Alice Harriet McFarland

Alice was born December 12, 1917, at Rapid City, SD, to Leo and Martha (Raybourne) Ashland. She attended rural country school on Elk Creek and graduated from Sturgis High School with the class of 1936.

She married Clarence McFarland on December 31, 1936, at her parent's home on Elk Creek. The couple raised their family and ranched on Elk Creek until retiring to Rapid City in 1968.

Alice was a member of the Elk Creek Extension Club, Order of Eastern Star, Cowbelles, First Presbyterian Church of Rapid City, Society of Black Hills Pioneers and the Churches Ladies Aide. She volunteered for the Red Cross and Sister Kenny.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rapid City until she moved to Sturgis in 1995 when she joined the Church of Christ in Sturgis.

She enjoyed playing the piano and violin. She loved talking with family and friends about the old days as well as sewing and crocheting. She also liked to play cards with family and friends.

Alice Harriet McFarland, 94, Sturgis, died Saturday, December 24, 2011, at the Sturgis Regional Senior Care Center.

Survivors include her son, Tom McFarland, Lincoln, NE; seven grandchildren, Tom Szoke, West Covina, CA, Tracy (Joe) Kennedy, Bertrand, NE, Teresa McFarland, Alliance, NE, Michael McFarland, Pine Ridge, SD, Angie (Jim) White, Birmingham, AL, Rebekah (Christian) Baker, Portland, OR, and Vanessa (Ryan) Alexander, New Bloomfield, MO; numerous great-grandchildren; sister, Marie Wurnig, Sturgis; special niece, Marty Hanson, Sturgis; and daughter-in-law, Lillian Witt, Pine Ridge, SD.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; daughter, Alice Ann Szoke; son, John McFarland; and grandson, Wesley McFarland.

A memorial has been established.

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

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

In Loving Memory Of

Alice Harriet McFarland

Born
December 12, 1917
Rapid City, South Dakota

Died
December 24, 2011
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service
Tuesday, December 27, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.
Church of Christ
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating
Pastor Josh Floyd

Song Leader
Jeff Manley

Musical Selections
"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"

Pallbearers
Kenny McFarland ~ Joe Kennedy ~ Bret Hanson
Bob Hart ~ Scott Leach ~ Michael McFarland

Interment
Pine Lawn Cemetery
Rapid City, South Dakota