

**Karen May (Fuehrer) Berndt** passed away at Mercy Harvard Hospital on March, 17, 2022. Karen was born in Artas, South Dakota on May 10, 1941 to Rebecca and Edwin Fuehrer. Karen attended Herreid High School and Presentation College. Karen worked at Herreid Livestock, Campbell County Extension Office, Hobby Lobby and Snap-On and enjoyed sewing, computer games and spending time with her kitty, Emma. Karen was married to her husband, "Sonny", for 30 years before she lost him to a farming accident. Being a mother was one of the most important parts of Karen's life, a role that gave her much pride and joy. She was a wonderful mom, who was supportive, kind, and available and we will all miss her dearly.

Karen ventured to Illinois in 1999 to be closer, and to spend as much time with her children and grandchildren as she could. Karen's generous love and kindness was felt by her family and friends alike as she had a way about her that quieted hearts.

Karen is survived by her children Sheri Corcoran (Tim), Joel (Allison) and Chad (Lisa), her grandchildren Cassidy, Riley and McKenna Corcoran, Trae, Kelsey and Johnny Berndt, and Olivia Berndt, Joe, Jordon and Jameson Waugh and her brothers Clayton and Clyde (Jackie) Fuehrer.

Karen was predeceased by her husband Alan "Sonny", her son Todd and her parents Rebecca and Edwin.

## *In Loving Memory of*



## *Karen Berndt*

*May 10, 1941 ~ March 17, 2022*

*In Loving Memory Of:*  
**Karen May Berndt**

*80 Years ~ 10 Months ~ 7 Days*

**BORN:**  
*May 10, 1941*  
*Artas, South Dakota*

**PASSED AWAY:**  
*March 17, 2022*  
*Harvard, Illinois*

*As I sit in Heaven And watch you everyday, I try to let you know  
with signs I never went away. I hear you when you're laughing,  
And watch you as you sleep. I even place my arms around you  
To calm you as you weep. I see you wish the days away, Begging  
to have me home. So I try to send you signs So you know you are  
not alone. Don't feel guilty that you have Life that was denied to  
me. Heaven is truly beautiful, Just you wait and see. So live your  
life, laugh again, Enjoy yourself, be free. Then I know with Every  
breath you take You'll be taking one for me.*

***Our Karen May***

*Our Karen May  
You went away from us this day.  
It all began for you on that farm west of town.  
A life full of ups and downs  
Smiles and frowns.  
Our Karen May  
You went out east and raised a family with pride.  
You had Sonny by your side  
Then you moved back to where it all began.  
In a short time you were starting again.  
Our Karen May  
Back out east to try again  
This time alone with the family raised.  
For this, you truly are praised.  
Much time with family and friend  
that loved you to no end.  
Our Karen May  
Now we say goodbye, but not for long.  
Because it's written in your song.  
Your making yet another trip home where it all began.  
A life well lived and a family raised,  
You pass the torch to the ones that remain.  
With honor we take this claim  
In the lovely remembrance of your name.  
Until we meet again, may God  
Watch over you and us.*

**FUNERAL SERVICES:**

*11:00 AM, Friday, March 25, 2022*  
*Herreid Baptist Church*  
*Herreid, South Dakota*

**CLERGY:**

*Pastor Keith Hall*

**ORGANIST:**

*Sheri Hall*

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS:**

*"How Great Thou Art" ~ "Amazing Grace"*  
*"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"*

**CASKETBEARERS:**

*Joel Berndt ~ Chad Berndt ~ Johnny Berndt*  
*Riley Corcoran ~ McKenna Corcoran ~ Tim Corcoran*

**HONORARY BEARER:**

*Clyde Fuehrer*

**INTERMENT:**

*Fairview Cemetery*  
*Herreid, South Dakota*

*Arrangements Entrusted to Kesling Funeral Home.*