



The Life of Linda Stearns

Funeral services for Linda Jean Stearns, 60, Groton, SD will be 11 am, Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, Rev. Craig Grams officiating. Burial at Hecla Cemetery, Hecla, SD. Linda fell asleep on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, surrounded by the love of her family, after battling pulmonary fibrosis for five years.

Visitation will be 5:00-7:00pm, Monday, with a prayer service at 7:00pm, at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, 1111 South Main Street.

Linda Jean (Glover) Stearns was born July 16, 1955, to Lauren Ray and Helena Maye (Nutton) Glover in Aberdeen, SD.

Linda attended school in Hecla, SD, graduating in 1973. She received a secretarial certificate at Stewarts School of Commerce in Aberdeen. On August 17, 1974, she married her high school sweetheart, James Stearns. While raising their five children, she worked at Red Horse, Control Data, Groton Nursing Home, and the past 21 years at St. Luke's Hospital as a Nurse Aide and Admitting Representative.

Linda enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Her greatest joy was her nine grandchildren. She had many favorite dishes that she would prepare for family and gatherings. In her spare time, she would read books, play games, garden or can produce. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton and served on the Brown County Thrivent board for four years. She generously gave her time and talents helping others.

Linda is survived by her husband; children: Lester, Stephanie (Mike) Ewalt, Lauren (Jennifer), Samantha (Andy) Jondahl; grandchildren: Lyndsie Stearns, Amelia and Zoey Ewalt, Abigail and Gabriel Stearns, Lane, Levi, Lawson and Lexton Jondahl; father-in-law Stanley Stearns; sisters: Nancy (Wayne) Schulz, Judy (Douglas) Hamaker, Wendy (Mike) Ramberg; sister-in-law Lynn Claeys; aunts Carol Hajzyk, Alice (Caryl) Wilmsen and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Linda was preceded in death by her grandparents; parents; son Jordan Stearns; sister Kathy (Laverne) Schweer; brothers: Steven Glover and Jeffrey (Dorothy) Glover; mother-in-law Irma Stearns and niece Annette Stearns.

Linda was very thankful for the prayers and support from her family and friends especially during the last few years while undergoing exams at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.