

Obituary
Sandy Young

Sandy Young, 53 years of age, of Friend, went home to the Lord on Saturday, June 23, 2007. She passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services will be Tuesday, June 26th at 10:30 a.m. at the Friend Christian Assembly, with Pastor Andy Majorins officiating. Visitation will be Monday, June 25th from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Friend Christian Assembly. Interment will be at Andrew Cemetery in Friend. Memorial will be to the family. Solt Funeral Home of Central City is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltfh.com.

Sandra Joy Klute was born on March 18, 1954 in York, NE to Herbert and Joy (Bailey) Klute. Sandy attended St Peter's Lutheran School in Hampton, NE and always cherished the Bible teaching she received there. She graduated from Hampton High School in 1972, and married her high school sweetheart, Dale Roy Young, Jr. on October 6, 1973. They began their life together in Grand Island, NE and then lived in San Diego, CA before permanently making their home in Friend in 1979. Sandy and Dale built their business, Young's Welding and Repair, together and she worked faithfully alongside him until just before her passing. Together they raised four daughters who are greatly blessed by her unconditional love and example. She was a wonderful Nana to her grandchildren and never missed an opportunity to spoil them and show off pictures of them.

Sandy was a devoted Christian and dedicated her life to serving God and others. She was a faithful volunteer, teaching Bible school, Sunday school, AWANA, Joy Club and many Bible studies, including a weekly Bible study at the Friend Manor, for many years. She was an active member of Moms In Touch and the Friend Chamber of Commerce and organized the Friend 4th of July celebration in addition to other community events too numerous to list. Like her mother, Sandy was a wonderful cook and gardener and generously shared these talents with others until she was no longer able to do so. She had a heart for those in need and, despite her own physical struggles, firmly believed that there was always someone who was in greater need than herself. Many readers of the Friend Sentinel were blessed by her "From My Perspective" articles, which perfectly captured her sense of humor, practical approach to life, and desire for others to know God as she did. In the last year of her life, Sandy was greatly blessed by the pastor and congregation of the Friend Christian Assembly.

Sandy's family was very important to her and they will always cherish their memories of her wonderful sense of humor, endless patience, and her courage through her 16 year struggle with Parkinson's Disease. Her life will continue to be celebrated by her husband of 33 years, Dale Young, Jr. of Friend, four daughters: Karen and Shawn Hanneman of Weeping Water; Laura and Kirk Steffensen of Cheney; Susan and Matt Kathol of Hartington; and Christy and Aaron Svehla of Hartington; and four grandchildren - Brayden Kathol, Laney Kathol, Chase Svehla and Hunter Svehla, all of Hartington. She was anxiously awaiting the birth of two more grandchildren later this year. Sandy's memory will also be cherished by her "favorite" father-in-law, Dale Young, Sr. of Hampton, five sisters, Carol and David Dittberner of Alexandria, Minnesota; Ruth and Roger Heins of Sutton; Linda and Warren Creager of Stillwater, Minnesota; Judy and Dick Johnson of West Point; and Betty and Vern Blase of Grand Rapids, Michigan; three brothers, Fred Klute of Atlantic, Iowa; Dale and Shawna Klute of Kearney; and Dan and Kim Klute of Stromsburg; two sisters-in-law, Pam and John Janzen of Aurora; and Jamie and Mark Muramoto of West Valley City, Utah; and a host of other relatives and friends, particularly her "adopted" daughter, Jessica Krasser.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Joy Klute, and her mother-in-law, Darlene Young.

Pianist was Bonnie Miller. Duet was by Len and Paul Krasser singing "Amazing Grace" and "Because He Lives". Congregational sang "It Is Well With My Soul" and "Abide With Me". Pallbearers were Terry O'Neel, Bob Arehart, Rod Eigsti, Jaron Schweitzer, Gerold Nitz and Chad Farrow.