

CORNELIUS, Conna C. (Madsen)

December 5, 1957  
Yankton  
February 3, 2010  
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## DONNA CORNELIUS



Donna Charlene Cornelius was born on December 5, 1957 in Yankton. Her parents were Seymour and Glennys (Petersen) Madsen. She graduated from Washington High School in Sioux Falls in 1976. She married Philip Cornelius on May 1, 1993 in Sioux Falls. During her early years, she had worked for her parents at their Dairy Queen. She also worked for Catherine's and Progressive Property Management in Sioux Falls. Donna was a lifetime member of the SD Jaycees as a Senator. She enjoyed riding motorcycles, cards, cross stitching, camping and her dog Rusty.

Donna passed away on February 3, 2010 at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. She had attained the age of 52.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Donna is survived by her husband Philip of Sioux Falls, her mother Glennys Madsen of Sioux Falls, a sister Anita (Greg) Cordes of Bellevue, NE; an aunt Ruth Madsen of LaMesa, CA; 4 nephews; 1 niece; father and mother-in-law Dennis and Alice Cornelius; a sister-in-law Alison (Don) Lounsbury of Sioux Falls; and many other relatives and friends.

Services were held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Cross Point Baptist Church in Sioux Falls with Pastor Vince Smith officiating. Interment at the Chancellor Baptist Cemetery.

*What moves through us is a silence,  
a quiet sadness, a longing for one  
more day, one more word, one more  
touch, we may not understand why  
you left this earth so soon, or why  
you left before we were ready to  
say good-bye, but little by little,  
we begin to remember not just that  
you died, but that you lived. And  
that your life gave us memories too  
beautiful to forget.*