

# LORI KOBER

## COMMUNITY SERVICE



Lori Kober, an alumna of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf, attended St. John's and Wisconsin School for the Deaf. Kober then attended Gallaudet University and graduated with a Bachelor's in Home Economics. She decided to attend University of District of Columbia (UDC) for a degree in Mortuary Science. She worked at the Rapp Funeral Services while attending UDC and for a couple years after graduation. She became a licensed mortician in Maryland.

Lori and her husband, Tom Kober, decided to move to South Dakota. Kober then decided to continue her dream at the Iverson-Siecke Funeral Home in Vermillion, SD as a licensed funeral director and embalmer. In 2008, she purchased two funeral homes in Vermillion and Elk Point, South Dakota. How she has made a historical impact is the fact she was the first Deaf female to become a licensed mortician, a funeral director not to mention, to own and operate not just one, but two funeral homes!

During her free time, she is a member of several organizations including South Dakota Association of the Deaf, The Wisconsin School for the Deaf Alumni Association, and the South Dakota Funeral Directors Association. The Governor of South Dakota recognized Lori as the 'Most Outstanding Citizen with a Disability'. She received the Amos Kendall award from Gallaudet University. A special day 'Lori A. Kober's Day' was established by the City of Vermillion to honor Lori in 2013. Kober was also honored by Wisconsin School for the Deaf's Hall of Fame Program for her many achievements and services in 2016.

