

Lorraine Lucille Collins was born February 4, 1953, in Clear Lake, SD, to Rector and Bernice (Hennings) Engebretson. She grew up in an active house as the ninth of twelve siblings. She attended school in Revillo and graduated from Revillo High School in 1972.

Lorraine married Dennis Collins on September 2, 1978, in Revillo, SD. They shared 48 years of marriage. They lived in Atlantic, IA, for a brief period before moving back to the Revillo area in 1980. They settled in their home in Stockholm in 1988 when Dennis purchased Stockholm Refrigeration. Lorraine worked in Milbank in the following years, first at FOK/United Hardware, before starting her career with the United States Postal Service (USPS) in 1998. She had many roles with the USPS over the years, including mail carrier and ultimately postmaster for the South Shore branch. She enjoyed her work with USPS, as it allowed her to interact with everyone in the community. Many people's days were brightened by seeing her smiling face at the counter. She retired from the USPS in 2019. She worked with Milbank Community Transit in recent years to keep active and support a new community of friends. While Lorraine did not have lofty political aspirations, she served as the Mayor of Stockholm beginning in 2018 as there was a need for someone to step up for the community's stewardship.

Lorraine and Dennis had two sons, Troy, born in 1984, and Jordan, born in 1990. Her family was the center of her life. She managed family activities with the responsibilities of work such that everyone felt like they were her primary focus. Later in life, she was blessed with four grandchildren, Charlie, Emma, Vincent, and Francis. Her greatest joy was time spent with them.

Through all the years balancing work and raising her family, she stayed engaged with her many siblings and their growing families, often hosting events and helping organize family gatherings. Outside of family, she was an active volunteer for many community groups and events. Regardless of what was going on in her life, she found purpose in helping others. She was someone you could count on to be there. She never met a stranger and had a unique ability to connect with everyone who came into her orbit. That spirit was never on display more than when she was on vacation. No matter where her travels took her, she found herself engaged in conversation, making a new connection. Her unassuming and cheerful attitude simply encouraged it.

Lorraine always had a warm and welcoming home where her hobbies were on full display. She loved to bake and garden. On entering her house, you were greeted by the smell of a freshly baked seasonal treat. She could be counted on to bring a pan of bars or a dessert to any event. And while it was in the context of helping out, it may have simply been to satisfy her own sweet tooth! There was always room for dessert! That welcoming environment was bolstered by her vibrant flower gardens in the warmer weather months. She had a green thumb she tried to pass on to her boys. Only one of them picked up on it.

Blessed to have shared her life are her husband, Dennis of Stockholm, SD; her children, Troy (Katie) Collins of Sioux Falls, SD and Jordan (Jennifer) Collins of rural Kranzburg, SD. Her pride and joy were her four grandchildren, Vincent and Francis Collins; Charlie and Emma Collins.

Lorraine is also survived by her three siblings: Roger Engebretson, Betty Jo (Gary) Redepenning, and Renee (Bob) Streich; two sisters-in-law: Dianne Engebretson and Mary Engebretson. She was preceded in death by her parents: Rector and Bernice Engebretson; sisters: Gloria Stohr, Arlys Thompson, Glenice Cram, Karen Engebretson, and Juella Bendel; and brothers: Marty, Bruce and Brad Engebretson.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Lorraine Collins

WHO WAS BORN
February 4, 1953
Clear Lake, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME
October 3, 2026
Stockholm, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Friday, October 9, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.
Church of the Annunciation
Revillo, South Dakota

OFFICIANT
Father Tom Hartman

READERS
Tonya Diggins | Phyllis Roggenbuck

MUSICIAN
Holly Meyer, Pianist

SPECIAL SONGS
"Here I am, Lord" | "On Eagles Wings" | "10,000 Reasons"
"Song of Farewell" | "How Great Thou Art"

ACTIVE CASKET BEARERS
Troy Diggins | Chad Engebretson | Nathan Engebretson
Travis Engebretson | Larry Stohr | Josh Streich

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS
Community Transit

INTERMENT
Augusta Cemetery
Marietta, South Dakota

APPRECIATION
Lorraine's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the funeral service, please join the family for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Revillo Community Center.

Mundwiler Funeral Home – Milbank, South Dakota

A Beautiful Life

A beautiful life

that came to an end,

she died as she lived,

everyone's friend.

In our hearts a memory

will always be kept,

of one we loved,

and will never forget.

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Lorraine's online obituary and guestbook.

