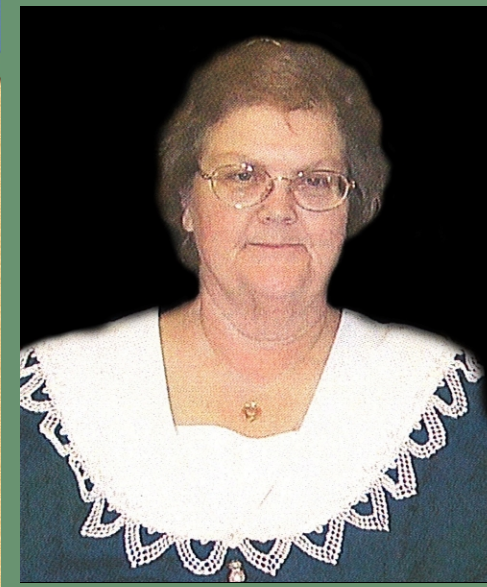


*In Loving Memory
Of My Beautiful Mother*

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around you
and He whispered "Come to Me"
With tearful eyes we watched you.
We watched you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard-working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He chose to take the best.
It's lonesome here without you
we miss you more each day.
Life doesn't seem the same
since you have gone away.
When days are sad and lonely
and everything goes wrong,
we seem to hear you whisper
"Cheer Up and Carry On"
Each time we see your picture
you seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm in God's hands,
we'll meet again someday!"

Facebook: I Miss Those Close to Me Who
Are Now In Heaven As Beautiful Angels

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www.familyfuneralhome.net



In Loving
M E M O R Y

Mary L. Kuper

March 1, 1947 - July 27, 2017



Mary Kuper, 70, of Ree Heights and formerly of Wessington, passed away Thursday, July 27, 2017 at Highmore Health in Highmore, SD.

Mary Louise Salisbury was born March 1, 1947 to Robert and Mary (Paulger) Salisbury in Huron, South Dakota. She was raised on the family farm in Wolsey; graduation from Wolsey High School in 1965. She then worked at Raven's Industries in Huron but quit to re-unite with the love of her life, Vernon Lee Kuper, in Milton, Florida where he was stationed in the Navy. They were married on February 10, 1968 and had two sons, Lonnie and Robb, before moving to Ree Heights in 1970. Daughter Shellee was born in 1973 and then the family moved to Springfield in 1976 so Vernon could attend college. Mary managed the Casey's convenience store in Springfield. Their youngest son, Quinnten, was born in 1979 and the family moved to Wood, South Dakota for Vernon's first teaching job. The Kuper family resided there for the next 17 years. Mary was a teacher's aide at the Wood school which inspired her to pursue her special education teaching degree from Sinte Gleska University in 1998. Vernon and Mary moved to Woonsocket so Mary could teach special education until 2003. They relocated to Wessington where Mary worked at the Wessington School after school program and R&B grocery store.

Vernon and Mary retired to Ree Heights in 2007 until the early onset of Alzheimer disease caused Mary to be placed at the nursing home in Woonsocket in 2014. She was moved to the Highmore Health in 2016 to be closer to Vernon.

Her memory will be cherished by her husband, Vernon Kuper of Ree Heights; son, Lonnie Kuper of Woonsocket with two grandchildren, Corbin and Cassie, along with two great grandchildren, Kayleigh and Carter; son, Robb Kuper of Petersberg, NE with five grandchildren: Koby, Tanner, Brayden, Sydney, and Alyssa; daughter, Shellee (Victor) Finley of Spearfish with four grandchildren: Justin, Shawn, Owen and Aidan; son, Quinnten Kuper of Pierre; brothers: Robert Salisbury, Jr. of Wosley and Kevan (Kary) Salisbury of Watertown.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Mary "Mickie" Salisbury; and brothers: Charles "Chuck" Salisbury and Danny Joe Salisbury.

Remembering
T H E L I F E O F
Mary L. Kuper

Prayer & Rosary Service:

6:00 p.m., Sunday, July 30, 2017

St. Ann's Catholic Church - Miller, South Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial:

10:30 a.m., Monday, July 31, 2017

St. Ann's Catholic Church - Miller, South Dakota

Celebrant: Father Paul Josten

Casketbearers:

Grandsons - Justin Ellis, Corbin Kuper, Koby Kuper,
Tanner Kuper, Shawn McBroom, Brayden Kuper,
Owen Finley, Aiden Finley

Nephews - Kevan Salisbury, II, Joe Salisbury,
Kory Salisbury, Kully Salisbury

Honorary Casketbearers:

Granddaughters - Cassie Hart, Alyssa Kuper, Sydney Kuper
Nieces - Jamie Salisbury, Kiko Salisbury

Lectors: Mark Kenzy - Jon Nache

Offertory: Randy Kuper - Becky Nache

Musicians: Connie Schroeder, St. Ann's Choir

Music Selections:

"On Eagle's Wings" - "I am the Bread of Life"

"You are Mine" - "Song of Farewell"

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

Interment:

St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery
Miller, South Dakota