

NELSON, MARTHA E. (WILLIAMS)

July 12, 1941 Kalamazoo, MI

May 7, 2022 Piedmont, SD

Viborg Enterprise May 19, 2022

Martha Ellen Nelson



Martha Ellen Nelson, 80, of Piedmont, SD, passed away on Saturday, May 7, 2022.

Martha was born on July 12, 1941, in Kalamazoo, MI. She was the oldest of six children of Carl and Helen Williams.

Martha married Earl G. Nelson, Jr. on May 26, 1962 and they raised their five children in Viborg, SD. She moved to Piedmont, SD in 1995 and enjoyed the beauty of the Black Hills throughout the rest of her life.

Martha was a devoted mother and spent most of her life attending her children's activities and pushing them to achieve their dreams. She was blessed with 17 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Horses were always a big part of Martha's life. She raised Morgan horses, showing them in local and national competi-

tions. One highlight for her was participating in the SD Centennial wagon train that covered the state over several months.

Martha was a skilled seamstress and made beautiful quilts for many of her family and friends, which included one for each of her grandchildren for their high school graduations.

Survived by: Children: Karen (Tom) Albers, Apple Valley, MN, Carol (special friend, Shannan) Nelson, Sioux Falls, SD, Craig (Jodi) Nelson, Rosemount, MN, Brett (Andrea) Nelson, St. Cloud, MN, Amy (Chris) Freed, Excelsior, MN; Grandchildren, Katelin (Derek) Kleinsasser, Lauren (Scott) Gleason, Steven Albers, Emily (Carl) Hierlinger, Garrett Miles, Benjamin Miles, Shon Miles, Melanie Nelson, Alexa Nelson, Reid Nelson, Lance Nelson, Trent Nelson, Tory Nelson, Abigail Nelson, Nicholas Nelson, Evan Freed, Easton Freed; Great-granddaughter: Olive Gleason. Sister: Sue (James) Nelson, Huron, SD; Nieces and Nephews.

Preceded in death by: Parents: Carl and Helen (LaBatt) Williams; Siblings: JoAnn, Carl, John, Mark; Son in-law: Shon Stallinga.

* Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. It was Martha's wish to have her family celebrate her life privately at a later date. Kirk Funeral Home in Rapid City, SD is handling arrangements.