

*Colleen "Coke" Louise Thompson*, 66, of Crookston, MN, passed away at her home Saturday afternoon, January 27, 2024, comforted by the love of her family and friends.

Coke, as she was affectionately known for most of her life, was born in Minneapolis, MN on July 24, 1957, the daughter of James D. and Louise (Moore) Thompson. She grew up in a loving home in the nearby suburb of Chanhassen, together with her 3 brothers, Steve, Doug, Jim and sister, Joan. Sadly, her sister, Nancee, died as an infant. After graduating from Chaska High School in 1975 Coke moved to Crookston where she obtained an Associate's Degree in Accounting in 1977 from the University of Minnesota-Crookston. While at UMC she was a star athlete in volleyball, basketball and fast-pitch softball, playing on the first Womens teams in school history, thanks to Title IX. Her accomplishments resulted in the award as UMC Athlete of the Year. Coke would later enroll at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Physical Education. In 1980 she entered with the Sisters of St. Joseph and was with them until 1983. Upon leaving the convent she continued to work with the Sisters and enjoyed their friendship. Coke began teaching at Cathedral Elementary School in 1987 as the 3rd grade teacher. During that time she served the School for one year as Principal. After a very rewarding 28 year career in education and faith formation Coke retired in 2015. On November 28, 2015 Coke was united in marriage to Deborah Huot, in a ceremony held at Two Harbors, MN on the shores of Lake Superior. Coke then established her business, Barn Wood Designs.

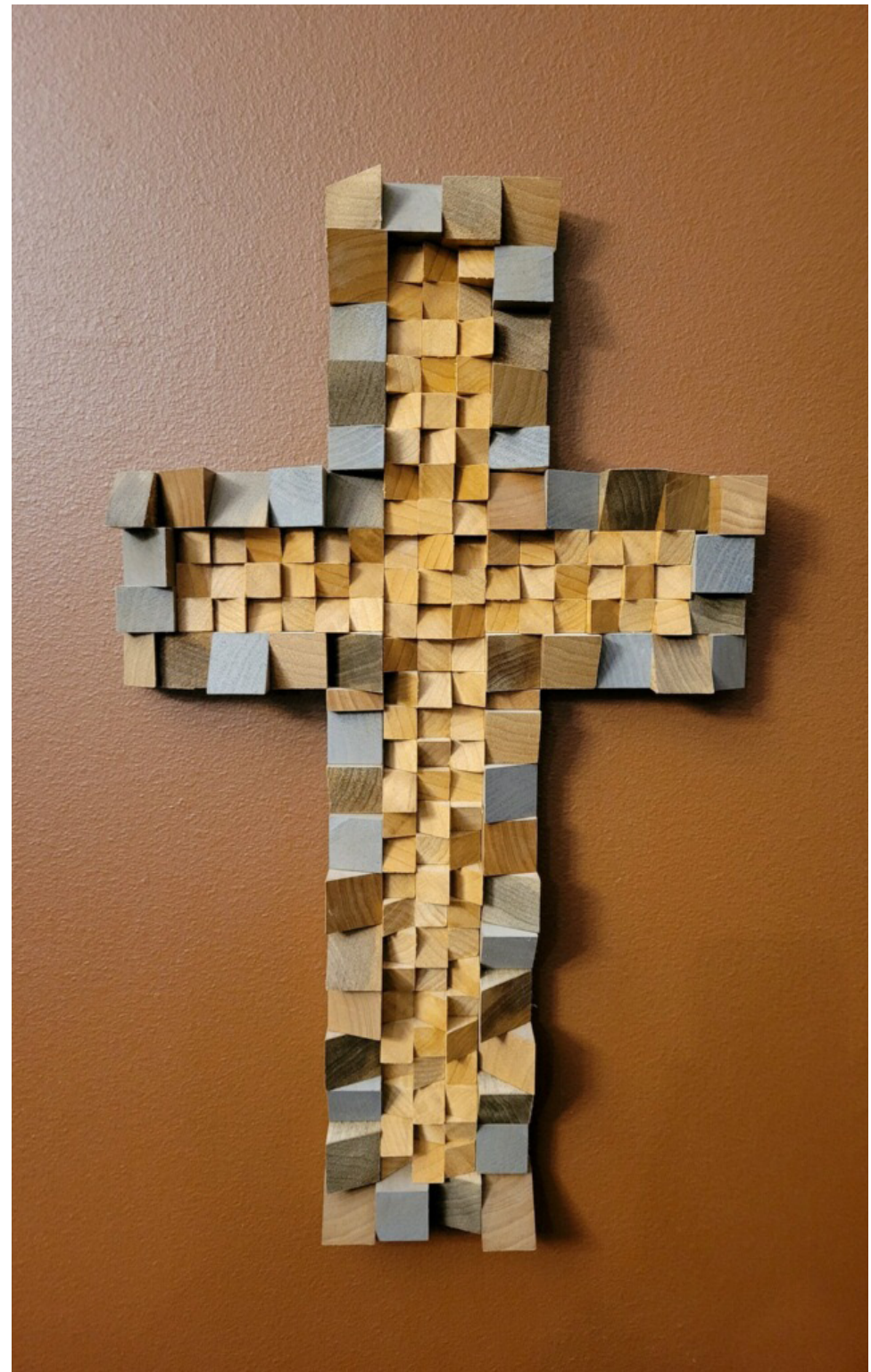
Coke loved working in her shop and doing outdoor projects. Coke enjoyed golfing, taking road trips, biking and spending time with family and friends. And from time to time taking a short jaunt to the Casino! □

Coke's greatest joy was sharing her faith with her students and teaching them about God. Coke's life was filled with many examples of loving God and loving her neighbor.

Coke will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by Deb; 4 siblings and their spouses: Steve, (Debbie Jo) Thompson of Park Rapids, MN, Doug, (Bev) Thompson of Prior Lake, MN, Jim "Yo", (Stu) Thompson of Page, AZ, and Joan (Steve) Meyerson of Clearwater, FL; and from Deb's family: Donald, (Mary) Huot of Cold Spring, MN, Diane, (Al) Shervold of Grand Forks, ND, Kathy Huot of Grand Forks, ND, Mike, (Lynnette) Huot of Cass Lake, MN, Marcie Huot of Leesburg, FL, Rod, (Michelle Olson) Huot of Thompson, ND, sisters-in-law, Rhonda Huot of East Grand Forks, MN, and Chutima Huot of Battle Lake, MN. She also leaves many nieces and nephews, other family members, and a host of friends.

Coke has been reunited with her parents, James D. and Louise Thompson; infant sister, Nancee; sister-in-law, JoAnne Thompson and from Deb's family her parents-in-law, Roy and Barbara Huot; and brothers-in-law, Steve Huot, Roy Huot and infant brother, David.

Coke's memory will live on in the hearts of Deb, her family, and all who were fortunate enough to have known and shared in her life.





IN LOVING MEMORY

*Colleen "Coke" Louise Thompson*

July 24, 1957 - January 27, 2024

*Liturgy of the Word and Sharing of Memories*

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Crookston, Minnesota

Led by Msgr. David Baumgartner

Beth Carlson, accompanist

Janel Kresl, cantor

*Mass of Christian Burial*

Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Crookston, Minnesota

Msgr. David Baumgartner, presiding

*Honorary Urn Bearers*

Coke's and Deb's Beloved Nieces and Nephews

*Honor Guard*

Coke's Pride and Joy

Cathedral School Students 1987-2015

*Coke's Family would like to thank you for your very kind expressions of sympathy and for your presence, whether in body or spirit, as we Celebrate Her Glorious Life as a Humble Servant of Our Lord and Savior.*

*A special thank you to Steve Thompson for the beautiful urn he handcrafted with love for his sister.*



She went to heaven on the wings of Angels.

We know you're saying  
Don't cry for me  
I'm better than you know.

Hold on to those moments and memories we've shared.  
Don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me  
I'm right here in your heart.

I can't hide my tears.  
It's too hard to say goodbye.  
I'm feeling so lost inside.

I know we have been blessed to have you as a part of our life  
I have to believe you're in a better place  
We're all headed for the same place.  
God definitely took one of the best when he took you.

Until we meet again, I will be jealous of the Angels.

*Written by: Doug Thompson*



## Mass of Christian Burial

### *Honoring the Life of Colleen "Coke" Thompson*



Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.  
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
Msgr. David Baumgartner, presiding  
Server - Loren Karboviak  
Beth Carlson, accompanist  
Janel Kresl, cantor

Ushers

Paul Biermaier – Steve Biermaier – Ray Dusek – Greg LeBlanc

Gathering Song: "Here I Am, Lord" #539

First Reading: Isaiah 40:28-31  
Victoria Meyerson – Lisa Sylvester (Coke's Nieces)

Responsorial: Psalm 27  
"The Lord is My Light and My Salvation"

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9, 13  
Diane Shervold (Deb's sister)

Gospel Acclamation: "Mass of Christ the Savior" #50

Gospel: John 6:37-40  
Homily and Intercessions  
Msgr. David Baumgartner

Preparation of Gifts: "You Are Mine" #651  
Gift Bearers  
Ethan Hulst – Brandon Kresl

Eucharistic Acclamations #52, #54, #56, #57

Communion: "Table of Plenty" #463  
Eucharistic Ministers

Kathy Barkowski – Teresa Cymbaluk – Laurie Erickson – Judy Schoenberger

Reflection Song: "Go in Peace"  
Janel Kresl, soloist

Final Commendation: "May the Angels Lead You into Paradise"

"Closing Song: "Lead Me Lord" #760