

Loraine Ruth Fairbanks Kafka

Loraine was born October 26, 1939, at Wessington, SD, to Martin and Margaret (Morrow) Scott. The family moved to Oregon for a year before returning to Newell, SD, where she grew up. After graduating from high school in Newell, she attended Black Hills Teacher's College. She taught at the Pleasant Valley School.

On June 11, 1959 she married Harry Lewis Fairbanks in Newell. They lived in El Paso, TX and following Harry's discharge from the service, they moved to Dupree, SD. They owned and operated the West River Progress. They moved to Sturgis, SD, and worked for Allison Publishing. Loraine was a writer and Harry was a printer.

In 1986 they moved to Newell and Loraine was a substitute teacher and worked as a writer for the Newell Irrigator.

In 1989 she married Thomas James Kafka.

Loraine was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and the NVN Senior Center. She helped with Meals on Wheels and loved her family gatherings where she got to cook for her family and friends. She enjoyed a good game of cards, her craft work and spending time with her family. Loraine Ruth Kafka, 72, Newell, died Thursday, November 10, 2011 at the Sturgis Regional Hospital.

A memorial has been established.

Survivors include her son Martin Kafka, Spearfish; daughters, Jane (Michael) Frerichs, Corona, SD, Lori Fairbanks, Newell, Sheila (Paul) Steiger, Whitewood; brother Martin (Sharyl) Scott, Newell; also 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband, one brother and two infant sisters.

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



In Loving Memory



*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and refreshments
in the church basement immediately following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

*Loraine Ruth Fairbanks Kafka
1939-2011*

God's Garden

*God looked around his garden
and found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
and the hills were hard to climb.
He closed your weary eyelids
and whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone.
Part of us went with you
the day God called you home.
All of you who have loved ones,
cherish them with tender care.
You will never know the heartaches
until they are no longer there.*

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Born

October 26, 1939
Wessington, South Dakota

Died

November 10, 2011
Sturgis, South Dakota

Rosary

Sunday, November 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial

Monday, November 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
St. Mary's Star of the Sea
Newell, South Dakota

Celebrant

Father Arnold Kari

Organist

Valerie Hawkins

Musical Selections

"On Eagles Wings" "The Old Rugged Cross"
"How Great Thou Art"
"Song of Farewell"

Pallbearers

Brandon Frerichs	Derek Frerichs	Rick Scott
Kevin Scott	Lance Steiger	
Tate Mowrer	Eric Schultz	

Honorary Pallbearers

Michael Scott
All Other Family and Friends

Interment

Hope Cemetery
Newell, South Dakota