



## Joanne T. Grubl

Joanne T. Walter Grubl, 79, Whitewood, was called home to be with her loving daughter, Janet, and her mother and father, Fred and Mary Kenstler, in heaven on July 23, 2014. Joanne was born on January 3, 1935, in Sturgis, SD, and as a child she grew up in Mud Butte. She also resided in Tuscon, AZ, St. Onge, SD, and Sturgis, SD, to raise her family then most recently resided in Whitewood, SD.

Joanne was a country girl at heart and would love to tell stories of living out in the country and the freedom of riding her horses out in the rugged prairie. She loved

the ranch life, she was active on her son's ranch outside of Sturgis, where a familiar sight would be her walking around the ranch with a herd of bum lambs following close behind. Her patience and compassion for animals made her a natural when working with livestock.

Joanne was very active and well known in the area. She was involved in several community groups including VFW auxiliary, Cowbells, and the senior center. She was a devout catholic and heavily involved in her church. She was an extrovert and loved to be around people to either chat, drink coffee, or go out dancing. Her charisma, integrity, and infectious personality earned her numerous lifelong friendships.

Joanne's biggest passion was being a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was the matriarch of her family and always tried to instill encouragement, patience, and self-respect in all her children either by teaching or leading by example. Joanne would never give up on her kids and was always their biggest advocate.

Joanne is survived by her children, Nancy, Duane (Sonja), Mary Ann (Glen), Maureen (Mitch), Jackie, Maurice, Mark, and Daniel. She was also survived by 34 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren, and siblings; brothers, Maurice and Kevin, and sisters, Carol and Kathleen.

Joanne was preceded in death by her husband, Duane; her brother, Paul; her sister, Maureen; grandchild, Jamie; and daughter-in-law, Cindy.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



## *In Loving Memory Of*



*Joanne T. Grubl*

*1935 ~ 2014*

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



*A million times we've needed you,  
A million times we've cried,  
If our love could have saved you,  
You never would have died.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.  
He saw you were getting tired,  
When a recovery was not to be,  
He closed His arms around you,  
And whispered "Come to Me."  
For all the pain you went through,  
He saw you needed rest,  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
For he only picks the best.*

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## *Joanne T. Grubl*

***Born***

January 3, 1935  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Died***

July 23, 2014  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Vigil***

Monday, July 28, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

***Mass of Christian Burial***

Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

***Celebrant***

Father Timothy Castor

***Organist***

Dr. Barry Furze

***Soloist***

Mary Ann Rasmussen

***Musical Selections***

"On Eagle's Wings"    "Oh Lord, I'm Not Worthy"  
"Ave Maria"    "Alleluia Sing To Jesus"

***Pallbearers***

Duane Walter ~ Maurice Walter  
Mark Walter ~ Daniel Walter

***Interment***

St. Aloysius Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota