



Phyllis "JoAnne" Merwin

Phyllis "JoAnne" (O'Dea) Merwin was born on May 7, 1940, to Michael and Virginia (Martin) O'Dea. She was raised on the family farm and attended school in Oral, SD, through the 8th grade and graduated from Hot Springs, SD, high school in 1957. After graduating high school she married her high school sweet heart Albert Merwin on November 4, 1957. In their 60 years of marriage they had 6 children, 25 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and 1 great grandchild is

due April 18, 2018. She enjoyed raising goats and bum lambs on the farm she shared with Albert and one of her greatest achievements was a summer she raised 100 bum lambs. She also enjoyed many years of crafting and taught others to do the same. She would say she loved giving more than receiving.

JoAnne O'Dea Merwin went to meet her Lord & Savior on January 22, 2018.

Survivors include her husband, Albert; her two sons, Ron (Becky) Merwin of Piedmont, SD; Mike (Lisa) Merwin of Park Hall, Maryland; three daughters, Vicky (Henry) Ulrich of Sturgis, SD; Gaylene Funell (significant other Greg Voegeli) of Sturgis, SD; Stacy (Jeff) Lenards of Rapid City, SD; brother, Jim (Doris) O'Dea of Bluffton, MN; 2 sisters, Bonnie (Tom) Jones of Vale, SD; Jane (John) Knapp of Rapid City, SD; as well as 57 grandkids and great grandkids and many nieces and nephews. Also a very special friend Geri Ericson.



She was reunited with her daughter, Connie, her mother, Virginia, and her brother, Loren on January 22, 2018.

Memorial has been established to the Hospital Gift Shop.

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



In Loving Memory Of



A Mother holds her children's hands for a while. . . .

Their hearts forever.

The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the committal in the church hall. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

Phyllis "JoAnne" Merwin

1940 ~ 2018



She'll Always Be Remembered

She'll always be remembered
As a woman, both strong and good,
Who gave her best for others
And who did the best she could.
She'll always be remembered
For all the joy she brought,
As a woman who made a difference
And a woman who meant a lot.



In Loving Memory Of **Phyllis “JoAnne” Merwin**

Born

May 7, 1940
Hot Springs, South Dakota

Died

January 22, 2018
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
Church of Christ
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Ozzy McDaniel

Musical Selections

“Go Rest High On That Mountain”
“I’ll Fly Away”

Pallbearers

Roy Ulrich ~ Olaf Funell ~ Gus Funell
Robert Merwin ~ Ryan Merwin ~ Riley Merwin ~ Terry Stock

Honorary Pallbearers

All Other Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota