

Vicky Lee Waterland

In Loving Memory Of

Vicky Lee (Thompson) Waterland was born March 3, 1953, at Faith, SD, to Irvin and Marian (Howie) Thompson. She attended grade school in Timber Lake and high school in Faith graduating in 1971. She went on to BHSU and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. She then taught in various grades and positions over the course of 38 years, before she retired due to health reasons.

Her childhood was spent riding horse and attending rodeos. She and her pony, Pedro, won many events including the pony race at Timber Lake Saddle Club Field Days. In high school, she would go on to win the Dupree Snow Queen Contest and Runner-up in the local Jr. Miss.

Her teaching career began at United School, where she taught for 3 years. She then was employed by the Faith School District where she taught for 29 years. She retired from the state system in 2008, but her love of teaching led her to teach at Takini for 5 more years. Her passion for teaching did not stop in the classroom. Every moment was a teachable moment to her, and her children, grandkids, nieces, and nephews are better people because of it. Her methods were not always the norm, but effective. She loved the "bad boy" of the class and could always gain their respect. Her students were always on her mind and she spent many hours at home correcting papers, making assignments, and projects. She would always go on a shopping trip to the teacher store with a specific student in mind.

Vicky was blessed with a daughter, Lacey Lee, in 1982. She married Harold Waterland July 3, 1995, at Marcus. They enjoyed traveling, checking wheat, and attending various sporting events.

She was a Faith cheerleading/drill team advisor for many years, taught Gifted and Talented, ran the Stock Show exhibit building in Faith, timed for 4-h rodeos, wrote Marcus news for the Faith independent for 12 years after her mother's passing, coached Odyssey of the Minds, helped with Faith High School Rodeo, was a leader of Hazy Hills 4-H club, Faith Alumni Assoc. past officer, Faith library board member, Marcus Hall board secretary and Volunteer for many years, and she ran the Faith Stock Show Horse show for many years. She loved teaching, South Dakota History, collecting rocks and Fire King Glassware. She was passionate about learning her family history and passing it on to the next generation.

Vicky Lee Waterland, 64, Faith, died Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at her residence.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Waterland of Howes; her daughter, Lacey (Robert) Wondercheck of Howes; three step-daughters, Jill (Ted) Schilling and Kristin (Chet) Kilmer, both of Spearfish, and Kim (George) Langendorfer of New Underwood; one sister, Adele Enright, Timber Lake; one brother, Alton "Bub" (D'anne) Thompson, Marcus; sister-in-law, Corinna Thompson of Faith; six grandsons and three granddaughters, Quirt and Rio Wondercheck of Howes, Daniel, Mathew, Timothy, and Emma Schilling and Cadence Kilmer of Spearfish, Shane Langendorfer of Rapid City, and Ele of New Underwood; four nephews and one niece, Richard and Mitch Enright, Timber Lake, Max Thompson, Sturgis, and Troy and Amanda Thompson of Marcus.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Earl Thompson; and her brother-in-law, Denver Enright.

A memorial has been established to the Marcus Hall.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



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The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Faith Community Center following the service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



COWBOY'S PRAYER

O Lord, I've never lived where churches grow:
I've loved creation better as it stood
That day You finished it, so long ago
And looked upon Your work and called it good.

Just let me live my life as I've begun!
And give me work that's open to the sky:
Make me a partner of the wind and sun,
And I won't ask a life that's soft and high.

Make me as big and open as the plains;
As honest as the horse between my knees;
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains;
Free as the hawk that circle down the breeze.

Just keep an eye on all that's done and said;
Just right me sometime when I turn aside;
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead - -
That stretches upward towards the Great Divide.

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Funeral Services

Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.
Faith Community Center
Faith, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Harold Delbridge

Accompanist

Butch Samuelson

Soloist

Debbie Stewart

Musical Selections

“How Great Thou Art” “The Old Rugged Cross”
“Go Rest High On That Mountain”

Pallbearers

Richard Enright ~ Troy Thompson ~ Max Thompson
Joel Afdahl ~ Ora Taton ~ Darin Schuelke

Honorary Pallbearers

All Past Faith and Takini School Staff

Interment

White Owl Cemetery
White Owl, South Dakota