

Tamara (Tammy) Jo Huffman, 66, passed away peacefully with family by her side at the Gary Lippold Hospice unit in Sturgis, South Dakota on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Tammy was born on June 26, 1959 to Fred and Twyla Huffman in Newcastle, Wyoming. In 1961, she moved with her parents and siblings to Sturgis, SD. Tammy attended the Meade 46-1 school system graduating in 1977. She began working as a candy striper for Sturgis Hospital, then became an aide while getting her degree in nursing. After becoming a Registered Nurse, she continued working for the Sturgis Hospital alongside of many friends and doctors. Tammy worked somewhere between 25-32 years for the hospital until she had to quit due to a medical disability involving her back.

Tammy married Rick Riccardo during her college years and they later divorced. Tammy was married to Ray Lesmeister until his passing in 2023.

Her best buds were her animals and she loved them all dearly.

Tammy is survived by her mother, Twyla Huffman, Sturgis; brother, Dan (Sandy) Huffman, Whitewood; sister, Tina Huffman, Sturgis; seven nephews, Kyle Huffman, Kasidy Huffman, Brandon Huffman, Toby Tveidt, Sheldon Tveidt, Tyson Schlenker, and Austin Schlenker.; many great nieces and great nephews; aunt Valda Yamada and numerous cousins; and several of Ray's family members.

Tammy was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Lesmeister; paternal and maternal grandparents; father, Fred Huffman; sister, Dixie Tveidt; and niece, Moriah Huffman; and several members of Ray's family.

Tammy is also survived by many special friends, too numerous to name them all.



In Loving Memory

Tamara Jo Huffman

June 26, 1959 ~ May 16, 2026



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BORN

June 26, 1959

Newcastle, Wyoming

PASSED AWAY

May 16, 2026

Sturgis, South Dakota

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

May 27, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM

Black Hills National Cemetery

Sturgis, South Dakota

RECEPTION

The family invites everyone to join them at the Sturgis Vet's Club for a time of food and fellowship immediately following the service at the cemetery.

