the Newell City Hall, following the burial.
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

In Loving Memory Of



Kathy Ann Wood

October 26, 1946 ~ November 9, 2023

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Born

October 26, 1946
Mobridge, South Dakota

Died

November 9, 2023
Rapid City, South Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church
Newell, South Dakota

Officiants

Father Timothy Castor
Father Dan Juelfs

Musician

Vonda Mahaffy

Musical Selection

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Honorary Pallbearers

All Her Grandchildren:
Trey Wood Dawson Wood Abbie Culver Cody Jones
Jesse Jones Cody Burke Brett Burke Casey Wood
Tristan Wood Michael Wood

Final Resting Place

Hope Cemetery
Newell, South Dakota

*A wife, a mother, a grandma too,
This is the legacy we have from you.*

*You taught us love and how to fight,
You gave us strength; you gave us might.*

*A stronger person would be hard to find,
And in your heart, you were always kind.*

*You fought for us all in one way or another,
Not just a wife, not just a mother.*

*For all of us you gave your best,
Now the time has come for you to rest.*

*So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep.*

