



Stella Arlene Taylor

Stella was born March 4, 1923, to Jacob and Minnie Ochsner on the family ranch near Gopher, SD. Her early childhood was spent on the ranch with her three sisters and six brothers. Stella graduated from Isabel High School in 1941. Following High School graduation, Stella attended Northern State College from 1941-1943 and received a teaching certificate.

She met the love of her life, Paul (Hank) Taylor, at a dance in Isabel and they were married in September 1943. That same year, they moved to California where Hank was employed by the Los Angeles Police Department and Stella worked at the Naval Ship Yard in Long Beach. She held that position while Hank was in the U.S. Army until his discharge in 1947. The couple then moved back to South Dakota to the ranch north of Dupree. Stella taught country school for ten years. During that time in 1948 their son, Terry, was born and in 1950 their daughter, Cheryl, was born. In 1954, Hank was elected Ziebach County Sheriff and they moved into Dupree.

Stella was determined to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in education and attended summer school for several years at both Northern State in Aberdeen and USD in Vermillion. Education was a priority for Stella and she continued teaching at both the elementary and high school level until her retirement in 1984.



One of Stella's favorite pastimes was horse racing. Hank owned and trained several thoroughbreds along with their son, Terry. Stella, through luck or wisdom, or a combination of both, invariably came out a winner. In 1985, following retirement from their professions, Hank and Stella retired to their 10 acre ranch in Piedmont, SD. Hank passed away in 2008 and in 2010 Stella moved into Echo Ridge Lodge independent apartments. In August of 2016, Stella fell and

broke her hip and following surgery was moved to Clarkson Health Care where she remained until her death.

Stella Arlene Taylor died Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at Clarkson Health Care in Rapid City.

Stella is survived by her son, Terry (Barb) Taylor, Rapid City; daughter, Cheryl Marx (Kent Benson), Hot Springs; one sister, Violet Rost, Lead, SD; two brothers, Clarence (Darlene) Ochsner, Salem, OR, and Alvin (Fran) Ochsner Filer, ID; one grandson, James (Amanda) Taylor; two granddaughters, Darci (Kenneth) Guise, Sedro Wooley, WA, and Tami (Aaron) Welsh, Rapid City; four great-grandchildren, Danae and Devon Taylor, Natalie and Nathan Napoli; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

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



In Loving Memory Of



Stella Arlene Taylor

1923 ~ 2017



HANK AND STELLA TAYLOR

Hank and Stella Taylor got married in 1943.
The prettiest couple you ever did see.
With sparkles in their eyes and a smile on their face,
They were really ready for life's race.

Hank was sheriff and Stella the deputy.
Stella also a teacher—tough one too!
Kept the folks of Dupree following the Golden Rule.
So Hank with his pistol and Stella with her club in hand.
Kept the law all over the land.

Hank and Stella are busy, busy it seems.
They really made quite the team.
Stella always in the garden and her eye is a gleam.
Digging and planting for better plants is her dream.
Then her eyes light up when they come out of the ground.
The biggest and most shapely Piedmont's ever found.

Hank's in the barn, feeding and brushing horses til' they shine.
Getting ready for Pierre and that first race.
Hoping they'll go at a faster pace
Screaming and yelling when they take first place.
Stella is right there with a big smile on her face.
Her quinnella pays off when they finish the race.

Oh yes, they are thoughtful and kind.
Reaching out to the neighbors when in need.
No wonder Stella's so thin with such a fast speed!
Both living live as though it had just begun.
Enjoying their grandson, daughter, and son.
All we can say is "God Bless you for all you have done!
Stay close to God and have fun you two!

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Born
March 4, 1923
Gopher, South Dakota

Died
February 1, 2017
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service
Monday, February 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant
Rev. Denzel Nonhof

Musical Selections
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"
"On The Wings Of A Dove"

Pallbearers
James Taylor ~ Devon Taylor ~ Nathan Napoli
Russell Ochsner ~ Kenneth Ochsner ~ Denver Rost

Honorary Pallbearers
Natalie Napoli ~ Danae Taylor ~ Darci Guise ~ Tami Welsh

Interment
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

