

Janice Lee Hefner was born on August 6, 1938, in Jacksonville, Florida, to Clint and Margaret (Mills) Davies and graduated from high school in Jacksonville. She met Merlin Hefner of Chester, South Dakota while Merlin was serving in the Navy in Florida. They were married on February 21, 1958. After their marriage, Merlin convinced Jan to move back to Chester, where they had two children, Marty & Kellie. Jan worked for the grocery store in Chester and later cleaned homes. Merlin passed away on January 21, 2018; one month shy of their 60th anniversary.

Jan was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Colton. She enjoyed playing pitch, dominoes and doing puzzles. She enjoyed tending to her garden and spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Jan passed away on Monday, January 6, 2025, at her home in Sioux Falls, at the age of 86.

Jan is survived by her daughter, Kellie (Paul) Kneip; grandchildren, Kristopher Kneip, McKenzie (Drew) Henderson, Morgan Kneip, Jordan (Kelsey) Hefner and Ali Hefner; great-grandchildren, Lincoln, Jax, and Ketner Henderson, and Addison and Gunnar Hefner; sister, Florence Campbell; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Merlin, son, Marty Hefner, and a brother, Wade Davies.

In Memory Of **Janice Lee Hefner**

August 6, 1938 † January 6, 2025

Funeral Service

10:30 AM

Monday, January 13, 2025

First Lutheran Church

Colton, South Dakota

Officiating

Rev. Herb Wounded Head III

Soloist

Ali Hefner

“Hallelujah”

Special Music

“Scars in Heaven” by Casting Crowns

“Give Me Jesus” by Fernando Ortega

“Ghost” by Josiah & the Bonevilles

Honorary Pallbearers

Jan’s Grandchildren

Pallbearers

Brian Slack

Lisa Acheson (Eulogist)

Bill McManus

Wayne Hefner

Drew Henderson

Mitch Baartman

Interment

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Chester, South Dakota

The family of Jan Hefner thanks you for your presence and support. They invite you to refreshments and fellowship at the church following the funeral service.

The One Road

*I would rather not look back
Upon the road that I have trod,
And see the ugly foot prints
My errors made in the sod.*

*I'll turn onto another road
But which one will it be?
All around there is war and evil,
The smoke so thick one cannot see.*

*In a panic I turn and look around
Trying to find a path that is clear.
It must be free of war and evil
Where I can walk without fear.*

*My eyes look up and there I see
The road without any sting or strife,
I hasten toward it and there I am -
Along with my Savior and Eternal Life.*

*Anna Crouse
Jan's Grandmother*



A Life Remembered



Janice L. Hefner

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