



On Thursday, December 23, 2021,

Judith Ann Redding, loving wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully at the age of 76.

Judy was born on November 21, 1945 in Britton, SD to Arthur and Gladys (Schmidt) Schock. She grew up living the farm life and had an independent spirit from early on. Legend has it, as a little girl, she once left home on her tricycle without permission. When her mom found her, she chased Judy down the middle of the gravel road, honking the horn all the way home.

Judy graduated from Ellendale High School in 1963. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Ellendale State Teachers College in 1967 with a teaching degree and physical education minor. Judy shared her school spirit as both a high school and college cheerleader.

Judy taught business and PE in Linton, Forbes, Stanley, Veblen, and Ipswich. She also loved to coach cheerleading, dance, and even had some of her own award-winning jitterbug moves.

On August 3, 1968, a very hot summer day, she married Bruce V. Redding. Together they raised two daughters, Jody and Ginger.

For 26 years, people would enjoy Judy's smiling face, silly jokes, infectious laughter, and a little mischief when they visited the Wells Fargo bank in Moorbridge. She was involved in her community, volunteering for chamber events, the local Beef 'n Fun celebrations, and many 4th of July Sitting Bull Stampedes over the years.

Judy also loved to sing. Whether with her college folk group, the Bridgeadares, or singing tenor in the church choir, she loved to harmonize and sing as loud as she could.

Even on the day she passed peacefully, she was still giving those around her a hard time. When a nurse came to her room to take her for a "little ride" (to a CT Scan), she said, "Good, take me to California."

Despite growing up and living in the Dakotas her whole life, Judy loved being warm (keeping the thermostat set at a balmy 80+ degrees). Although she was always cold, she would just put on a cozy sweatshirt, her signature retirement attire, and watch her favorite TV shows, like Johnny Carson, M*A*S*H, or a Hallmark movie. She was never too cold for a "swig" of cold beer or a supper date out with her husband to a local restaurant such as the Moose Lodge.

Judy was preceded in death by her father, Art, and her mother, Gladys. She is survived by her husband Bruce, her two daughters, Jody (Chad) Taylor and Ginger (Heath) Ewing, her sister Peggy (Steve) Wilke, and ten grandchildren, Cameron & Carson Quigley, Aspen & Jordan Taylor, and Rebecca, Amelia

In Loving Memory Of:



Judith A. Redding

November 21, 1945 ~ December 23, 2021



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Judith Ann Redding

76 Years ~ 1 Month ~ 2 Days

BORN:

*November 21, 1945
Britton, South Dakota*

PASSED AWAY:

*December 23, 2021
Sioux Falls, South Dakota*

FUNERAL SERVICES:

*10:00 AM Wednesday, December 29, 2021
United Congregational Church
Mobridge, South Dakota*

CLERGY:

Rev. Keith Kraft

EULOGY:

Heath Ewing

VIOLINIST:

Evelyn Ewing

PIANIST:

Nancy McClellan

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Tom Dapnis ~ "It Is Well With My Soul"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:

"Amazing Grace" ~ "The Old Rugged Cross"

CASKETBEARERS:

*Chad Taylor ~ Heath Ewing ~ Cameron Quigley
Daniel Ewing ~ Zach Ewing ~ Charlie Ewing*

INTERMENT:

Greenwood Cemetery

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me
for now I'm free
I'm following the path
God laid for me.
I took His hand when
I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love,
to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times,
a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now. He set me free.