

## **Juanita "Jennie" Linn Kotak**

Juanita "Jennie" Linn Kotak was born January 17, 1937, in Trojan, SD, to Manuel and Ortencia (Deltore) Munoz. She grew up and attended St Patrick's School in Lead, SD, for 6 years and then finished in the Lead public school system. Jennie was proud that she was a "straight A" student. She was a great athlete and played basketball while in school. Jennie graduated from Lead High School in 1955, and joined the United States Marine Corps in 1956.

On March 20, 1957, she married Joseph Kotak. After leaving the Marines, she worked at Piggly Wiggly and later at Lueders store in Spearfish for many years.

Jennie was an avid bowler, a "true blue" Yankees fan, a Denver Broncos fan, and a true Democrat to the end, following the presidential debates even from her hospital bed.

Jennie, 79, Spearfish, died Monday, March 14, 2016, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Fort Meade.

Jennie is survived by her husband, Joe Kotak, Spearfish; two children, Joseph Kotak, AR, and Karen Kotak, Spearfish; three grandsons, Lance and Jessie James Kotak, AR, and Jacob Kotak, Spearfish; siblings, Michael Munoz, Reno, NV, Vera Iverson, Questa, NM, Margaret Gerbarght, Bison, SD, Mary Lundstrom, Grants, NM, Martha Huffman, Belle Fourche, SD, and Diana Shoemaker, Spearfish; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Church Hall following committal. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

*In Loving Memory Of*



*Juanita Linn Kotak*

*1937 ~ 2016*



### **God's Garden**

*God looked around his garden  
and found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knew you were suffering.  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
and the hills were hard to climb.  
He closed your weary eyelids  
and whispered, "Peace be thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you didn't go alone.  
Part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.  
All of you who have loved ones,  
cherish them with tender care.  
You will never know the heartaches  
until they are no longer there.*

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### ***Juanita "Jennie" Linn Kotak***

#### ***Born***

January 17, 1937  
Trojan, South Dakota

#### ***Died***

March 14, 2016  
Fort Meade, South Dakota

#### ***Funeral Service***

Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

#### ***Officiating***

Father Timothy Castor

#### ***Pianist***

Dr. Barry Furze

#### ***Soloist***

Myron Volk

#### ***Musical Selections***

"Amazing Grace"  
"The Lord's Prayer"  
"Ave Maria"

#### ***Military Honors***

Marine's Honor Guard  
Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

#### ***Interment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota