

Marcella Agnes Skinner

A dedicated wife, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother in life, Marcella was born January 10, 1927, in Kingman, KS, to Benedict and Genevieve Wieser. As a young girl, her family moved to New Underwood, SD, and set up operations on a ranch that has stayed in the family to this day.

She met her husband, Robert Marvin Skinner, and was married on July 7, 1947. Robert and Marcella eventually made their way to Sturgis, SD, and began a family, raising an ambitious crew of five boys. Never one to back down from a challenge, “Dotty”, as she was known to her family and friends, took the excitement of raising a house full of boys and created a loving home for a family that would stretch far beyond the walls of 1344 Shephard Street.

Marcella was never satisfied to stand still, and as such, she worked all over Sturgis, most notably as the manager of the A&W Drive-In. Her legacy at this humble drive-in gave her the opportunity to nurture and mentor her sons, their friends, and many of their classmates. Her grandchildren were able to make their way to visit her there, at the Ben Franklin downtown, and in her later years, she could be found working as a tireless volunteer at the Sturgis Senior Center. She lived as a wonderful example of faith, hope, and charity and was considered a mother to many due to her caring nature.

Visiting family and friends were always welcome, and as such, Bob and Dotty’s door was always open to those who sought a fresh cup of coffee, a trip down memory lane, a conversation about sports, or a lively game of cards.

Marcella Agnes Skinner, 91, of Sturgis, SD, passed into God’s hands from natural causes in her home on June 25, 2018.

Grateful for having shared her life are her five sons, Steve “Rick” (Sharon) Skinner of Dell Rapids, Jerry (Kathy) Skinner of Yuma, AZ, Scott (Lorri) Skinner of Sturgis, Dan Skinner of Sturgis, and Shaun (Kerry) Skinner of Sturgis. Marcella is also survived by two sisters, Irene (Joseph) Cox and Mar (Don) Larson of New Underwood; nine grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Robert Marvin; and four of her six siblings, Robert F. Wieser, Walter “Bud” Wieser, Mary Ann Johnson, and an infant boy.

A memorial has been established to the Sturgis Senior Center.

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



In Loving Memory Of



Marcella Agnes Skinner

1927 ~ 2018



My Mother

*She carried me under her heart;
Loved me before I was born;
Took God's hand in hers and
walked through the
Valley of Shadows
that I might live;*

*Bathed me when I was helpless;
Clothed me when I was naked;
Fed me when I was hungry;
Rocked me to sleep*

*when I was weary,
and sang to me in the voice of an angel;
Held my hand when I learned to walk;
Suffered with my sorrow;
Laughed with my joy;
Glowed with my triumph,
and while I knelt at her side,
she taught my lips to pray.*

*Through all the days of my youth
she gave me strength for my weakness,
courage for my despair, and hope to fill
my hopeless heart;
Was loyal when others failed;
Was true when tried by fire;
Was my friend when other friends were gone;*

*Prayed for me through all the days,
when flooded with sunshine
or saddened by shadows;
Though we lay down our lives for her
we can never pay the debt
we owe to a mother.*

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Born
January 10, 1927
Kingman, Kansas

Died
June 25, 2018
Sturgis, South Dakota

Vigil
Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Mass of Christian Burial
Thursday, June 28, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Celebrant
Father Timothy Castor

Accompanist
Shane Skinner

Soloists
Danny Chapman ~ Myron Volk

Bagpipes
Susan Peterson

Musical Selections
"Go Rest High on That Mountain" "On Eagle's Wings"
"Amazing Grace" "I Am the Bread of Life"
"Ave Maria" "I Saw the Light"

Pallbearers
Rick Skinner ~ Jerry Skinner ~ Scott Skinner
Dan Skinner ~ Shaun Skinner ~ Jim Wieser

Interment
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota