



Debbie L. Blakeman

Deborah Lee “Debbie” Blakeman, 68, dually residing in Sturgis, SD, and Apache Junction, AZ, journeyed to be with the Lord, her brothers, and her parents on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at Rapid City Regional Hospital with her immediate family and siblings by her side.

She was born, November 24, 1949, in Ipswich, SD, to Eugene and Tillie (Stoecker) Heupel. Debbie graduated from Lead High School in 1968; she continued her education in

business and graduated from Black Hills State College in 1975.

Debbie was married to Jim Blakeman July 6, 1979, in Deadwood, SD. Debbie enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, four-wheeling in the Black Hills, crocheting, and reading and socializing with her friends in SD and AZ.



Survivors include her husband, Jim of Sturgis; daughter, Michelle of Mesa, AZ; son, Jesse (Jenna) of Sturgis; three granddaughters, Sydnee of Mesa, and Braylee and Bryar of Sturgis; brothers, Marlo (Debbie) Heupel of Lead, SD, and Kevin Heupel of Alliance, NE; sister, Melodie (Mark) Carney of Ponca City, OK; and numerous extended family members.

Debbie was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Dennis & Lennie.

A memorial has been established.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments at Grace Lutheran Church following the memorial service. Thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



Deborah Lee Blakeman

1949 ~ 2018



TO THOSE I LOVE

*If I should ever leave you, whom I love,
To go the Silent Way, grieve not,
Nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk
Of me as if I were beside you there.
(I'd come - I'd come could I but find a way!
But would not tears and grief be barriers?)
And when you hear a song or see a bird I loved,
Please do not let the thoughts of me be sad.
For I am loving you just as I always have . . .
You were so good to me!
There are so many things I wanted still to do
So many things to say to you. . .
Remember that I did not fear. . .
It was just leaving you that was so hard to face. . .
We cannot see beyond . . . But this I know;
I loved you so - 'twas heaven here with you!*

-Isia Paschal Richardson



In Loving Memory Of

Deborah Lee "Debbie" Blakeman

Born
November 24, 1949
Ipswich, South Dakota

Died
November 7, 2018
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service
Monday, November 12, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant
Pastor Kris Garlick

Musical Selections
"Amazing Grace"
"Safe In The Arms Of Jesus"
"The Old Rugged Cross"

Inurnment
Friday, November 16, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

