

Melody Lynn Shoop Paklin, 67, passed away June 9, 2026, in Sturgis, South Dakota at home due to an accident.

Melody was born November 6, 1958 to Phillip Edward and Sylvia Joan (Kinney) Shoop in Deadwood, SD.

She lived in Terraville, SD while growing up and she graduated from Lead High School and went on to attend cosmetology school. Melody worked many jobs, mainly ones caring for people, Golden Ridge Assisted Living in Lead, Deadwood Medical Center, Dakota Arms, Lawrence County Jail and Walmart.

Melody enjoyed singing karaoke with her friends, hunting, fishing, baking, cooking and spending time with family and friends. Mel enjoyed baking the best pies for her friends. Even though she did not care for pies herself.

She enjoyed putting reunions together like the Shoop reunion and the Terraville reunions.

Melody married Harley J. Helsing on September 29, 1990 in Lead, SD. After Harley's passing she married Douglas F. Paklin on July 18, 2015 in Whitewood, SD. At the time of her passing Melody was living with her special friend, Hime Bourk .

She is survived by her special friend, Hime Bourk; her special cats, Boomer and Peta; siblings, Emily Kroska , John Shoop and Scott Shoop; and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

Melody was preceded in death by her parents and her two husbands.



In Loving Memory

Melody Lynn Paklin

November 6, 1958 ~ June 9, 2026



Sometimes the people who become family aren't related by blood-they're the ones who keep showing up, year after year, becoming part of our lives.

Mel was one of those people.

There are some people who walk through the doors of a small-town bar and become part of it's story. Mel wasn't just a customer. She was family. She was the kind of person everyone knew. Whether she was sharing stories, baking treats to share, singing karaoke, or sitting around visiting, she had a way of making her presence known and leaving an impression wherever she went.

Mel loved the simple things in life and the people she cared about fiercely. She was hardworking, stubborn as hell, and never afraid to tell it like it was. She was a badass through and through, and that's exactly how we'll remember her.

Remembering Melody Lynn Paklin

BORN

November 6, 1958

Deadwood, South Dakota

PASSED AWAY

June 9, 2026

Sturgis, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Sunday , June 21, 2026 ~ 4:00 PM

St. Onge Bar

St. Onge, South Dakota

