

Janice Ridge, 85, passed peacefully in Jesus' loving arms, with her loving husband by her side, on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, New Rockford, ND.

Janice Ann Porter was born August 8, 1936, along with her twin sister, Joan Marie in Louisville, KY, to Mary (Mattingly) and John Porter, the fourth born of ten children. She grew up in Louisville, KY, where at sixteen she met Jimmy Ridge. Jimmy asked her mother if he could marry her, so they went across the river and eloped. When they told her mother they got married, she said, "I didn't mean now" (lol). As of today, they have been married 68 years. Of this union they had four children, Jim Jr., Brenda, Ellen "Mickey" and Joe. Janice was a devoted Catholic, who passed a lot of traditional treasure to her children (thank you, mommy). Janice and her family moved to Oakland, CA in 1960, where she raised her family. After the children were grown, Janice and her husband moved to Roseville, CA in 1979, where he retired. In 1995 they moved to New Rockford, ND, so Janice could be near her twin sister, Joan.



Janice is survived by her husband James Ridge Sr.; daughters Brenda Ridge-Valdivia (Jerry Valdivia), Ellen "Mickey" Ridge (Ricky Simmons) all of New Rockford; 9 grandchildren: Echo Sewell (Daniel), New Rockford, Amber Palmer-Nelson (Jeff), Sabin, MN, Elizabeth Albrecht, Carrington, ND, Sara Scott, Citrus Heights, CA, Deseray Scott, Fargo, ND, Sarah Ridge, Sacramento, CA, Timothy Scott (Melondy), Fargo, ND, Jessica Romo (Francisco), Roseville, CA, Gill Hechler, Yuba, CA; 34 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren; brothers Stephen Porter, Longview, WA and Terry Porter, Hollywood, FL; sisters Geneva Goehl, Morriston, FL and Theresa Fikaris, Ocala, FL, along with many nieces and nephews, she loved dearly.



She was preceded in death by her parents, sons James Ridge Jr. and Joseph Ridge; great-grandson Dion Tillman; brothers Richard, Charles, James, John and Edward Porter; sisters Mary Jecker, Joan Broucker and Carolyn Baressi.



Home With The Lord



Janice Ann Ridge

AUGUST 8, 1936 – JANUARY 25, 2022

Diamond In The Rough

*Did you ever wonder why you were born,
Have you ever felt sad and forlorn,
As the tears roll down and your heart is breaking.
Do you wonder if there's some mistaking,
Well dry your eyes, put on a smile,
What I have to say may take awhile.
There's someone I know and want you to meet,
His name is Jesus, he's so good, kind and sweet.
You can tell Him your troubles, your hopes and your dreams.
He'll never snicker, laugh, or be mean.
His Father made Him as He made you and me,
That miracle called life causes us to be.
He thinks you're so wonderful, beautiful and smart
And in His great plan you still have a part.
So turn to Him, whether you're up or your down.
You're more precious than jewels, so wipe off that frown.
Don't let unhappiness ruin your day.
Stand tall, be strong and be on your way,
To being His diamond in the rough you might say.
Now bow your head and being to pray.
Dear Jesus, make me creative and motivate me.
Forgive me, Lord when I offend thee.
Give me the faith and courage each day,
To climb each mountain put in my way.
Lord, give me hope, take my hand.
On my own two feet I wish to stand,
By doing your will, by doing what's right.
Wrap me up in your guiding light.
So make a real racket, blow a horn,
There were many reasons why you were born.*

Author: Joan Brocker

Celebrating The Life Of

Janice Ann Ridge

August 8, 1936 – Louisville, KY
January 25, 2022 – New Rockford, ND

VISITATION

Friday, January 28, 2022
5:30PM - 6:30PM
St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

ROSARY & VIGIL SERVICE

Friday, January 28, 2022
Rosary 6:30PM ~ Vigil Service 7:00PM
St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Saturday, January 29, 2022
10:30AM
St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford, ND

OFFICIATING

Fr. Reese Weber

MUSIC

Heather Klocke

PALLBEARERS

Timothy Scott ~ Daniel Sewell ~ Angel Mila
Joshua Wesaw ~ Julian Palmer-Smith ~ Vicente Williams
Tayshawn Kauk ~ Cortez Campbell

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Everyone Who Loves Janice

BURIAL

St. John's Catholic Cemetery, New Rockford, ND

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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