

**Susan Diane Rice** was born on January 23, 1958, in Yakima, Washington to Donald and Barbara Nelson.

Susan attended Queets School in Washington State until the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, then went on to graduate from Lake Quinault High School in Washington State in 1976.

In the Spring of 1979, Susan met Clayton and moved to South Dakota where they married on October 13, 1979, and was blessed with an amazing 47 years, three kids, ten grandkids, one great grandchild and one more on the way.

Susan spent her life working the family ranch her and Clayton built. Along the way, Susan also worked several years at the Wakpala School, Little Eagle Grant School and the McLaughlin School as a cook. She was predominately an amazing wife, mother, grandmother and friend her whole life.

Susan was also grateful for her dear friends Sweenie Mowrer and Mary Jane Anderson, who stood by her side with love, friendship and support through life's challenges. She was blessed with many wonderful friendships throughout her life.

Susan was preceded in death by her father Donald, mother Barbara and her brother, David Nelson.

Susan is survived by her husband Clayton Rice, children, Becky (Travis) Swezey, Lesli (B.J.) Blom, Daniel Rice (Erica Laundreaux), grandkids, Brendon, Rehana, Parker, Brayden, Averri, Cody, Rayden, SkyeAnn, ToriEllen, Esmae, Darryn, great granddaughter, Wrenley and her sisters, Lorri Nelson and Janice Brockavich.

# In Loving Memory



## **Susan D. Rice**

**January 23, 1958 - May 14, 2026**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:  
*Susan Diane Rice*

*68 years ~ 3 months ~ 22 days*

**BORN:**

*January 23, 1958  
Yakima, Washington*

**PASSED AWAY:**

*May 14, 2026  
Mobridge, South Dakota*

**FUNERAL SERVICE:**

*11:00 AM, Wednesday, May 27, 2026  
Kesling Funeral Home Chapel  
Mobridge, South Dakota*

**CLERGY:**

*Pastor Paul Hathaway*

**CASKETBEARERS:**

*Brendon Marker ~ Parker Blom ~ Brayden Blom  
Luke Mowrer ~ Tate Mowrer ~ Lyle Hahne*

**HONORARY URNBEARERS:**

*Mary Jane Anderson ~ Sweenie Mowrer ~ Greg Mowrer  
All of Susan's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren*

**INTERMENT:**

*Rice Family Cemetery  
Rural Mobridge, South Dakota*

*God's Garden Must Be Beautiful*

*God looked around the garden,  
And found an empty space.  
He 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  
For he only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were weary,  
And he knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never,  
Be well on earth again.*

*He saw the roads were getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed you weary eyelids,  
And whispered peace be thine.*

*Arrangements Entrusted to Kesling Funeral Home, Mobridge, South Dakota*