

Irene Alvena Berndt

Irene Alvena (Webb) Berndt was born March 4, 1933, to George and Ella Webb. She was the 7th of 12 children. Irene died at home on January 27, 2018, after a short illness at the age of 84.

Irene grew up in Eagle Butte. She attended Butte View School in the Fox Ridge District and graduated from Eagle Butte High School in 1950. She went to college in Spearfish at Black Hills State College and obtained a teaching certificate. She taught school at the Zeona country school from September 1951 to May 1952. Upon completion of her year contract she returned to Eagle Butte.

On August 28, 1951, she married Edgar John Berndt in Pierre, SD. To this union of 49 years, 5 children were born: Karen, Leann, Russell, Evelyn, and Bill. Irene was blessed with 19 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Irene worked at Lynn's Super Valu as the manager of the Bakery and Deli from September 1978 until March of 1990. In August of 1990, she went to work at the Cheyenne Eagle Butte middle school as a kitchen assistant. She retired in 2003 from the school system.

Irene had many hobbies including baking cookies for the special people in her life, collecting her precious teapots, and decorating her home for Christmas. She got no greater joy than to see the community drive by and check out her Christmas decorations. Everyone knows the green house with all the lights on highway 212. Irene was an excellent cook and knew everyone's favorite meal and when they arrived at her home, it was ready to be served. Mashed potatoes required a minimum of 1 pound of butter.

While employed at the school, she entertained the children with her decorative necklaces. She always had kind words for each child she served at the school. She loved to see their smiles each day. Irene was a natural caregiver who was always willing to help family and friends in need. She spent many hours at the NAPA store assisting Bill with running the store. Irene was an avid reader and was constantly reading with mystery novels being her favorite.

Irene is survived by daughter, Karen (Doug) Wendel and their children, Grace (Seth) Holley and son, Sterling, David Wendel, Jonathan Wendel, and Danielle (Derek) Wilkerson; daughter, Leann (Larry) Thorsness and their children, Chris (Jodi) Luoma and children, Quinn and Noah, Jeremy (Tiffany) Luoma and children, Desi, Madison, and Jada, and Greg Thorsness; son, Russ (Jeanie) Berndt and their children, Jon (Amber) Walder and children, Grady, Drew, Gannon, and Haddie, Kristin Walder, and Jordan Berndt; daughter, Evelyn Berndt (Ronnie Neigel) and their children, Daniel (Charlie) Berndt and Kelsey (Nate) Skoglund; son, Bill (Susan) Berndt and their children, Amanda Vu and children, Cameron and Ben, Melissa Berndt and children, Adam and Annabell, Cy Johnson, Sarah, Emma, and Johny, and CJ Johnson and family; three brothers, Wayne (Lorraine) Webb, William (Frances) Webb, and Melvin (Vonnie) Webb; sister, Lucille Berndt; sisters-in-law, Joan Webb and Pauline Webb; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar John Berndt; her parents, George and Ella Webb; brothers, Ray, Lee, Jim, Martin, Lyle, and Gene; one sister, Betty Lindeman; brothers-in-law, George Lindeman, Gerald Berndt, Elmer Berndt, and Earl Berndt; sisters-in-law, Betty Berndt, Georgia Berndt, Phyllis McQuire, and Irene Webb.

A memorial has been established.

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

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Funeral Service

Thursday, February 1, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.
United Church of Christ
Eagle Butte, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Pauline Webb

Musicians

Martha Clavel
JoEllen Berndt

Musical Selections

"The Old Rugged Cross" "This Little Light Of Mine"
"You Raise Me Up" "Amazing Grace"

Pallbearers

James "Ted" Berndt ~ Robert "Bob" Berndt
Matt Berndt ~ Nicholas Berndt
Randy Berndt ~ Kelly Berndt

Honorary Pallbearers

Irene's Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren
And all her Friends

Interment

Friday, February 2, 2018, at 2:30 p.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call.
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day to laugh,
to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that place at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void, then fill it
with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved
one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all
to brief; don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.