

Joy Colleen Conway, 85, passed away on Wednesday, September 10th, at Hospice House in Rapid City after bravely battling numerous health issues for many years, always showing the spirit of a true fighter.

Visitation will be on Thursday, September 18, from 5-7 at Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis. The funeral will be on Friday, September 19th, at 11:00 am at Grace Lutheran Church with lunch to follow. Burial will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery at 1:30.

Joy was born March 10, 1940, to Chester and Mabel (Hanks) Olson in Sturgis, where she was raised. She graduated from Sturgis Brown High School in 1958 before attending college in Denver at the School of Business, now known as Colorado State University.

In January of 1959, Joy traveled to Fairbanks, Alaska, where she married the love of her life, Bill Conway, on January 17. Their journey together spanned 37 years, with their 38th anniversary just around the corner. After Bill was discharged from the service, they returned to Sturgis, where Joy made her home for the rest of her life. She worked first at SD Cable in Deadwood and later devoted more than 30 years to Farm Bureau Insurance in Sturgis, retiring in 2002.

Joy loved her community and gave back through her involvement with the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, TOPS, and Zonta. For a time, she also served as an EMT, always willing to step up and help others.

She is survived by her daughter, Cindy (Don) Swenby of Sturgis; sons Doug (Diane) Conway of Juneau, Alaska, and Ron (Tinya) Conway of Sturgis. She was the proud grandmother of Brian (Amy) Swenby of Sturgis; Brandi (James) Schneider of Illinois; Cara (John) Moraitis of Florida; Ray (Brittany) Sievenpiper of Utah; Cami Sievenpiper of Alaska; Melissa Conway of Belle Fourche; and Stacy (Ryan) Hannah of Hot Springs. She is also survived by 21 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren, her brother-in-law Chuck Conway of Nevada, nephews & nieces David (Kati) Bak, Darren (Carmen) Bak, Amy Bak and Cash (Helena) Conway, Dawn (Ross) Carrie, and many cousins.

Joy was welcomed into heaven by her husband, Bill; parents, Chester and Mabel Olson; parents-in-law, Ivan and Hattie Conway; sister, Gerrie Olson; nephew, Dirk Bak; great-granddaughter, Jada Faith Sievenpiper.

Memorials have been established for the Hospice House in Rapid City and the Plainview Volunteer Fire Department.

*Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

# In Loving Memory



*Take a look around. I'm the sunshine in your hair. I'm the shadow on the ground. I'm the whisper in the wind. I'm your imaginary friend.*

*And I know. I'm in your prayers.*

*I'm already there."*

## Joy Colleen Conway

March 10, 1940 ~ September 10, 2025

# I'm Free

by Anne Lindgren Davison

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard him call.

I turned my back and left it all

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work or play

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I've found that peace at the close of day

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.

Ah yes, these things I too will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow

My life's been full, I've savored much,

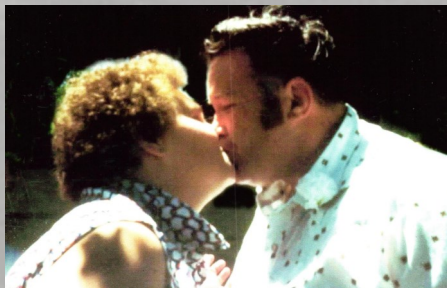
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch

If my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief

Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,

God wanted me now; He set me free.



*In Loving Memory Of*

# Joy Colleen Conway

## Memorial Service

Friday, September 19, 2025 at 11:00 am

Grace Lutheran Church

Sturgis, South Dakota

## Officiant

Reverend Kevin Jensen

## Musicians

Dan Chapman—Vocals

Marlene Kotab—Pianist

## Musical Selections

“Take My Hand, Precious Lord” - Elvis Presley

“The Old Rugged Cross”

“How Great Thou Art”

“I’ll Fly Away”

## Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery

Sturgis, South Dakota

Please join the family for lunch and fellowship following the service in the church basement.