

Lois Mae Rhode

May 7, 1951 – May 7, 2022

Lois Mae Rhode passed away at her home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on May 7, 2022, her 71st birthday.

Lois was born on May 7, 1951, in Marshall, Minnesota, to Emmett and Lucy (Orren) Rhode. At ten months old, she developed a high fever and lost her hearing. She grew up on a farm near Canby, Minnesota, and attended the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf in Faribault, graduating in 1970.



remainder of her life. Known for her wonderful sense of humor, she enjoyed spending time with family, playing cards and games on her phone, and visiting with her CSD friends. Nearly every Saturday, she enjoyed social gatherings and games with friends in the Deaf community at the SDAD Center. She was a member of the South Dakota Association of the Deaf and South Dakota Deaf Senior Citizens. Lois also had a special fondness for kittens and was a loving sister, aunt, great-aunt, cousin, and friend.

Lois was survived by her sister and best friend, Barbara Green of Dell Rapids; her older brother, Marvin Rhode and his wife, Sandy, of Lake Madison; and her nieces and nephews: Martin Green of Edgemont; DeAnna Penning and her husband, Todd, of Dell Rapids; Mike Rhode and his wife, Nikki, of Canton; Timothy Rhode and his wife, Jenn, of Harrisburg; and Joe Rhode and his wife, Jen, of Colman.

She was also survived by her great-nieces and great-nephews, Austin Johnson-Green, Olivia Green, Nicholas Green, Jocelyn Green, Kaleb Penning, Austin Rhode, Cameron Rhode, Marin Rhode, Abby Rhode, and Elaina Rhode; along with many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emmett and Lucy Rhode; her brother-in-law, Martin D. Green; and her great-nephew, Jevin Rhode.

Funeral services were held on May 16, 2022, at George Boom Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory in Sioux Falls. Graveside services followed at Canby City Cemetery in Canby, Minnesota.