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Dixie was born June 15, 1954, in Huron, SD, to William and Carol (Howard) Stephens. She joined brother Billy and sister Cheryl at the family ranch in rural Hughes County. Dixie attended grade school at Pratt County School and Highmore Elementary. She graduated from Highmore High School in 1972. She was active in basketball, track, All State Chorus and playing softball was her favorite summer activity. She also played piano and organ, her love of music led to her singing for many friends' weddings. Dixie attended Lake Area Vo Tech, where she studied Cosmetology. After graduation she worked at a salon in Pierre and was later employed by the State of SD in the investment division. In 1976, Dixie moved to Denver and continued to be employed as a book keeper. Dixie moved to Seattle, WA, in 1987 and joined John Wilkens CPA Firm. In 2001, she moved to the Los Angeles area, continuing to work for John Wilkens by computer and mail. Dixie purchased a house in Mitchell, SD in 2009 and returned to SD, still doing work for the Wilkens Firm. In 2013, John's health was failing and she chose to return to Seattle, close the office and fire herself. From that time until her death, she retained book keeping clients that she had been serving since 1987.

Dixie enjoyed reading, watching movies and TV, playing cards and games and was a fierce competitor. She also organized and enjoyed family reunions, reminiscing and re-connecting with friends. Having no children of her own she adopted and loved her nieces, nephews and their children as her own.

Dixie is survived by her mother, Carol Stephens, Miller, SD; her sister, Cheryl (John) Knippling, Gann Valley, SD; sister in law, Yvonne Stephens, Red Cloud, NE; nephews: Bert (Summer) Stephens, Monte Knippling, Mark (Babe Dean) Knippling; nieces: Kelly Gran, Kori (Brent) Blake, Robin (Randy) Sporrer, Donna (Randy) George, Brenda (Robert) Haseman and Sarah (Brent) Woodman; many great and great-great nephews and nieces and many special friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bill Stephens; her brother, Billy Stephens; a great niece, Jasmyn Knippling; a great nephew, Thomas John Blake and great-great nephew, Damien Hoit.

Arrangements Entrusted to
Reck Funeral Home - Miller, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net



In Loving
MEMORY

Dixie Stephens

June 15, 1954 - April 15, 2017





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Visitation:

1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 22, 2017
Reck Funeral Home
Miller, South Dakota

Funeral Service:

2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 22, 2017
Reck Funeral Home
Miller, South Dakota

Officiating:

Pastor Roger Day

Casketbearers:

Bert Stephens - Monte Knippling - Jim Garrett
Mark Knippling - Logan Knippling
Brent Blake - Steve Bonnichsen

Honorary Casketbearers:

Patty Valentine - Kathy Hubbert
Merry Shepherd - Susie Ray Caldwell
Joan Sivertsen - Nancy Hanson Taylor

Musical Selections:

"Amazing Grace"
"Old Rugged Cross"
"Song of Farewell"

Interment:

Spring Hill Cemetery
Gann Valley, South Dakota

Honor
Loving Memory



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of the day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered *Joy*
A friendship shared,
a laugh, a kiss Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life has been full, I've savored much
Good friends, good times, *a loved one's touch*
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me FREE!

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