

On March 28, 1947, the eleventh child of William and Irene (King) Thompson was born in Miller, SD. Her parents named her Priscilla Joanne. Her big brother was home from the Navy and quickly announced "You can name her Priscilla, but I'm calling her Patti Jo" And Patti Jo it was! Patti grew up and attended country school in south Hand County. When it was time for high school she moved to Huron and lived with an older sister for two years. She met the love of her life at a dance in Fort Pierre, SD when her brother Russell was supposed to be home "babysitting" her but couldn't miss the dance. The relationship continued and she moved to live with her brother in Ridgeview and attended Cheyenne Eagle Butte High School to be closer to Jack. She and Jack were married in Pipestone, MN on November 12, 1964. They made their home in Eagle Butte where Patti worked at Dwyer's Café, 212 Liquor, Butler's Grocery Store, and the State Bank of Eagle Butte, and was the Avon lady of Eagle Butte for many years (winning national awards for her performance) all while ranching with Jack, building their cow calf operation and trucking business. To this union two children were born; Billie Jo and J.R.

Patti was everyone's friend and kids loved her. The number of children who came trick or treating was astonishing, all getting a tiny soda pop and a candy bar. Many times people would be standing in line against the bank lobby wall waiting for their turn in Patti's teller line.

Patti loved the color red, her home, vehicles and anything that could be was a shade of red. She collected Santas and each year she would display them all. She would unbox them, Jack would put the batteries in the animated ones and keep a tally of the number. At last count her santa collection was over 550 individual santas.

Jack lost his battle with cancer in 2004 and life didn't have the same meaning. Although Patti continued to work in town and on the ranch, life was never the same.

Patti's health slowed down and she hated losing her independence. She passed away peacefully at home on February 15.

Patti is survived by her daughter, Billie Jo, son J.R. (Casey) and grandchildren Janesa (Kyle), Jacksyn (Elizabeth), Courtney and Jack. She was just blessed with her first great-grandchild, Baker Scott. One sister Norma Yost, brother in laws Jerry Keckler and Lawrence Bonebrake. Sister in laws Linda Keckler, Esther Thompson and Nel Keckler and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband Jack, son in law Todd Bakeberg, father in law Russell and mother in law Alvina. Siblings Reva Gross, Dick Thompson, Lester Thompson, Bessie Reimer, Berniece Wahlert, Verna Mae Reimer, Russell Thompson, Thelma Parker and Juletta Bonebrake. Brother in laws, Jerry Collins, Ronnie Keckler, Gumbo Thompson, Art Gross, Keith Wahlert, Billy Reimer, Ted Reimer, Burt Parker, Edwin Yost, Sister in laws Joyce Collins, Jessie Keckler, Dianne Thompson and Alva Schneider.

## *In Loving Memory of:*



## *Patti Jo Keckler*

*March 28, 1947 ~ February 15, 2022*

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# Patti Jo Keckler

74 Years ~ 10 Months ~ 18 Days

**BORN:**

March 28, 1947  
Miller, South Dakota

**PASSED AWAY:**

February 15, 2022  
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

**FUNERAL SERVICE:**

11:00 AM, Monday, February 21, 2022  
United Church of Christ  
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

**CLERGY:**

Rev. Harold Delbridge ~ Pastor Pauline Webb

**EULOGIST:** Jim Hunt

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Jim & Joni Hunt

“Old Rugged Cross” “In the Garden” “The Lord’s Prayer”

**Recorded Music :** “Dancing in the Sky”

“If I Had Only Known” “One More Day”

**PIANIST:** JoEllen Berndt

**CASKETBEARERS:**

Roger Butler~ J.J. Goldade ~ Levi Goldade

Cody Jewett ~ Cody Lind ~ Jerry Reimer

Jimmy Reimer ~ Justin Reimer

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:**

All of Patti’s Many Friends & Family,

All of the Many Trick or Treater Kids  
who Came to Her House Each Halloween

**USHERS:**

Kirby Petersen ~ Luke Petersen

**INTERMENT:**

Eagle Butte Cemetery  
Eagle Butte, South Dakota



Please join the family for lunch at the Church following the burial.  
Arrangements Entrusted to Kesling Funeral Home, Mobridge, South Dakota