

Cares and Concerns July 2026

I most humbly have accepted this position of Chm. Of Joys, Cares and Concerns for the coming year. As many of you know, I am not a young chicken anymore and so ask that you please take that into consideration should I miss something you send me or misspell a name, etc. I am also much slower than I was 20 years ago, imagine that!!!

I am attempting to get my ducks in a row and get the information out timely. Since I no longer have the current addresses of many auxiliary members, I am sending this out to the old list sent to me. I am using the blind copy to help preserve your identity. Should your new officers or members wish to be included on the list, please email that to me. I do not do well with texting. That would include all notes to me, thanks for your help.

Tammy Eileen (Meisenheimer) Nelson

Tammy was the daughter of Larry (Sandy) Meisenheimer of Brookings. Sandy held the position of Cares and Concerns for many years and recently resigned to help with family illness.

Tammy Eileen (Meisenheimer) Nelson, age 60, passed away peacefully on June 24, 2026, while on hospice, surrounded by her family and the wonderful staff at United Living Community in Brookings. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a. m. on Monday, June 29, 2026, at Eidsness Funeral Home, with Hospice Chaplain Gregg TeBeest officiating. A luncheon will follow at the Brookings VFW, with burial afterward at 1:00 pm at the Lake Preston Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00. A full obituary can be found at the Eidsness Funeral Home web site.

Cards may be sent to:
Larry & Sandy Meisenheimer
730 19th St. S.
Brookings, SD 57006

Sandra “Sandi” Corine Gustafson Kurry

Sandi served for several years as the Sr. Vice President for the Rapid City VFW Auxiliary. She held this position until the recent election in June, 2026. The Auxiliary expressed their sadness when they learned of Sandi’s health issues and sent their prayers to her and her family.

Sandra “Sandi” Corine Kurry passed away at the Monument Health Home Plus Hospice House on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at the age of 76. Sandra Corine Gustafson was born on October 1st, 1949 to Oscar Alfred and Stella Viola Gustafson. Sandra was the youngest of her two sisters Noreen and Karen. When Sandra graduated high school, she moved to Minot, North, where she met and married her husband, William Kurry. They had two daughters and William died in 1980 due to an accident.

Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 10:00 am at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid City. Burial will be at a future date at the Riverview Cemetery in Williston, North Dakota.

Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home in Rapid City was in charge of the services. A full obituary can be found at the funeral homes web site. Cards may be directed to the family in care of the funeral home at: 2700 Jackson Boulevard
Rapid City, South Dakota 57702

Several weeks ago I received the following from Pat Cerny. My apologies to you Pat for the delayed mailing of the note.

Bill and Pat Cerny visited Connie Seymour, in Lincoln, Nebr. Connie is currently in the Hospice program. It is a slow process for her. She really enjoys phone calls.

Connie's daughters are hosting an Open House Birthday Party May 30, 2026, from 2 - 4 PM, at AVIVA retirement home. Cards can be sent to:

Connie Seymour, 9421 Gable Pines Rd. Apt 206, Lincoln, NE 68520..Telephone: 605 641 0769.

Connie is a Past State President. She might really enjoy a flood of cards about now. Be sure to add a short note if you are unable to write a letter.

Congratulations & Get Well:

If you have not already done so, a **congratulations card** may be sent to Sue Jones, immediate past state president for a job very well done. Sue is taking some time to get back in the routine of taking care of her house, I should say acreage, watching over her elderly neighbors, weeding a garden, taking care of her VA obligations, other issues, such as falling down and hitting her tailbone and head, both which have caused her a great deal of discomfort and to be in bed a good week. She is still under the weather.

Send cards to:

Sue Jones
8116 Chickadee Lane
Black Hawk, SD 57718
Ph: 605-877-2665 -- cell

Congratulations:

Again, a big Congratulations to our new State President, Karen Sharp. Karen went above and beyond when she volunteered to take a position in the state chairs and run again up through the chairs to become your current State President. She held this position back in 2016-17 and did an outstanding job. We are looking forward to seeing new and wonderful action this coming year from Karen and know that with all the auxiliaries behind her, her programs will stand out to the rest of the states and to the National organization. We wish her the best of luck. Cards may be sent to her at:

Karen Sharp, Dept. of SD VFW Aux. President
PO Box 1133
Ft. Pierre, SD 57532

That is all for now sisters and brothers. Remember July 4th and help your auxiliary and post celebrate our **250th Anniversary** big style.

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