

The Life of Janet Kolker



Mass of Christian Burial for Janet Kolker, 72, of Groton will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 27, 2015 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Father Mike Kelly will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the church from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday with a wake at 7:00 p.m.

Janet died August 23, 2015 at Avera St. Lukes in Aberdeen.

Janet Kay Shabino was born on October 15, 1942 in St. Louis, Missouri to Kenneth and Ella (Wudel) Shabino. She attended Rapid City High School and the University of South Dakota Business School and graduated with a BA in Accounting. She was united in marriage with Richard

Kolker on August 29, 1964 in Rapid City. The couple made their home in Groton, where Janet worked alongside Dick at Kolker Law Office. She took time off to raise their family and later returned to the law office.

Janet was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. She served as bookkeeper for the church for many years and was active on several committees. She enjoyed volunteer work for the Groton Transit and was a former PEO Officer.

Celebrating her life is her husband of nearly 51 years, Dick Kolker of Groton, her children, Martin (Kristy) Kolker of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Audra (Eugene) Chmiel of Clinton, Connecticut, Anthony Kolker and friend Christy Guck of Henning, Minnesota, four grandchildren: Matthew Kolker, Lauren Kolker, Asher Heidrich and Jaden Kolker, one great-grandchild, Atticus Heidrich, her brother, Kenneth Shabino of Pleasanton, California, two sisters, Beverly (Dick) Lennon of Rapid City and Carol (Kevin) Conway of Rapid City.

Preceding her in death were her parents and an infant son, Jonathan.

Memorials may be directed to Groton Community Transit, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, PEO Star Scholarship or the Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota.