

## Helen Cleo Packer

Helen was born August 18, 1936, to Delbert and Bernice (Griffith) Day. She moved to Faith, SD, at a young age and attended High School there. On June 21, 1953, Helen married the love of her life, Dale R. Packer, in Sturgis, SD. They shared 54 years together and to their union four children were born; Nadine (Ray) Peek of Pueblo, CO, Koleen (Pete) Deleon of Riverton, WY, Bob (Lori) Packer of Sturgis, and Seline (Ed) Hawkins of Marysville, KS. Dale and Helen raised their family in Belle Fourche, while touring the 5-state area with their very popular family band. In the early 1970's, they started Cobb Trucking and added D & H Truck Dispatch in the late 70's. Dale ran the business while Helen kept the books, and together they created a wonderful family business. They toyed with retirement for a time; as snowbirds in Arizona and returning to South Dakota in the summers as campground hosts in the SD State Parks. Dale and Helen eventually settled in Rapid City until his death in 2007. Helen was office manager/bookkeeper for Packer Concrete until her retirement in June 2017. Helen was an active member of her church and would welcome the opportunity to share her love for the Lord to friends and strangers. Her faith was everything and her love of gospel music filled her days as she continued to write songs, play the piano, and sing like an angel.

Helen Cleo (Day) Packer, loving mother, adored grandmother, and proud servant of our Lord Jesus Christ passed away peacefully on August 2, 2017, in a Casper, WY, hospital.

In addition to her children, Helen's life will be treasured by her grandchildren whom she adored; Josh (Kori), Jon (Tisa), Jeremiah (Chelsea) Peek; Randy (Misti), James (Vanessa), Tyrel (Cristy), Jasper (Ronja), Samuel, Spencer (Roxanne) Ingalls; Troy (Gabriel) Crowser; Caden, Casey, Cody Packer; Sami Hawkins and fiancé, Brandon Crouse. She is also survived by 18 beautiful great-grandchildren, her precious sister, Mary (Dick) DeYoe; special niece, Dottie Jodzko; sisters-in-law, Iris and Debbie Day, Jalyynn Bruno, and Gladys Pullins; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Helen was preceded in death by her loving husband, Dale Packer; granddaughter, Janiece Dawn Peek in infancy; brothers, Tiny, Bud, Kenny Day and Sammy (Day) Bruno; sisters, Doris Jeffries and Bernice (Day) Bruno Hughes; her parents, Delbert and Bernice Day; and Dale's parents, Bob and Blanche Packer.

A memorial has been established.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



*In Loving Memory Of*

*Helen Cleo Packer*

*1936 ~ 2017*

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch  
in the church hall immediately following the funeral service.*

*We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*Now that I have gone to God,  
I ask that you remember these things:*

*Bury my body, but do not bury my love  
Bury my eyes, but not my vision  
Bury my feet, but not the path of my life  
Bury my hands, but do not bury my efforts  
Bury my shoulders, but not the concern I carried  
Bury my voice, but not my message  
Bury my mind, but do not bury my dreams  
Bury me, but do not bury my life  
If you must bury something  
Bury my sins, my weaknesses  
but let my love for each of you  
continue on in Jesus.  
Amen*

*Prayer By Sam Sassar*

*In Loving Memory Of*

## *Helen Cleo Packer*

***Born***

August 18, 1936  
Dupree, South Dakota

***Died***

August 2, 2017  
Casper, Wyoming

***Funeral Service***

Monday, August 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.  
Countryside Church  
Spearfish, South Dakota

***Officiants***

Pastor Gary Johnson      Pastor Donnie Williams

***Accompanist***

Butch Samuelson

***Singers***

Deb Stewart      Terri Kissack

***Musical Selections***

“Thank You, Lord, For Your Blessing On Me”  
“I’ve Never Been This Homesick Before”  
“Don’t You Wanna Go”      “I’m Going Home With Jesus”

***Pallbearers***

Josh Peek ~ Jon Peek ~ Jeremiah Peek  
Randy Ingalls ~ James Ingalls ~ Tyrel Ingalls  
Jasper Ingalls ~ Samuel Ingalls ~ Spencer Ingalls  
Troy Crowser ~ Caden Packer ~ Casey Packer  
Cody Packer ~ Sami Hawkins

***Interment***

Pine Slope Cemetery  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota