



Jean L. *Raymond* Flanagan

August 15, 1966 – June 6, 2026

Jean L Flanagan, 59, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at Ava's House surrounded with her loving family by her side.

Jean was born August 15, 1966 to Catherine Grey Day and Robert Raymond in Denver, CO. She was born ahead of her time (preemie) and had a few bumps to overcome.

Due to her being a preemie, tests were done and it was found that she had a hearing loss. They later moved to Minneapolis. She started preschool there and as Catherine stated, she had a constant companion named Blackie, (the dog), He cried when he couldn't board on the bus with her and her other one was her grandfather, Joe Grey Day.

Jean attended South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls. In 1984, she began residing with her foster parents full time: Deb & Bruce Anderson and their children Jeremy and Jamie. Deb was an endearing foster mother who loved Jean very much and continued to be involved in her life until her passing.

Jean married Brian Flanagan on July 17, 1995. To this union, two sons were born, Justin and Clay Flanagan.

She loved butterflies! Purple was her favorite color. Her sons and grandchildren were her world. She loved talking with her friends and talking about her family. She loved to make others smile, laugh, and to tell stories. She liked to visit her nieces and attended their birthday parties. She enjoyed being with her family.



Jean was a kind of soul who loved connecting to people to sharing stories, experiences and lots of love.

Spending time with Brian was a big plus, watching TV or visiting with him. Their trips to Sturgis was a highlight for them. she enjoyed the Black Hills, shopping at the rally. She was 70 days away from turning the big 60!

She is survived by her loving husband of 30 years, Brian, her children, Justin and Clay, her daughter in law, Sheyann Clemens; her grandchildren, Kashmir, Kena, Diesel; Jean has left many awesome memories with her siblings, Gale, Vivian, Jon, Amy, Bo, Ted and Todd Raymond, Jen Ghost Bear and Bernadette Volk, her foster mom.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Joe & Daisy Grey Day; her father, Robert Raymond; her brothers, John and Luke Ghost Bear.

Her spirit and joy for life will remain within each one of whom she encountered, we will miss our beautiful Jean.

The service held at [Kober Funeral Home](#) – Vermillion, SD, Friday, June 12, 2026.

