

Loretta Fay Westbrook

Loretta Fay Westbrook was born March 19, 1933, near Pollock, SD, the eldest of nine children born to Archie and Gertrude (Biesheuvel) Ryckman. She grew up on a farm eight miles northwest of Pollock and attended rural school.

Loretta married Lester M. Westbrook on June 7, 1952, at the Pollock Presbyterian Church. The couple lived in Pollock until moving to Belle Fourche, SD, in the late 50's, then on to Deadwood where they raised their four children, Terry, Allen, Sharon, and Steve. Loretta worked for many years in housekeeping at both the Terrace and the Lariat Motels.

Loretta was a specialist when it came to cooking with beans; the best red chili - but according to her daughter and grandchildren, "ham & beans" was her # 1 dish. She also made the best rhubarb sauce and sloppy joes that her family loved. She made many trails to town and back on foot as she never did learn to drive. This was a hard task, as when her youngest son was little he had many health challenges and visits to Doctors and clinics. Steve proved to be her godsend for his dedication providing transportation to events, appointments, and outings, especially the last few years. Loretta loved to crochet, making afghans for all her children, grandchildren, and friends, later specializing in baby blankets of every color.

Along with her confidante, Lucy, Loretta had so many close friends in and near the McKinley Apartments where she lived for 13 years, with each and every one of them watching over and assisting one another. She spent her days visiting with these folks, often going on luncheon excursions and usually ending with a good game of rummy, another one of her passions. Loretta was always willing to help anyone with whatever they may have needed. As you can imagine, transportation was a huge obstacle for Loretta, between Steve and her network of close friends, she was always able to make it to church, the store, luncheons, appointments, and even road trips to see her sisters in Pollock, especially at Christmas.

Tuesday, June 5, 2018, Loretta passed peacefully at Serenity Corner Assisted Living, where she had been a resident for the past several months. The family remains very thankful to Serenity Corner for the comfort and care provided during Loretta's time there.

Loretta loved all of her children and grandchildren. She is survived by sons, Terry, Sparks, NV, and Steve, Spearfish, SD; daughter, Sharon (Doug) Uhrig, Rock Springs, WY; seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; sisters, Polly Becker, Phyllis (Rueben) Schatz, Carol (Lloyd) Schaner, Arlene Cullen, and Patty (Arvin) Kilen; brother, Tom Ryckman; brother-in-law, Dennis Mittleider; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Steinbach, Shirley (Albert) Dockter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lester on February 13, 2003; son, Allen; and sisters, Virginia Mittleider and Evelyn Backhaus; and three brothers-in-law, Donnie Becker, Ronald Backhaus, and Mike Cullen.

A memorial has been established to the First Baptist Church in Deadwood.

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

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

In Loving Memory Of

Loretta Fay Westbrook

1933 ~ 2018



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Psalm 32

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

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Born

March 19, 1933
Emmons County, North Dakota

Died

June 5, 2018
Spearfish, South Dakota

Funeral Services

Thursday, June 14, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Deadwood, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Pat McBride

Musical Selections

“Wings of A Dove” “Amazing Grace”
“I’ll Fly Away”

Pallbearers

Nathan Uhrig ~ Lakayla Hoelsing ~ Lucas Uhrig ~ Nicki Uhrig
Blake Uhrig ~ Shane Westbrook ~ Derick Westbrook

Inurnment

At A Later Date
Oak Ridge Cemetery
Deadwood, South Dakota