

Vicki Josephine Tripp, age 76, passed away in Rapid City, South Dakota, on May 28, 2026 around 5pm of a heart attack.

She was born October 20, 1949 in Tyndall, SD, to Joseph and Dorothy Pekas. She attended Wagner High School, then Southern College in Springfield, SD. She obtained her Bachelor's degree in Physical Education with a minor in Psychology in 1972. On May 8, 1985 she was married to Terry Tripp in Aberdeen, SD.

Vicki grew up on a farm in Wagner, SD. She was in the Mrs. Springfield Competition in college, very athletic, a great student, and very popular. She loved student teaching, but unfortunately a bad car accident derailed her plans and she went into the restaurant industry instead. She worked at various restaurants throughout South Dakota. She won countless awards for her hard work and dedication to being the best at her job. She also attended Therese the Little Flower Catholic Church.

Vicki was feisty and resilient, and will be remembered for fiercely loving her boys, grandchildren, family, and friends. She didn't come from a lot and at many times she didn't have two pennies to rub together, but somehow, she always figured out how to make it work. When she wasn't working, she spent her time with her loved ones and being outside. She loved a good crossword puzzle, soap opera, and keeping up with football. If you needed someone to call or text, she was the person.

Vicki's first son, Perry James, went to heaven on December 12, 1986. Vicki is survived by her dear friend and her children's father, Terry Tripp; sons, Jason, Ryan, Eric, and Nathan; grandchildren, Bailee, Isabella, Lianna, Addisyn, Leightyn, and Emmie; daughters-in-law, Steph and Stephanie; sisters Sheryl McClure and Beverly Pekas.



In Loving Memory

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October 20, 1949 - May 28, 2026

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday, June 4, 2026 - 2:00 pm

Kinkadee Funeral Chapel

OFFICIATING

Pastor Tom Martin

MUSIC

“I Can Only Imagine” - Mercy Me

“She’s Everything” - Brad Paisley

“I Hope You Dance” - Lee Ann Womack

RECEPTION

The family invites everyone to join them immediately following the service at the Sturgis Brewing Company for a time of food and fellowship.

My Mother

She carried me under her heart;

loved me before I was born;

*Took God’s hand in hers and walked through the
valley of the shadows that I might live;*

*Prayed for me through all the days,
when flooded with sunshine or*

saddened by shadows;

*Though we lay down our lives for her
we can never pay the debt we owe to a mother.*