

Josephine Edna "Josie" Huckins

Josephine Edna McCafferty was born March 4, 1944, to Joseph and Edna (Adler) McCafferty in Philadelphia, PA. She graduated from Archbishop Prendergast High School in 1962.

In October 1968, she met Joe Carmon Huckins while he was serving in the U.S. Navy and stationed in Philadelphia. They were married on June 28, 1969, at St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic Church in East Lansdowne, PA. After his discharge, they moved to Sturgis, SD. Their daughter, Kerri Lynn, was born in 1971.

Josie studied art at Black Hills State College in Spearfish, SD. She was an artistic woman who used her talent for drawing, painting, calligraphy, sewing and needlepoint. She enjoyed crafts and reading, and was an exceptional cook.

She was an active member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Sturgis, and served the parish physically and spiritually. She was a member of the Episcopal Church Women, served as treasurer for the parish for several years, and was a delegate to the South Dakota Episcopal Diocese. She volunteered as a Sunday school teacher and Girl Scout Leader, served Meals on Wheels and volunteered for the March of Dimes.

In 1996, she and J.C. bought land near Mud Butte, SD, and built a cabin. "The Little House" was her respite and sanctuary, where she felt at peace and enjoyed watching the baby horses. Being away from traffic, city noises and telephones allowed her to have a God-filled, spiritual patriotism that she treasured.

Her granddaughter, Willow, was born in 1996, and she became Mom Mom.

The most important thing to Josie was her family, which included her immediate family and the family of her husband, which welcomed her as a sister and aunt when she moved to the Midwest from Philadelphia. She loved her husband, daughter and granddaughter more than anything and enjoyed attending any activities in which Kerri and Willow participated. In the last few years, she took great pride and pleasure watching Willow perform in band, choir, and drama.

Josie Huckins, 68, Sturgis, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, J.C. Huckins, her daughter, Kerri Huckins, and her granddaughter, Willow Cowherd, all of Sturgis; sisters, Maggie McCafferty, Pompano Beach, Fla., Patricia McLaughlin, King George, Va., and Kathleen (George) Garrick, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and a multitude of brothers- and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Edna (Adler) McCafferty.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the Sturgis Brown High School Drama Club.

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
in the church hall following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory Of
Josie Huckins*

1944 ~ 2013



My wife, my Josie,

*I remember someone saying, "Free. Free at last." This is my Josie.
She is free of the many years of pain and worry.*

*Worry because she thought she would leave her husband to raise a
little baby by himself and a little girl might have to grow up without a
mother. Through God's grace, she led us in a spirit-filled family life
and lived to see her little baby girl grow up to be a strong,
independent woman. Josie taught Kerri these characteristics and she
passed them on to our beloved granddaughter, Willow.*

*What a beautiful job you have done, my love, in your short life. You
warmed others with your smile, expecting a smile in return.*

*Your spiritual leadership was so much more than you would ever
admit, but you are in a place now where you know what a gift you
have been to so many people.*

*We have heard so many recollections of your willingness to help and
greet everyone with a smile.*

If I could do it all over again, I wouldn't hesitate.

*People say, "A good friend will give you the shirt off his back;"
you would give them your heart.*

*I am a better Christian man, a better father, because of your love and
guidance, and this world is a better place
because you walked among us.*

Your husband always,

J.C. Huckins

In Loving Memory Of

Josephine Edna Huckins

"Josie"

Born

March 4, 1944
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Died

January 20, 2013
Rapid City, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Monday, January 28, 2013, at 1:00 p.m.
St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Officiating

Rev. Arch Deacon Paul Sneve

Accompanist

Judy Hughes

Singers

John Hughes ~ Darrell Pulscher

Musical Selections

"Morning Has Broken"

"I Am The Bread Of Life"

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Honorary Pallbearers

Donald Huckins ~ Marty Huckins ~ Leon Huckins ~ Leo Arena
Lester Huckins ~ Clayton Huckins ~ Lester Bennett ~ Curtis Davis

Inurnment

Black Hills National Cemetery