

HARTMANN, DAWNE M. (JEPSEN)

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Near Center Point, SD

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**Dawne Marie
Jepsen Hartmann**

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Dawne Marie Jepsen Hartmann, 81, of Yankton, passed away Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at her home. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Dani Jo Bierwagen officiating. Burial will be in the Hansen Cemetery, rural Irene, SD. Online condolences may be sent at www.op-sahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

Dawne Marie Jepsen Hartmann went home to be with Jesus, September 25, 2024 at her home in Yankton, SD. Dawne was born October 9, 1942 on a farm near Center Point, SD. Dawne was the first-born child of Clarence Alvin and Babe Ruth Gladys Person Jepsen. Her sister, Sherry Dee, was born August 6, 1945.

Dawne grew up on the farm. When she was about ten and her family lived on a farm north of the rural Spring Valley Lutheran Church, Jesus appeared to her in the sky above the church beckoning her. She started walking up the hill to church on Sunday to attend Sunday School. She gave her heart to the Lord Jesus, and followed Him all her life.

Dawne attended two country schools near Center Point. She attended Viborg Public High School and graduated with the class of 1960.

After high school, Dawne worked in Yankton as a telephone operator for the Graham Bell company.

While working in Yankton, Dawne met Gordon Clark. They were married at Spring Valley Lutheran Church, rural Viborg on October 8, 1961.

The couple lived in Tulsa, OK; Greeley, CO; Longmont, CO; Viborg, SD; and Yankton, SD. The couple was blessed with three children: Lori Rene, Terri Lynn, and Kevin Lee.



Dawne raised her three children as a stay-at-home mom. Dawne was a girl scout leader for the Longmont, CO Girl Scout Troup 221 for many years.

After her divorce in 1992, Dawne moved to Yankton. There she met Dennis Hartmann. They were married June 9, 1995 at Trinity Lutheran. Soon after their marriage, they became members of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Yankton.

Dawne worked for many years at Gurney's Nursery, Dale Electronics, and Applied Engineering in Yankton. She retired in 2007. Dennis retired from his long-time job at Kohlberg's and began his own machinist shop, D&D Machine Works in 2008.

Dawne was treated for breast cancer. In 2016, Dawne experienced an Aortal Dissection, a 95% fatal event. Dawne had several surgeries on the aorta over the following years. At least seven times, Dawne experienced miracles that gave her a total of eight extra years to spend with her family.

Dawne is survived by her husband of 29 years, Dennis Hartmann, Yankton, SD; her children Lori (Rodney) Sletten, Viborg, SD, Terri Clark (Anthony DiMichele), Wakonda, SD, and Kevin (Julie) Clark, Manhattan, KS; four grandchildren Christopher Sletten, Culbertson, MT, Adam (Kate) Sletten, Culbertson, MT, Isaac (Becky) Sletten, Harrisburg, SD, Jemima (Bret) VanderZee, Viborg, SD, and Samuel Clark, Lawrence KA; four great grandchildren Zadock, Theodore, and Dagmar Sletten, Culbertson, MT; and Erick Sletten, Harrisburg, SD; her sister Sherry (Dale) Olson, Sioux Falls, SD; two step children April Hagen (Paul), Tea, SD, and Jason Hartmann, Sioux Falls; five step grandchildren - Gregory McKay, Aubrey, Anna-Kate, and Garrett Hagin, and Gweneth Hartmann; two sisters in law Linda Johnson, Sioux Falls and Mary Fuller, Fulda, MN. and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Ruth Jepsen, Viborg.