

Deborah “Deb” Jean Shumaker

Deb began her life in North Platte, NE, on December 30, 1954, born to Ruth and George Hays. She was the oldest of four children who all attended and graduated from Douglas High School in Box Elder, SD. Deb lived in many places across the plains, Denver, CO; Gillette, WY; Spearfish, SD, and Faith, SD, before settling into her dream home on the corner of Douglas and Pine in Sturgis, SD. She worked diligently to decorate the home in her own mix of Victorian beauty and Country charm, with a dash of her favorite color, Burgundy.



Much like her favorite animal, Deb was a very busy rabbit. She was a dedicated bookkeeper who strived to ensure her clients were some of her closest friends. Her work was incredibly important to her and she enjoyed that it kept her jumping. Deb enjoyed many hobbies throughout her life including photography, crafting, floral arranging, sewing, home decorating and, nearest to her heart, motorcycle riding. Deb was a warm and caring person who opened her heart and her home freely, creating a very large extended family. She will be deeply missed by all.

Deb worked as a bookkeeper for many companies, including Rapid City Journal, Landstrom’s Jewelry, and De Mersseman, Jensen, Tellinghuisen & Huffman.

Deborah “Deb” Jean Shumaker, a dedicated bookkeeper, died suddenly on October 7, 2016, while on vacation at the age of 61.

Deb is survived by her sister, Georgina Estes; brother, George Bradley Hays; sister-in-law, Georgia Brooks; niece, Crystal Boschet; niece, Shannon Allen; and niece, Jessica Brooks.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Hays and Ruth Braden; as well as her sister, Lorena Allen.

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



In Loving Memory Of



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1954 ~ 2016

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



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Born

December 30, 2016
North Platte, Nebraska

Died

October 7, 2016
Wichita, Kansas

Funeral Service

Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor David Baer

Musical Selections

“Time Is Borrowed“
“Run To You“

Pallbearers

John Bates ~ Colton Newton ~ Ted Kerfont
Justin Fleming ~ Dan Janecek ~ Russ Kilby

Honorary Pallbearers

Bill Davis ~ Tom Davis ~ Daniel Davis

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

*“The wind is blowing, blowing over the grass.
It shakes the willow catkins; the leaves shine silver.
Where are you going, wind? Far, far away
Over the hills, over the edge of the world.
Take me with you, wind, high over the sky.
I will go with you, I will be rabbit-of-the-wind,
Into the sky, the feathery sky and the rabbit.
In autumn the leaves come blowing, yellow and brown.
They rustle in the ditches, they tug and hang on the hedge.
Where are you going, leaves? Far, far away
Into the earth we go, with the rain and the berries.
Take me, leaves, O take me on your dark journey.
I will go with you, I will be rabbit-of-the-leaves,
In the deep places of the earth, the earth and the rabbit.
Frith lies in the evening sky. The clouds are red about him.
I am here, Lord Frith, I am running through the long grass.
O take me with you, dropping behind the woods,
Far away, to the heart of light, the silence.
For I am ready to give you my breath, my life,
The shining circle of the sun, the sun and the rabbit.”*

-Watership Down by Richard Adams