

Heaven lit up with His mighty presence, As all the Angels looked down, Today the Lord was placing the jewels, In all the mother's crowns.

As He held up a golden crown, As all the mother's looked on, He said in His gentle voice, "I just want to explain each stone".

He held the first gem in His hand But the radiance couldn't match His own. For He was the light of Heaven, Reflecting off each of the stones.

"The first gem," He said, "is an emerald, And it's for endurance alone, For all the nights you waited up. For your children to come home.

For all the nights by their bedside, You stayed till the fever went down, For nursing every little wound, I add this emerald to your crown."

"A ruby, I'll place by the emerald, For leading your child in the right way, For if you hadn't taught them about me, They wouldn't be here with you today.

For always being right there, Thru all life's important events, I give you a sapphire stone, For the time and love you spent."

"For untying the strings that held them, When they grew up and left home, I give you this one for courage." Then the Lord added an amethyst stone.

"I'll place a stone of garnet," He said, "For all the times you spent on your knees, When you asked Me to take care of your children, And them for having faith in Me."

"I have a pearl for every little sacrifice, That you made without them knowing, For all the times you went without, To keep them happy, healthy, and growing."

"And last of all I have a diamond, The greatest of all gems, For those mother's who lost their children, When they came home to heaven before them."

"This is the most precious sacrifice, So I give the most precious stone, For I know just how you felt, I too lost a child of my own."

After the Lord placed the last jewel in, He said, "Heaven is now complete, For every mother has her crown of jewels, And all her children are at her feet."

Author Unknown



Peggy (Forbus) Hargens, 73, of Miller, passed away Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at Good Samaritan Society in Miller, surrounded by her family.

Peggy was born on March 31, 1950, in Henderson, Rusk County, Texas. She was the youngest of seven children born to Madie Arvest Forbus and Leatha Leola (Pool) Forbus. She grew up in Henderson, Texas on a small family farm. She spent a lot of time with her siblings and enjoyed the country life. Peggy went to school at Central Elementary School, followed by Henderson Middle and High School. Peggy began working at the age of 16 and went to cosmetology school for her beautician's license. She continued working until 1980 when her second child was born.

Peggy was first married to Harry Gene Bailey Sr. on August 9, 1967, and had one child, Harry Gene Bailey Jr., in Longview, Texas. Peggy and Harry got divorced in October of 1975. She was then united in marriage to the love of her life, Dennis Lloyd Hargens, on January 18, 1979, in Pampa, Texas. They had one child, Erica Rene' Hargens.

Peggy was a homemaker, as she called herself a domestic engineer. She enjoyed volunteering at churches in Arkansas and North Carolina. She moved to Arkansas with her husband and children in 1983 and then to Youngsville, North Carolina in 1988. She lived in Nash County, Nashville, for 17 years before moving to Miller, SD with her daughter in 2021.

She loved cross stitching, sewing, and many other crafts. She enjoyed spending time with her husband, Dennis, and her children and grandchildren. She loved to cook, travel, read, and have adventures with her daughter Erica. Her family was her world. She was an avid people watcher as society fascinated her.

She was always smiling in life, saying it's better to laugh than cry. Her inner beauty matched her outer beauty.

Peggy is survived by her children: Harry Gene (Tammy) Bailey, Jr. of Zebulon, NC and Erica Hargens of Miller, SD; grandchildren: Katie and Rori Bailey of Zebulon, NC; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Lloyd Hargens; parents: Madie and Leatha Forbus; siblings: Claudine Smith, Melodine West, Alton Forbus, Robert Forbus, Barbara Wade, and James Albert Forbus; parents-in-law: George and Lois (Warren) Hargens; and one grandchild, Nathaniel Warren Hargens.

Peggy (Forbus) Hargens

March 31, 1950 - February 7, 2024

Memorial Service:

11:00 a.m.

Friday, February 23, 2024

Community Church of St. Lawrence

Minister:

Pastor Jim Hofman

Pianist:

Sherry Van Zee

Urnbearer:

Dale Hargens

Musical Selections:

"Go Rest High On That Mountain"

"Wind Beneath My Wings"

"Precious Memories"

Burial: (At A Later Date)

Howell Cemetery

rural Miller, South Dakota

*Immediately following the service,
everyone is invited to join the family
for lunch and fellowship at the church.*

Arrangements Entrusted To
Reck Funeral Home - Miller, South Dakota
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