

Shirley Ann Kenoyer

Shirley Ann (Steen) Kenoyer, 84, of Rapid City, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend passed gently away May 30, 2021, after 3 months in hospice. She was born April 26, 1937, in Bison, SD, to James and Hazel Steen. Her mother ran a maternity home which inspired Shirley's love for nursing, and her father was a carpenter and cowboy on the rodeo circuit. They moved to Spearfish, SD, in 1946 where Shirley graduated from HS in 1955. She went on to graduate from St. Johns School of Nursing in Rapid City. During this time, she met the love of her life Cliff Kenoyer. They married on Sept. 7, 1958. Cliff and Shirley moved to Sturgis and built a home east of town where they lived most of their lives. There they raised 3 children: Deborah, Rodney, and Douglas. When her children were all in school Shirley went back to work, first as a school nurse, and then over 20 years at the Sturgis Community Nursing Home - her greatest joy came in caring for others. After her and Cliff's retirements they enjoyed traveling, going to auctions, playing cards, time with family, and volunteer work. She was a positive and inspiring woman, who after diagnosed with leukemia, which she battled for 8 years, still found joy in life and was an amazing example of resilience to all.

She was an outgoing, and creative person- she had a gift for art, decorating, crafting, quilting, cooking, and gardening and loved to share those gifts- always looking for ways to help, teach or give to others. Her home was an open and welcoming place to gather for a delicious meal, or a cup of coffee and whatever treat she had baked that day. She was a lover of Gods beauty- and took notice of even the smallest and simplest things- kittens, buds on the trees, snow on the ground, birds singing, she always had music playing in the background and had a smile for everyone.

Shirley was involved in numerous organizations around Sturgis- including Beta Sigma Phi, Western Dakota Antique Club, Sewing and Quilting Clubs, and United Methodist Women-she was never one to sit still. To Shirley, living a life as a servant of God was a privilege.

Grateful to have shared her life and been a recipient of her love are her husband of 62 years Cliff; her daughter, Deborah (Darrel) Kjerstad and grandchildren Lauren and Nolan; son, Rodney Kenoyer; and son, Douglas (Rebecca) Kenoyer, grandchildren Jensen, Samuel and Dawson; her brothers-in-law, Don Kenoyer, and Steve (Ann) Kenoyer; sister-in-law, Ila Kenoyer; her lifelong friend, Joan Kokesch, and their extended families.

She was preceded in death and will be welcomed in heaven by her parents; her sister, Ruby Morris; her sister- in-law, Pat Kenoyer and brother-in-law, Bob Kenoyer.

We are so thankful for the love and care she received, especially in these final months, from the staff at Edgewood in Rapid City and from Stillwater Hospice.

A memorial has been established to the United Methodist Church of Sturgis.

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



In Loving Memory

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April 26, 1937 ~ May 30, 2021

The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church hall following the service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



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

April 26, 1937
Bison, South Dakota

Died

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Rapid City, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Friday, June 4, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.
Sturgis United Methodist Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Jenene Earl

Favorite Hymns

"How Great Thou Art" "Because He Lives"
"In The Garden" "Amazing Grace"

Honorary Urnbearers

Jensen Samuel Lauren Dawson Nolan

Final Resting Place

At A Later Date
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota