



Karen Coker

February 25, 1943 - August 1, 2015

Karen Coker, age 72, of Glendive, Montana passed away on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care in Glendive. A Memorial Service will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Stan Hoobing officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Karen was born on February 25, 1943 in Beach, North Dakota, she was a "Bush Baby", a daughter of Stainer Bertrand and Mildred Alverta (McClain) Pedersen. She was raised and educated in Glendive where she graduated from Dawson County High School with the class of 1961.

Karen met and later married Lester Coker on March 16, 1968 in Glendive at the Zion Lutheran Church. In 1994, Karen decided to further her education and attended Dawson Community College in Glendive where she received her Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science degrees. She worked for Montana East Realty for many years before her health forced her to retire in 2014.

Karen looked forward to watching Hocus Pocus and the Westminster Dog Kennel Show every year. She would always cheer for the Pomeranians the most as she used to raise and breed these dogs. She was the Vice President of Dawson County Democrats for six years, a member of Hospital Auxiliary for thirty-five years, on the Glendive Leadership Board and she was a proud charter member of Rotary. Karen was also a member of the Glendive Jaycees Club, the Old Bags Club, and of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority. She would

volunteer in the Zion Booth at the Glendive Fair, help with Class Reunion Registrations and assist at the Bump-n-Runs. Karen also helped make relish and serve for the Zion Lutheran's Lutefisk dinners they had yearly, and was also the chair of the event for several years.

Karen loved Chinese food and was well known for her love of Diet Coke. She was a "second mom" to many people and was well known for her kindness and generosity. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

Karen is preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Lester Coker. Survivors include her son, Jon Coker of Branson, Missouri and daughter, Jessica (Neil) Duede of Glendive; three grandchildren, Michael, Mackenzie, and Madison; one sister, Judy Sutherland of Ashland, Kansas; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and her beloved Pomeranians, Prince and Baby.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at:
www:silhafuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 6. 7:00 PM (MT)

Zion Lutheran Church
401 Riverview Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Karen Coker*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences to your family for your loss, I can't imagine how you all must be feeling. I hope you can take comfort in promise that God gives us, that we will see our dear loved ones who have passed away in death.*

Rae Lauren - August 31, 2015 at 12:53 PM



“ *Karen had a great sense of humor. We always had a good time, laughing at ourselves when I would do her hair.....back 20 years ago, or so. :) I admired Karen's "pluck" when things were rough (it seemed, to me, she had her fair share and then some), she always found something positive to reflect on..... Karen loved people and will be missed by many! My sympathy to her family.*

Barb Johnson - August 12, 2015 at 11:37 PM



“ *Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Karen Coker*



Denise Stoddart - August 08, 2015 at 10:30 PM

KS

“ Karen Shanley lit a candle in memory of Karen Coker



Karen Shanley - August 06, 2015 at 05:46 PM



“ The years I spent working with Karen will always bring a smile to my heart. I will miss her always and she will forever be a part of Montana East Realty. From the good days to the bad days and everything in between, Karen always kept things exciting!! I miss her.



Tami Freas - August 06, 2015 at 05:45 PM

BM

“ Becky Maldonado lit a candle in memory of Karen Coker



Becky Maldonado - August 06, 2015 at 11:13 AM

CA

“ So sorry for your loss. So glad I got to connect with you Jessica at the Miss Montana please stay in touch, I loved your mom.

Cathy Austby - August 06, 2015 at 11:10 AM

GS

“ *Karen was a beautiful person and will be missed.* ”



Gayle Sharbono - August 06, 2015 at 10:57 AM

VS

“ *Vicki Schieffer lit a candle in memory of Karen Coker* ”



Vicki Schieffer - August 06, 2015 at 09:41 AM

LM

“ *We extend our sympathy. Sincerely, Gene & Leslie Micheletto* ”



Leslie Micheletto - August 06, 2015 at 05:50 AM

 Kaari
Haugen-
Fulton

“ *Karen was always part of our lives, started as a neighbor down the street, ended as another family member. We love you Karen* ”

Kaari Haugen-Fulton - August 05, 2015 at 11:00 PM



“ Theresa Knapp and family send our love and prayers for Karen and family



Andrea Gates - August 05, 2015 at 08:26 PM



“ Karen was one of the funniest ladies I had the pleasure of knowing and working with. Her life was full of bloopers and mishaps, some better than others. My Dog Loved visiting Karen at work, she always had food. Speaking of, Karen could eat more food than most men. I smile just thinking of all the wonderful memories. She was a huge asset to Glendive dedicating Hours to various Volunteer Organizations. Her presence will be greatly missed!



Holly Micheletto - August 05, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ Lori Holm Brooks lit a candle in memory of Karen Coker



Lori Holm Brooks - August 05, 2015 at 06:47 PM

JL

“ *Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of Karen Coker*



Janette Legato - August 05, 2015 at 03:21 PM

MC

“ *Mel, Jackie & Sonia @ First American Title Company purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Karen Coker.*



Mel, Jackie & Sonia @ First American Title Company - August 04, 2015 at 12:45 PM

CH

“ *Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of Karen Coker*



Carol Hanson - August 03, 2015 at 10:18 PM

AB

“ *Karen was a wonderful lady. She had a talent for remembering people. Karen had a heart of gold. She would help anyone out. All of you have our deepest condolences. She is resting peacefully and not hurting anymore. God needed a good realtor up there, to sell some houses. God bless all of u.*



Arlene & Betty - August 02, 2015 at 07:00 PM

JE

“ To my wonderful sister, brother in law and the kids. I am still saddened by the loss of our wonderful mom. She will be greatly missed by many. Love you guys



Jennifer - August 01, 2015 at 07:56 PM

HH

“ Karen was one of a kind for sure, I loved her laugh! She will be missed. You're all in my thoughts.



Heather Haggerty - August 01, 2015 at 06:51 PM