

PHYLLIS MARIAN OLIVER



Phyllis Marian Oliver was born August 30, 1932, to Lemuel McMains and Florence (Bronson) McMains in Belle Fourche, SD. Phyllis graduated from Newell School and married Dean Oliver, right out of high school in December 1950. They had 63 years of wedded bliss before Dean passed away in June of 2015 (okay, it wasn't all bliss!).

The couple moved to the Newell area in 1952, bought a small farm along the Belle Fourche River, and, over the years, expanded into a well-known farming/ranching operation. They raised sheep, cattle, alfalfa hay, and kids. Those kids included Debbie, Darla, Randy, Patty, and Penny.

Dean and Phyllis ran an excavation business in the community, doing various projects for area farmers and ranchers while building up their farm and ranch operation at the same time. Phyllis worked right alongside Dean driving truck, running various pieces of equipment, helping to run the farm, plus taking care of her family and home.

Phyllis loved gardening. She always had a large garden area every year raising corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, and smaller amounts of a lot of other things. She made sure her kids got involved in the garden and helped a lot – for one reason or another (usually when we were in trouble).

Phyllis was very dedicated to her family and always took the time to make sure her responsibilities to her children were met. Sunday School every Sunday, all thru the school years – trips thru the Hills on weekends to see the different attractions – helping with all the different 4-H activities – the different functions and events that went on at school over the years; all the things that a good mother and parent does for her kids.

Phyllis Oliver, 85, Newell, passed away June 24, 2018, at her home of 65 years.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children: Debbie (Dave) Streets, Custer, SD; Darla (Tim) Creal, Tampa, FL; Randy (Connie) Oliver, Newell, SD; Patty (Karl) Sauer, Golden, CO; and Penny (Mike) Masters, Rapid City, SD; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dean; her brother, Jim McMains; and an infant granddaughter, Jane Elizabeth Sauer.

A memorial fund has been established to the Newell Volunteer Fire Department.

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



In Loving Memory



Phyllis Marian Oliver

1932 ~ 2018



A Farmers Creed

I believe a woman's greatest possession is her dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a woman can spend her days on this earth.

I believe farming nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in ways money can't buy.

I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way.

I believe farming provides education for life and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.

I believe many of the best things in Life are indeed free: the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of wide open spaces, and the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children grow tall in the sun, and your whole family feel the pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellow woman, and by this standard I fear no judgment.

I believe when a woman grows old and sums up her days, she should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life she's lived.

I believe in farming because it makes all this possible.



In Loving Memory Of

Phyllis Marian Oliver

Born

August 30, 1932
Deadwood, South Dakota

Died

June 24, 2018
Newell, South Dakota

Funeral Services

Friday, June 29, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Derek Anderson

Soloist

Vonda Mahaffy

Musical Selections

“When I Get Where I’m Going”
“I’ll Fly Away”
“Amazing Grace”

Pallbearers ~ Grandsons

Derek Oliver ~ Chad Oliver ~ Matthew Sauer
Ryan Stark ~ Travis Milks ~ Jack Strain

Interment

Hope Cemetery
Newell, South Dakota

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the NVN Senior Center following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.