



Colleen "Coke" Robinson Meyers

January 2, 1940 - April 15, 2024

Colleen "Coke" Robinson Meyers went to be with the Lord on April 15, 2024, at the age of 84 embraced in the love of family. She was born in Deadwood, South Dakota to Belinda (Kayrasvuopio) and Harry Robinson on January 2, 1940, as the first baby born in the new year. Throughout her life she liked to tell everyone she was a new year baby. She loved growing up in the Black Hills, living in Lead, Deadwood, and Whitewood. However, she especially loved spending time at the ranch owned by her grandparents, Benjamin and Sophia Kayrasvuopio, helping with chores, riding, and tending to the horses. In 1956 as a sophomore in high school, she won an all-expense trip to the United Nations and Washington D.C. and when she returned home, she showed slides and gave talks to various clubs throughout the Black Hills. She graduated from Lead High School in 1958 and then attended Huron College with a focus on journalism and history.

She married George Michael Meyers in July 1959, and raised four daughters in Rapid City, South Dakota and taught them to be as resilient and independent as she was. In 1986 she met the love of her life James (Jim) Kramer, and they danced through life together before Jim passed away in October 2015. It is a comfort to know they are now laughing and dancing together once again.

Colleen was a life-long learner, passionate about reading and collecting books

and art, loved to cook, entertain, knit, sew, garden, travel, visit museums, plays and sporting events. She was also deeply passionate about crafts and loved working with ceramics and painting birdhouses.

She loved having a home in Rapid City and being involved with the church and community and relished spending time with Jim at their cabin, Brigadoon, in the Black Hills near Sheridan Lake. The cabin was a place to connect with family and friends, watch birds (especially cardinals), entertain with holiday parties, and fish fry's, and simply enjoy spending time in nature. Colleen and Jim also enjoyed spending many winters at their place in Laughlin, Nevada and spending time with family and friends that came to visit.

She was a strong person of faith and loved being a part of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church community, where she was a member of the altar guild, taught Sunday school and youth group, and served as one of the first women lay readers for the church.

Colleen was a committed careerist, owning and managing various businesses, was a successful real estate agent and was a member of the Million Dollar Club, and worked for the US government. However, it was her career as a business consultant for various businesses, publishing companies, Chamber of Commerces, manufacturers, and radio stations, that gave her the opportunity to travel, explore and live for extended periods of time in various places across the country. The open road, a map and love of long drives fit perfectly with her sense of adventure and desire to see our great country.

Colleen was active in various organizations, both community and career related, at the local, state, and national levels (such as the American Cancer Society), participated as a youth and then served as a 4-H leader for her daughters. She supported and enjoyed helping friends by driving them to

various engagements and doing errands with them. She was a people person and would go the extra mile to help anyone in need.

At the age of 79, she once again demonstrated her resilience and strength when she relocated to Minneapolis, Minnesota to her senior community facility to be near family and enjoy the numerous services available to help her maintain her independence. Her favorite activities included anything to be done in support of the community, fruit bingo, trivia, bible study and reflections, and anything to do with singing and music. She loved to sing and seemed to know all the words to any song. As she transitioned from independent living to memory care, she continued to smile, sing, laugh and enjoy visits from family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Beverly Cowling and Lynell Lammi and brother James Robinson, brother-in-law Wayne Cowling. She is survived by her daughters, Tami (Bob) Dormady, Michelle (Jim) Brunn, Kelly (JD) Rothberg, and Georgia Meyers; sister-in-law Margie (Kevin) Robinson-Goff, brother-in-law Wilbert Lammi; grandchildren Joshua (Christina) Dormady, Beckie (Tim)Wolske and Zaxton, Kelsey and Bonnie Rothberg and Katie Browning; nieces Lori Cowling, Paula Lammi, Krista Fraase, and Anna Robinson; nephews William, John and Kevin Cowling, Mike and John Lammi, and Bryant Robinson; and four great grandchildren.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to her wonderful care team at Copperfield Hill Manor Memory Care and her North Memorial Hospice care team for their compassion and care for Colleen, especially within the last few months as she transitioned in her journey with Alzheimer's.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at Washburn-McReavy Chapel at 2300 West Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington, MN at 1:00 pm with

visitation 1 hour prior. After this service, Colleen will be cremated for a memorial service in Rapid City (date still pending) prior to her burial at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Deadwood, South Dakota.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Organization.

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Webcast in memory of Colleen "Coke" Robinson Meyers



Washburn-McReavy - April 19, 2024 at 01:31 PM

JB

“ We met Coke and Jim at Sheridan Lake and enjoyed many visits over the years. Her brother also lived close by at the lake and she would stop to check on him and visit. We will always remember her beautiful smile and our visits.

Jim and Donna Bares

Jim and Donna Bares - June 09, 2024 at 09:12 PM

PK

“ I just happened to run across the announcement of Coke's passing in the Rapid City newspaper. I attended Huron College from 1956 to 1960 and thus knew her during the years she was there. Since I was editor of the college newspaper during a couple of those years, we shared a mutual interest in journalism as well as music. She was a lovely young woman in those years. I enjoyed reading about all of the achievements and enjoyments she had during her lifetime. My best wishes to all of her children and the rest of the family. I also knew George at H.C., of course. What a good-looking guy he was and excellent athlete!

Parker Knox - June 09, 2024 at 02:27 PM

MM

“ Great fun friend she will be missed by all. Mary Lou McDow

Mary Lou McDow - April 23, 2024 at 03:09 PM

BH

“ Having Coke as a friend and neighbor was so special to me. She always had stories and memories of her family and adventures (and baked goodies and wine to go with). She was a good listener and friend to me and we smiled and laughed a lot! I still smile when I think of her and some of our visits and miss looking across the street knowing she was there. She was fun, caring, giving and true-not just to me, but to so many others. I was so sad when she had to leave, but knew that she was going to be closer to family that she so loved. I am sure that there have been a lot of hugs in heaven. I miss you Coke. To her family - I am sorry for your loss - she loved you with all she had.



Brenda Holzer - April 23, 2024 at 11:33 AM

KR

“ Love you mom! You have been my light and can't thank you enough!



Kelly Meyers Rothberg - April 23, 2024 at 07:46 AM

BR

“ *Brownings and Rothbergs purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Colleen "Coke" Robinson Meyers.*



Brownings and Rothbergs - April 21, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Colleen "Coke" Robinson Meyers.*



April 20, 2024 at 03:34 PM

LO

“ *Love, Johnalee & David Otten purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Colleen "Coke" Robinson Meyers.*



Love, Johnalee & David Otten - April 19, 2024 at 05:50 PM