

RAPID CITY - Joyce E Kauer, 75 died August 2, 2023 at Monument Health – Rapid City Hospital.

Joyce Elaine (Legge) Kauer was born June 25, 1947 at Winner, SD to George and Berniece (Storms) Legge.

In July of 1948 the family moved to Clearfield, SD, where her parents owned and operated Legge Garage. Joyce attended grade school at Clearfield School 1st through 8th grade. She graduated from Winner High School in 1967. Joyce worked at DECA at Grossenburg Implement during high school and continued to work there until May 1969. She married James L. Kauer on October 5, 1968, in Winner SD.

In May 1969 she and Jim moved to Rapid City SD. Daughter Jennifer Jill was born on August 1, 1974. Joyce was devoted to her family and friends. She enjoyed the outdoors, her numerous cats over the years and her garden. One of her favorite activities was her neighborhood birthday club where they enjoyed food and birthday sweets. She enjoyed collecting and selling her antiques and collectibles at her booth at Black Hills Antique Mall on 6th Street. She was an excellent cook and shared many recipes over the years and made the best Christmas Bread that was always a favorite at the holidays. Joyce was always up for a game of pitch, snatch or Mexican Train dominoes. Joyce loved to paint and shared her talent with the gifts of original oil painting as gifts to family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, James, daughter, Jennifer (Jason) Totten, grandchildren, Wyatt Totten, Kaitlyn Totten (Grady Martin), Cooper Totten. One great-grandson, Brooks Martin. Brothers, Kelly (Robin) Legge, Loren (Deb) Legge, niece Halley Legge and nephew Lander (Hannah) Legge as well as many extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Carol Geldert, brother-in-law, Robert Geldert, grandparents, George C. and Amelia Legge, Joseph and Cresenthia Storms.

Friends and family are invited to a Christian Funeral Mass to be celebrated on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Therese the Little Flower Catholic Church in Rapid City. A luncheon will follow the Mass at the church. Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery at 1:30 p.m.

Please visit the online memorial for Joyce at: www.OsheimSchmidt.com.





In Loving Memory *Joyce Elaine Kauer*

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St. Therese the Little Flower Catholic Church
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Celebrant

Fr. Kerry Prendiville

Musicians

Cantor ~ Jerry Meyer

Accompanist ~ Sue Englin

Honorary Pallbearers

Wyatt Totten ~ Kaitlyn Totten

Cooper Totten ~ Brooks Martin

Place of Rest

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

Rapid City, South Dakota

Committal Service

Monday, August 7, 2023 ~ 1:30 p.m.

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

Led By ~ Fr. Kerry Prendiville

In Memory

*God saw that she was getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
So He put His arm around her
And whispered, "Come with me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer,
and saw her fade away;
Although we loved her dearly,
we could not make her stay.
Her golden heart stopped beating,
Hard-working hands laid to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best*