

***Janine K. (Fordyce) Uttenhove***  
***April 21, 1960 — September 11, 2024***



Janine passed away unexpectedly after a brief illness on Tuesday, September 11, 2024 at Monument Hospital in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Janine was born April 21, 1960 to John and Glenda Fordyce in Newcastle. She was a 1978 graduate of Newcastle High School and married thereafter. On October 8, 1981, her daughter, Stacey was born. Janine devoted her life to caring for Stacey who was born with Rett Syndrome, (a rare genetic disorder that affects the nervous system). When Stacey was becoming of school age, Janine wanted her to have the best resources and opportunities available, therefore, moved to Gillette so she could attend BOCES, a school for special needs children. Janine had worked in the medical

field in the past and was then employed at BOCES for many years so she could be as involved in her care as much as possible. To say the least, Stacey was the light and love of her life!

Janine met and married Walter Uttenhove in Gillette in 1996. They lived in Gillette and later in Pine Haven. In 2013, Stacey passed away peacefully in her sleep. Although Janine lost a huge piece of her heart and life, she continued working and cared for many patients over the years at Pioneer Manor in Gillette. She had several different roles while employed at the Manor. The part she loved most was interacting with the residents. In May of 2020, during COVID while Janine was hospitalized and suffering from a medical complication, her husband, Wally, passed away at their home. Janine never knew a stranger, was an extremely hard worker, and made everyone feel important. She was a selfless soul, always putting other's needs before her own.

Janine is survived by her brother, Clint (Gnene) of Faith, South Dakota; sister Jolene (Craig) Deveraux of Newcastle; nephew Gareth Fordyce (Carmen, Alice, and Nola) of Roca, Nebraska; niece Jozelle Humble (BJ, Teedin, Toarin, Stratin, and Strydin) of Faith; niece Abi Deveraux of Newcastle; nephews Cooper Deveraux of Newcastle, and Jake Deveraux of Dillion, Montana.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Stacey, husband Wally, parents John and Glenda, grandparents Joe and Mary Fordyce and John and Eva Thompson.

Services for Janine K. (Fordyce) Uttenhove will be held Friday, September 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Meridian Mortuary in Newcastle.