

Jean Alva Marie Kusser, 66, of Sturgis, died Sunday, May 15, 2022, in Sturgis, SD.

Jean was born on July 28, 1955, in Faith, SD, to Ray and Dorothy (Horton) Edwards. She joined three other siblings, Harlan, Judy, and Russel. She grew up in Dupree and moved to Sturgis and then onto Castle Rock, CO. She graduated in 1973, from Douglas County High School in Castle Rock, CO.

Jean married Robert Kusser on September 19, 1984, in Sturgis, SD. She welcomed Bob's son, Shannon into her life, and 1985, she welcomed a daughter, Jessica Jean, in 1987, and she welcomed a son, Joshua Robert.

She enlisted in SD Army National Guard (SDARNG) on September 30, 1976. Basic training was in May -July in 1977; Advanced Individual Training was in July-August of 1977; School trained Grader Operator 62K; other training and specialties include: Administrative Specialist / Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO); and Military Instructor. She was a member of the 842nd Engineer Co, of Spearfish and Deadwood; 109th Battalion, Sturgis, SD; and SD Military Academy, Fort Meade, SD. She retired as a Sergeant First Class (SFC) from SDARNG on November 1, 1996, after 20 years of dedicated service; the same day her husband, Robert retired from SDARNG. Jean was a proud member of American Legion Post #33.

Jean also graduated from Black Hills State University in 1995, with a Bachelors in Education. She taught for 17 years in Meade County School District in Special Education while being in the SDARNG.

Jean had many hobbies which included, bowling, fishing, chasing around kids sporting events, later chasing around grandkid's activities, and bingo. She always enjoyed her rally family. Jean was always known for her laugh, and quick witty comebacks. She was best for being known as "Mean Jean".

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Jean is survived by her husband, Robert of Sturgis, SD; daughter, Jessica of Sturgis, SD; and son, Joshua (Alisha) of Rapid City, SD; grandsons, Zachary of Sturgis, SD, Kaisen, and Roanin, both of Rapid City, SD; granddaughter, Brittany (Kevin) of Champlin, MN; great-grandchildren, Landon, and McKenzie, of Champlin, MN; siblings, Harlan (Lois) Edwards of Kilgore, TX, Judy (Mike) Gorman of Rapid City, SD, and Russel (Carol) Edwards of Maitland, SD; many nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents, Ray (Dorothy) Edwards; infant sister, Dorothy Rae; son, Shannon; father-in-law, Bill Kusser; in-laws, Wanda Kusser, Roger Kutz, and Vicky Edwards; and other family and friends.

In lieu of flowers an educational fund has been established for Jean's grandchildren at Northern Hills Federal Credit Union.

Condolences may be sent to the family and services will be live streamed at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



In Loving Memory Of

Jean Alva Marie Kusser
July 28, 1955 ~ May 15, 2022





The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch for family and friends at the Sturgis Veterans Club 868 Main Street following the committal service at Black Hills National Cemetery. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

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Memorial Service

Thursday, May 19, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Jenene Earl

Musical Selections

“Amazing Grace” “On Eagle’s Wings”
“Bye Mom” “The Army Goes Rolling Along”

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran’s Honor Guard
Army National Guard Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota