

Helen Kay Walter, 76

Helen Kay Walter died January 6, 2016 in Harlingen, Texas, from complications of a 2014 stroke. Her funeral service will be held in Groton, SD, at Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church at a later date.

Helen Kay was born February 22, 1939 to Clair and Marcella (Reinert) Steenson, Aberdeen, SD. She attended school at Sacred Heart Elementary and graduated in 1957 from Aberdeen Central High School.

Helen was united in marriage to Jack Walter, October 25, 1958, and moved to Groton, where they farmed and raised Angus cattle for over 50 years.

She enjoyed cooking, sewing, playing bridge, and raising the couple's five children. She was active in Groton Jaycettes, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Weight Watchers, and Brown County 4-H. Jack and Helen loved to camp and in later years travelled the winter months in their fifth wheel, visiting all 48 contiguous states. They settled in Harlingen, Texas, as their winter home for more than 25 years. In 2013, Helen and Jack retired to Mina Lake, where Helen took joy in watching the water and listening to the waves.

Grateful for sharing her life are her husband Jack of 57 years; five children, Kim Hill and fiancé Mike, Marietta, Ga.; Mark (Barb), Centerville, SD; Scott (Vicki), Tyler, Texas; Pam (Kent) Geppert, Kimball; and Dani Bolte, Sioux Falls; 12 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and one brother, Jim (Ruth) Steenson, Kalispell, Mich.

She is preceded in death by her parents; four siblings, Marion, Dick, Betty and Marilyn, and son-in-law, Kurt Hill.

