



Ray C. Edwards was born near Dupree to Clarke and Marie (Maynard) Edwards. He attended Lone Tree and Dupree schools.

Ray worked as a truck driver, construction worker, owned Ray's Repair, parts manager for several Ford dealerships, owned pizza business, deputy sheriff, managed and maintenance at an apartment building, trainer at Northern Hills Training Center, and vehicle parts delivery person. He also was a volunteer firefighter and fire chief in Dupree and a firefighter in Sturgis. Ray was also a Mason.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; daughter, Dorothy Rae; parents Clarke and Marie Edwards; brother, Gaylord; grandson, Shannon Kusser; great-grandson, Patrick Gorman; daughter-in-law, Vicky Edwards; parents-in-law, Ray and Alva Horton; and brothers-in-law, Rayford, Marvin and Alvin Horton.



In Loving Memory of
Ray and Dorothy Edwards

Minister: Del Neumeister

Organist: Lanelle Cundall

Musical Selections:

Prelude "Waltz Across Texas"

Instrumental "There's a Star Spangled Banner
Waving Somewhere"

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Postlude "Roll Out the Barrel"

Masonic Rites

Messages by Family and Friends

Pallbearers: Grandchildren

Honorary Pallbearers: Great-Grandchildren and
Great-Great-Grandchildren

In lieu of flowers, please donate to "Happy Times Band" at Spearfish Senior Center, or David Fischer Memorial at Black Hills Federal Credit Union, or your favorite charity

Dorothy L.O. (Horton) Edwards was born to Ray and Alva (Bekken) Horton in Zeona, SD. She attended schools in Ekalaka, Sorum, Nisland, and graduated Faith High School.



Dorothy worked at the Post Office, bookkeeper at Ray's Repair, clothing salesperson, meat cutter, nurse's assistant, laborer at wood assembly business, carpenter assistant, part-time bartender, owned a pizza parlor, managed and maintenance at an apartment building, and trainer at Northern Hills Training Center. Both Ray and Dorothy bowled, played in the "Happy Times Band," and were members of Good Sam's Camping Club.

She preceded her husband, Ray, in death. Preceding her in death were daughter, Dorothy Rae; parents, Ray and Alva Horton; brothers, Rayford, Marvin, and Alvin; grandson, Shannon Kusser, great-grandson, Patrick Gorman; daughter-in-law, Vicky Edwards; parents-in-law, Clarke and Marie Edwards; and brother-in-law, Gaylord Edwards.



Survivors

Children:

Harlan (Lois) Edwards

Judy (Mike) Gorman

Russel (Carol) Edwards

Jean (Bob) Kusser

Grandchildren:

Robert John (Sara) Edwards, Alan Edwards, Robert Rogers;

Jeffrey Gorman, Jason (Donna) Gorman; Daniel Edwards,

Cynthia (Levi) Sabin, Trent Edwards, Trevor Edwards; Jessica

Kusser, Joshua (Alisha) Kusser

Great-Grandchildren:

Lea, Lilly Ann Edwards; Sawyer, Alan Jr, Dalton, Austin

Edwards; Robbie Rogers;

Paris, Ashley, Raquel Gorman; Michael, Thomas, Christopher,

Elisabeth Gorman;

McKaela Edwards; Luke, Madilyn Sabin;

Brittany Roberts; Zachary Uselman; Kaisen, Roanin Kusser

Great-Great-Grandchildren:

Brelynn Edwards;

Landon, McKenzie Wright

Shirley (Gerald) Schmautz

Rollis (Rosemarie) Horton; Lawrence (Paula) Horton

Mary Ann Horton

Clarice Edwards

Many nieces and nephews, many, many "adopted" children, grandchildren, etc. and numerous friends.



Safely Home

I am home in heaven,
dear ones;

Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in heaven at last.
There is work still waiting for you.

So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth...
You shall rest in God's own land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

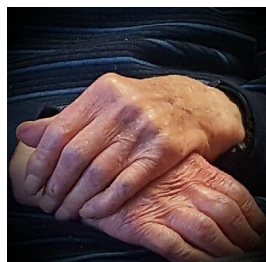
Daddy's Hands by Holly Dunn

I remember daddy's hands folded silently in prayer And reachin' out to hold me,
when I had a nightmare You could read quite a story in the callous' and lines
Years of work and worry had left their mark behind

I remember daddy's hands how they held my mama tight And patted my
back for something done right There are things that I'd forgotten that I
loved about the man But I'll always remember the love in daddy's hands
(Chorus)

I remember daddy's hands workin' 'til they bled
Sacrificed unselfishly just to keep us all fed
If I could do things over, I'd live my life again
And never take for granted the love in daddy's hands

Daddy's hands were soft and kind when I was cryin'
Daddy's hands were hard as steel when I'd done wrong Daddy's hands
weren't always gentle but I've come to understand There was always love
in daddy's hands



Ray Clarence Edwards

September 12, 1924 – September 6, 2018



Dorothy Lucille Oline (Horton) Edwards

June 14, 1926 – June 6, 2018

Married

July 30, 1945

Funeral

September 21, 2018

9:30 am St. Onge Church of Christ

Burial

1:30 pm Dupree Cemetery