

In Loving Memory

Sandra Janel Moeller

Born December 4, 1948
Lemmon, SD

Died July 26, 2018
Sturgis, SD

Funeral Services

Wednesday, August 1, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.
Believers Fellowship Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor John Williamson

Musicians

Pastor Michael Smith
Leslie Smith

Musical Selections

“Jesus Loves Me” “In the Garden”
“I Can Only Imagine” “Happy”

Pallbearers

Robert Ingalls ~ Jerry Clement ~ Bill Meirose
Mark Shuck ~ Jim Bush ~ Tom Schoenstedt ~ Regie Lewis

Honorary Pallbearers

Sam ~ Jeffery ~ Shawn ~ Kaleah ~ Toby ~ Julius ~ DeWayne ~ DeLayne

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

“For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.’” Jeremiah 29:11-12

The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the committal at the church hall. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

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"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful." Jesus



Sandra Janel Moeller was born December 4, 1948, in Lemmon, SD, to John and Jenny (Reinoehl) Sperle. Her love for animals started at a young age with her horse, Jip, on the family farm near Lodgepole, SD. While in high school, her parents moved off the farm to Whitewood, SD. It was there that she met the love of her life, Allen Moeller, at the Whitewood dances. They were married May 27, 1967, and they started their family on the Moeller homestead 20 miles east of Sturgis in the Alkali community. In 1972, they moved to Sturgis where she was a stay at home mom and raised their three older

children, Richard ('68), Johnna ('70), and Chris ('72). In 1981, they bought an assisted living facility with mostly veterans calling it "We Care Home for the Aged." In the mid-80s, mom lead worship with a good friend when Believers Fellowship first came to Sturgis. They would practice for hours as she loved to worship. In the late 80's, she decided to homeschool Johnna and Chris. This lead to the reopening of Believers Fellowship Academy in the fall of 1989. On August 4, 1991, her oldest son, Richard, was injured in an auto accident and is a C6 quadriplegic. She took care of him for almost 27 years and was grateful to those that filled her big shoes. In the early 90's, they hosted bikers where she enjoyed feeding them. In the late 90's, she started a new nursery program spending almost every Sunday morning doing what she does best, loving on babies. Through the years she babysat, making her a second mom to many. Two of the proudest days of her life were the marriages of her son, Chris, to Jill in 2000 and her daughter, Johnna, to Tom in 2009.

Her love for children carried on when mom and dad started being foster parents. This lead to the miraculous adoption of two Native American children in 2003. She poured much of what she had into Mariah ('99) and Tobias ('00). This proved to be one of her biggest challenges. As any parent knows, the journey of raising children isn't perfect. She homeschooled them into high school. They both enjoy working at Grocery Mart and love hanging out with each other as well as friends.

Her hobbies included embroidery, counted cross stitch, quilting, sewing, gardening, and cooking. Jokingly, she often referred to her needle work as lifting weights. She loved decorating for the holidays as this was her favorite time of year. Mom enjoyed fixing a big meal for a house full of friends and family for Thanksgiving and Christmas. At Christmas and birthdays, she made sure all her kids and grandkids each had a gift.

Through many a bump in the road, she was the rock of our family by being one of the most giving, loving and forgiving human beings. If there was an image of the Father's love for us on this earth, mom was it.

As is evident from this life story she was a mother to many. Whether a burly biker, a foster child she treated as her own, or a new born baby, **Many Called Her, "MOM!"**

In November 2017, mom was diagnosed with an aggressive throat cancer and had a Laryngectomy. Because of her surgery, she not only lost her singing voice but her contagious laugh. This didn't take away her beautiful smile and tenacious spirit. During six weeks of treatment and a time of aftercare, she was well cared for by Chris and his family at Caputa. After being home in Sturgis less than two months, she learned on June 18, 2018, that cancer was back in other areas. One was a mass under her ribs on the right side and growing. Though facing the reality of what was ahead of her, her declaration was, "I WANT TO LIVE!" After a biopsy and several doctors' appointments, radiation had little chance of a cure and she didn't want to go through chemo again. Mom knew outside of a miracle, she didn't have much time on earth. Due to her prognosis and a broken shoulder from a fall, it was her difficult choice to go into hospice care.

Sandy wasn't alone when she passed peacefully in the Lippold Hospice Suite on July 26, 2018, under the loving care of the staff at Sturgis Regional Hospital. To the end, she enjoyed the almost continuous flow of guests, especially her two best friends and baby Zebb (pictured). On this earth mom has finished well. She now rests in the arms of her LOVING Heavenly Father hearing, "Well Done!"

Family includes her husband, Allen of 51 years; three sons, Richard of Sturgis, SD, Chris (Jill) of Caputa, SD, and Tobias Moeller of Sturgis, SD; two daughters, Johnna (Tom) Meadows of Yankton, SD, and Mariah of Sturgis, SD; eight grandchildren; one brother, Jerald Sperle of Mankato, MN; one sister, Mary Donner of Reader, ND; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, LaVern Sperle, Raymond Sperle, Norman Sperle and Orville Sperle; and three sisters, Laura Reardon, Delores Sperle (died not long after birth), and Karen Peterson.

Out of respect for mom's MCS (Multiple Chemical Sensitivity), she would be honored if you came FRAGRANCE FREE.

A memorial has been established to the Lippold Hospice Suite at Sturgis Regional Hospital or to the donor's choice.

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



"For you will go out with joy And be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, And all the trees of the field will clap their hands." Isaiah 55:12