



Dephane Joyce Swaney

November 22, 1936 - August 2, 2018

Dephane went to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 2, 2018.

Dephane Joyce Swaney was the middle daughter of five daughters born to John Henry and Beulah Mae (Wilson) VanDenBerg on November 22, 1936, in Rapid City, South Dakota. In 1941 the family moved to Hand County, South Dakota, and she attended Hammitt Country School. She attended St. Lawrence High School where she played basketball, was the homecoming queen, and graduated in 1954. She met the love of her life, Stanley Warren Swaney. They were married on September 12, 1954.

In 1956, when Stanley went to work for Willis Dalby, they traveled working in a number of states including South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, North Dakota and Iowa. In 1959 they went to work on the VanDenBerg farm. Stanley and Dephane later rented a farm on which they worked side-by-side, including milking sixteen head of cows by hand twice a day. In 1962 they moved to St. Lawrence, South Dakota, where she worked as a teller at the First National Bank in Miller, South Dakota, and they built their own home. In 1971, Stanley and Dephane moved their family to Colorado and she went to work for the Soil Conservation District in Walden. She also worked at North Park State Bank and North Park School District during their time in Walden. She returned to North Park State Bank until she retired in 1998.

Dephane was a member of the United Methodist Women and the North Park Women's Club from which she was named Woman of the Year in 2008.

Stanley and Dephane were also members of the Snow Snake Snowmobiling Club and various bowling leagues. She enjoyed dancing, reading, and cooking. She made the best chicken and noodles in the family and everyone begged for her to bring her delicious berry pies to family get togethers.

Dephane made a special effort to attend all the Wilson, VanDenBerg, and Swaney family reunions across the US. She loved to spend time with her family and snuggling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dephane was preceded in death by her parents; sister Sharon (Jack) Bryce, and husband Stanley.

She is survived by her three sisters: Wanda (Gene) Stevens, St. Lawrence, SD; Anita (Wilbur) Fremark, St. Lawrence, SD; and Beryle (Marvin) Sessions, Faulkton, SD. Her three children: Lynn Warren (Joyce), Farmington, NM; Timothy John (Missy), Pierce, CO; Pamela Jo LaCount (friend Ted Bina), Rifle, CO; six grandchildren: Darcy (David) Tenan, Ft. Collins, CO; Ashlee (John) O'Neil, Ft. Collins, CO; Tyler (Shayna) Swaney, Ogallala, NE; Chance (Elizabeth Pickett) Swaney, Ft. Lupton, CO; Zachary (Shanna) LaCount, Lovington, NM; Wade (Alexis) LaCount, Laramie, WY; Ryan (Melanie) Wells, Saratoga, WY; nine great-grandsons, Drew Shaw, Roman Pickett, Tyler Steinmetz, Logan Wells, Roy and Kade Swaney, Owen O'Neil, Tucker Swaney, and Luke Tenan; six great-granddaughters, Haylie and Savannah Wells, Ashlyn Pickett, McKayla O'Neil, Sloan LaCount, and Setera Swaney. Adopted family Richard and Tami Spaulding, Joe and Andi Lance, and Chet and Linda Robben. She will be greatly missed by numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to North Park Community Church or the Jackson County Ambulance Service. A celebration of her life will be held on Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 3:00PM at the Community Church in Walden,

Colorado. Friends may send condolences to the family at bohlenderfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 12. 3:00 PM (MT)

North Park Community Church
509 McKinley Dr.
Walden, CO 80480

Tribute Wall

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“ *Memories of a welcoming smile and watching a person dedicated to being part of a community. Sorry to read of the accident. Prayers to the family*

Kristi Hufty - August 15, 2018 at 06:11 AM

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“ *Did I know Daphne....no, but I take the Jackson County Star, saw the article and obituary for her and was flooded with memories and thoughts as to the beloved people who are the heart and soul of this nation. This lovely lady was one such person.*

I grew up on a ranch in North Park, went to school there and rubbed shoulders with the folks in the community. What an education it was and base for who I am to this day. We worked hard and days off rarely existed. We were independent and respectful of those around us. Most of the time, we knew we could depend on our neighbors to be there if help was needed. We involved ourselves in supporting local and some state organizations, school sports and were church members.

Ranching was fraught with the occasional and unsuspecting accidents that occurred. Unfortunately, your beloved became a victim of such. She was in the midst of being a helper, working outside in the beauty of nature, around her family and giving. What a legacy. My heart is with all of you in your loss. I honor you in the days ahead and revel in the memories of Daphne Joyce Swaney.

Affectionately,

Lynn Marie Dickens Trumble

Lynn Marie Dickens Trumble - August 11, 2018 at 10:41 AM

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“ I met Dephane shortly after they moved to Walden - in the church, the UMW, bowling, senior citizens, etc. She was here long enough to be in the younger group of UMW and the older group were only too happy to hand over the Annual Bazaar and Turkey Dinner event. The first year, she and I had the responsibility of making the dressing (stuffing). Seems to me like we planned for 125 people. And, of course I didn't have a recipe so we just winged it. The last few years we were also involved in senior bowling. She and Stan were both good bowlers.

She was a classy lady and she will be greatly missed.

God Bless, Dephane

Tolly Ann Gore

Tolly Ann Gore - August 08, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ Dear Swaney Family, Our condolences on your loss. What a kind and beautiful spirit she was.

Frani & Moe Morris

Frani Morris - August 08, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dephane Joyce Swaney.



August 08, 2018 at 05:01 PM