



Irma Evelyn Graves

Irma was born November 21, 1915, to Halvor and Elma (Rose) Olson on their family farm south of Mitchell, SD, where she grew up with her parents and siblings, Delmar and Vera (Moe).

In 1942, she married Charles "Chuck" Graves of Ethan in Buffalo, NY. After WWII broke out, they were both employed at Curtis-Wright Aeronautical. Chuck was a fuselage

foreman and Irma worked in the drafting department.

When the war ended, they moved to Ethan to be near family. Irma began a career as a Home Service Advisor for Northwestern Public Service in Mitchell. She retired after 21 years.

Irma and Chuck raised three children, Judy Hoenke of Rapid City, Jerry of Pierre and Jon of Sturgis. She moved to Rapid City from Mitchell following her mother's death to be closer to family. Irma was a member of South Canyon Lutheran Church.

Irma Graves, 101 years of age, died Saturday, May 27, 2017, at Sturgis Regional Senior Care surrounded by members of her family.

Her husband, Chuck, preceded her in death in 1971. She is survived by her children, Judy (Jerry Hoenke), Jerry (Nancy), and Jon (Joyce); 7 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Memorials will be presented to the Sturgis Regional Senior Care facility.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadeefunerals.com.



*In Loving Memory Of
Irma Evelyn Graves*

1915 ~ 2017





*God saw she was getting tired
and a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around her
and whispered "come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
and saw her fade away
Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hardworking hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He takes the very best.*

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Died

May 27, 2017
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Memorial Service

Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Rev. Bruce Thalacker

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"
"On Eagle's Wings"
"Softly and Tenderly"

Inurnment

At a Later Date
Hill Crest Cemetery
Ethan, South Dakota