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The day you left I won't forget
 The sun did rise the sun did set
 Now in my heart is this giant hole
 To have you forever was my biggest goal
 We'll miss your hugs and large embrace
 But most of all your smiling face
 We sit and talk, wish you were here
 But in many ways we know you're near
 So many things I would like to say
 But I'll save them for another day
 In closing now you're passed the test
 As wife, mom, and grandma you were the best
 Now rest with God in Heaven's light
 To be with him in your final flight
 God came that day and took you home
 Said these three words: **JOB WELL DONE**
 Miss you and LOVE you to the moon and back



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Roslyn Jean Henke

1954-2024



Roslyn Jean Henke, 69, of Center, passed away Friday, May 24, 2024, at her home.

Roslyn Jean (Jeannie) Henke was born December 3, 1954, to Walter and Mary (Freidig) Staigle in Belle Fourche, SD. She was the baby of their family, the youngest of 10. Jeannie was raised and educated at Center High School where she also met the love of her life.

On July 13, 1974, she married David Henke at St. Martin’s Catholic Church. They made their home on David’s family farm where they remained to present day. Two years later they welcomed their first child, Thomas (Tom) David and 15 years later their second, Kathryn (Katie) Jo.

Jeannie was employed at Center High School in the cafeteria for 36 years and always enjoyed making sure the school kids were fed. She made many special bonds always remarking that kids were always nice to the ladies that feed them. While working her job she also volunteered much of her time after work. She spent 30 plus years as the 2nd grade CCD teacher at St. Martins, sang in the church choir for several years and was still currently serving as a eucharistic minister. She also spent numerous years as a Women’s Way volunteer. A highlight of Jeannie’s summers for many years was her participation in the Center Stage musical during Old Settlers. The last several years in the musical she even sang beside husband, David. She often shared some of her fond memories from the musical, David playing Elvis & her participation in the 1991 musical nine months pregnant.

She was the most selfless mother and an abundant giver with a heart of gold. No task was ever too big for her and no matter how busy she was she would take time to do anything that was asked of her. It didn’t matter if it was baking or cooking, sewing or occasional farm work she always dropped everything. She was a tremendous cook & even better baker. Her Juneberry and Apple pies were always family favorites & will for sure be missed. In the spring and summer months you could find her in her garden or the backyard enjoying her flowers. If you ever came to visit, she’d always tell you to “just come sit a minute in the backyard.”

Of all the titles Jeannie held though, wife, mom and eventually grandma were her absolute favorites. In her six years of retirement, if her and David weren’t home you could often find them running after their granddaughters. It didn’t matter what activity they had, donuts for grandparents’ day or a sports game, her and David were there.

Jeannie is survived by her husband of almost 50 years David; her son, Thomas (Angela) Henke; granddaughters, Hali and Tayon, Dickinson; daughter, Kathryn (Chris) Simon, Hannover; siblings, Dorothy Wood, Huletta WY, Charles (Janet) Staigle, Center, ND, Marilyn (Ken) Barnhardt, Bozeman, MT, Mary (Wyman) Scheetz, Center, Tom (Paulette) Staigle, Glendive MT; brother in law, Dwight (Nancy) Henke, Hannover; sister in law, Paulette Hodgson (Jacksonville, FL), Betty Staigle, Bismarck, ND; numerous nieces and nephews; and very blessed friend, Judy McNulty.

Jeannie was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mary; mother and father-in-law, Nelvin and Charlotte Henke; siblings, George Staigle, William (Bill) Staigle, Martin Staigle, Martha Staigle and infant twins.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Garrett McCabe & the Oliver County Ambulance.

In Loving Memory Of

Roslyn Jean Henke

December 3, 1954 – May 24, 2024

Funeral Liturgy Monday | June 3, 2024 | 10:00 AM

St. Martin’s Catholic Church
Center, ND

Celebrant Rev. Stephen Folorunso

Musician Matt Erhardt

Reader Mark Erhardt

Opening Song “Be Not Afraid”

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 27

“The Lord is my light and my salvation.”

New Testament Reading Romans 8:38-39

Gospel Reading John 5:24-29

Homily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song “Prayer Of St. Francis”

Gift Bearers Tom Henke ~ Angie Henke
Hali Henke ~ Tayon Henke

Eucharistic Prayer
Communion Songs “On Eagle’s Wings”

“Hail Mary, Gentle Woman”

Communion Meditation “Here I Am Lord”

Final Commendation “Song Of Farewell”

Closing Song “Lead Me Lord”

Honorary Pallbearers

~All of Jeannie’s family and friends~

Graveside Service St. Martin’s Catholic Cemetery

Center, ND

Following the funeral service, the family invites you for lunch and fellowship at the Center Civic Center.