

Evelyn Faye Bartlett Alexander

Evelyn was born on February 18, 1931 in Rapid City, SD, the second of four children of Eula Francis Humble and Carl DeBord Bartlett. Her early childhood was spent on the family homestead near Fairpoint, SD. After the family's 1937 move to Sturgis, she delivered the Rapid City Journal for six years and, in high school, worked for Lund's Bakery after school and on Saturdays for \$7 a week. Evelyn graduated from Sturgis High School in 1949.

Evelyn married Glen "Buzz" William Alexander on June 12, 1949 in her parents' home on East Main Street. Pastor Melvin Bremmer of Grace Lutheran Church officiated. After a honeymoon in Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, the couple began married life on their farm at Vale, SD.

In addition to kitchen and flower gardens, Evelyn raised tomatoes for sale and raised the bum lambs – proceeds from which bought her sewing machine, first washing machine, a black and white television set, Buzz's lounge, the family's Zeiss camera and slide projector, and a hardwood floor in the farmhouse living room.

Two daughters were born – Glenlyn Louise in 1952 and Carla Belle in 1960. For a family history, Evelyn wrote: "May I simply say they are our greatest blessings and have brought us Heaven's joy here on earth!! We are so thankful they let us share their life." Evelyn was an extraordinary mother.

They continued to farm at Vale until they moved, in 1968, to Rapid City and then Sundance, WY, where Evelyn worked for over a year at Thorne's Pharmacy.

In 1970, the family moved to Sturgis where she worked for Walker's Pharmacy for 4 ½ years. In May, 1974, Evelyn and Buzz built their Tilford Street home and began gardening anew. "How we love our trees, evergreens and flowering bushes. Our yard has been our hobby and has given us many happy hours."

"Through the years I have had many interests. First and foremost, my faith in Jesus and my love of the Bible." Evelyn was a member of Grace Lutheran Church for over 50 years.

Evelyn Faye Bartlett Alexander, 89, died July 7, 2020, at Monument Health Sturgis Senior Care.

She is survived by her children, Glenlyn Louise Speyer (Shelby) and Carla Belle "C.B." Alexander (Roland Enninga), both of Sturgis; her brother-in-law, Harry Alderman of Garland, TX; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband in 2005; her siblings, Velma in infancy, Ralph Foster Bartlett and Erma Mae Bartlett Alderman; her sister-in-law, Helen Marie Mahoney Bartlett; and her parents.

Condolences can be sent to www.kinkadefunerals.com.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Evelyn Faye Bartlett Alexander

February 18, 1931 ~ July 7, 2020



When I Get Where I'm Going

*When I get where I'm going, On the far side of the sky
The first thing that I'm gonna do, Is spread my wings and fly
I'm gonna land beside a lion , And run my fingers through his mane
Or I might find out what it's like, To ride a drop of rain
Yeah, when I get where I'm going, There'll be only happy tears
I will shed the sins and struggles, I have carried all these years
And I'll leave my heart wide open, I will love and have no fear
Yeah, when I get where I'm going, Don't cry for me down here
I'm gonna walk with my granddaddy, And he'll match me step for step, and
I'll tell him how I missed him, Every minute since he left
Then I'll hug his neck, Yeah, when I get where I'm going
There'll be only happy tears, I will shed the sins and struggles
I have carried all these years, And I'll leave my heart wide open
I will love and have no fear, Yeah, when I get where I'm going
Don't cry for me down here, So much pain and so much darkness
In this world we stumble through, All these questions I can't answer
So much work to do, But when I get where I'm going
And I see my Maker's face, I'll stand forever in the light
Of His amazing grace, Yeah when I get where I'm going
There'll be only happy tears, Hallelujah
I will love and have no fear, When I get where I'm going
Yeah, when I get where I'm going*

In Memory Of Evelyn Faye Bartlett Alexander

Date of Birth

February 18, 1931
Rapid City, South Dakota

Date of Death

July 7, 2020
Sturgis, South Dakota

Service

Monday, July 13, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Kris Garlick

Musician

Danny Chapman

Songs

"The Old Rugged Cross" "Living For Jesus"
"Rock Of Ages"

Honorary Pallbearers

All Friends and Family

Final Resting Place

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota