

Mary Zelle (Nielsen) Woytassek died peacefully at Monument Health Custer Hospital surrounded by family. Left to love her in memory are her son, Mark; her daughter and thankfully her principal caretaker, Janet and sister, Karen Lapp.

Mary Zelle was born in Rapid City November 2, 1932, when her parents E.M. 'Swede' Nielsen and Neme (Lewis) Nielsen lived in Scenic SD.

Mary Zelle attended grade school in Scenic. In 1942, the family moved to Edgemont, SD, when the Black Hills Ordnance Depot was being built. She finished school in Edgemont graduating from Edgemont High School in 1950.

She attended the University of Denver and South Dakota State in Brookings and then became a statistical clerk at BHOD where she met and married Jim Woytassek. The family moved many times during Jim's private sector and civil service career. She was a recording clerk for the KC 135 Spares of Boeing in Seattle, WA and was office manager for a large DIY firm in Springfield, VA.

Mary was a very active volunteer at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and the Senior Center in Custer. She was a charter member of the Piecemakers Quilt Guild. She was a 74 year member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Her favorite things were reading, sewing, quilting and traveling with family (49 states) and most of the National Parks.

Survivors are son Mark in Cedar Rapids, IA, daughter Janet of Custer, sister Karen Lapp (Don) in MN, Niece Meri Nielsen (Mark), Haley and Jake in MN ; Niece Sara Lapp (Paul) in MN, Ben in GA. and Grace in MN. Don Lapp (Mary Kay), Tyler and Sidney in ND. Niece Kathy Beebe in Hot Springs, SD. Steve in VA and Chris in WY, Niece Gale Beebe (Mike) in Custer. And her special furry friend (Bandit). Along with many friends around the United States.

Preceded in death by her husband Jim and her parents. Sister in law Pat Beebe (Tom) Custer. Cousin Don Scheunemann Park Ridge, IL.

Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home



Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Lord, make me an
instrument of
your peace;
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
Where there is injury,
pardon;
Where there is doubt,
faith;
Where there is despair,
hope;
Where there is darkness,
light;
And where there is sadness,
joy.**

**O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so
Much
Seek to be consoled as to
Console;
To be understood as to
Understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we
Receive;
It is in pardoning that we are
Pardoned;
And it is in dying we
Are born to eternal life.**

"How do you know I can hear you?"

MAY THE SOUL OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

MARY ZELLE WOYTASSEK

REST IN PEACE

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL ROSARY

**9:00 a.m., Monday, April 22, 2024
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Custer, South Dakota**

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL MASS

**10:00 a.m., Monday, April 22, 2024
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Custer, South Dakota**

CELEBRANTS

**Fr. Collins
Deacon Pat Coy**

SPECIAL MUSIC

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Music Ministry

LUNCHEON

St John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish Hall

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL COMMITTAL

**2:00 p.m., Monday, April 22, 2024
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota**

MEMORIALS

**Memorials may be given to St. John's Women at St John's
the Baptist Church P.O. Box 632 Custer, SD 57730. Or Custer
Senior Center Endowment Fund 538 Mt. Rushmore Road
Custer, SD 57730. Or Father Pete Scholarship School of
Mines Foundation 330 East Kansas City Street
Rapid City, SD. 57701**