

Jean Keffeler

Jean was born December 19, 1925, at Philip, SD, to Gaylord and Marie (Marrington) Hudson. She grew up on the family ranch in the Kirley, SD, area. She attended country school and graduated from Pierre High School. Jean received her teaching certificate from Spearfish Normal and taught school in the Milesville and Hereford areas.

She met Marvin Keffeler at the wedding dance of mutual friends. Their first date was a rodeo in St. Onge, SD. They were married 63 years raising three children together. They moved to Whitewood in 1958 where she lived until 2017.

Jean worked at the grocery store in Whitewood. She was a substitute teacher and custodian at the Whitewood grade school. Many a student was told to "Wipe Your Feet!"

She was an Avon lady until she turned 80 years old and was the only active charter member of the "8-10" Club in Whitewood from 1961 until 2016. Upon retirement, Marv and Jean took a bus tour to the Rose Bowl Parade. This was the first of many bus trips around the United States.

Jean Keffeler, 91, Spearfish, died Tuesday, July 18, 2017, in Spearfish.

Survivors include sons, Doug (Nikki) Keffeler, Watertown, and Brian (Debbie) Keffeler, Whitewood; daughter, Sheryl (Emmitt) Pittman, Whitewood; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Don Hudson, York, NE, and Dick (Gene) Hudson, Midland, SD; sister, Norma (Larry) Schenkel, Lincoln, NE; and sister-in-law, Phyllis (Stanley) Miner, Rapid City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin; parents; sister, Doris; sister-in-law, Sharon; and Marvin's sisters and their husbands, Evelyn (John), Carol (Bob), and Beverly (Gene).

In lieu of flowers, the family has established a memorial in her name for the Whitewood Presbyterian Church and the 8-10 Club.

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

In Loving Memory Of



Jean Keffeler

1925 ~ 2017

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Whitewood Community Hall following the memorial service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



The Broken Chain

*Little did we know that morning,
God was going to call your name.*

In life we loved you dearly.

In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.

*You did not go alone,
for part of us went with you
the day God called you home.*

You left us peaceful memories.

*Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one,
the Chain will link again.*

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Born

December 19, 1925
Philip, South Dakota

Died

July 18, 2017
Spearfish, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Saturday, July 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.
Whitewood Presbyterian Church
Whitewood, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Jil Jennewein

Accompanist

Carolyn Bobbit

Singers

Chris Kaitfors
Kelsey Kaitfors

Musical Selections

"On Eagle's Wings"
"It Is Well With My Soul"

Inurnment

Private Family Service
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota