



Bonita Rae Vigoren

Bonita “Bonnie” Rae Brengle Vigoren was born April 8, 1932, to Myron and Edna (Cornell) Brengle in Buffalo, SD. She was one of 9 children growing up on a ranch near Buffalo. She attended grades 1-8 in a one room school house. She went to Buffalo High School, graduating in 1950 as Valedictorian. She completed business school in Rapid City and then transferred to a Bismarck Junior College where she graduated after two years. She used her skill and knowledge working for the county attorney and then worked at First State Bank until 1954.

Bonnie met and married her high school sweet heart, Vern Vigoren in 1954. She edited his term papers until he got his degree in petroleum engineering in 1957. They moved 23 times from South Texas to Alaska because of Vern’s petroleum engineering profession during his 35 year career and their 58 years of marriage.

Bonnie always dreamed about living on a place in the country that had a live stream. They found their dream home when they purchased a homestead along Elk Creek in 1971. She worked as an administrative assistant for almost two years to help pay for it. The ranch had a forest permit to raise 31 pair, which involved activities that she loved in her early years. She loved working with the cattle, tending her garden, and identifying the various species of birds and critters. The proximity to Deadwood afforded her the opportunity to feast on Alaskan King crab at the casinos.

Bonnie, 80, Deadwood, died Friday, November 30, 2012, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Bonnie is survived by her husband, Vern Vigoren, her four children, 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and her 3 brothers, Rick Brengle, Steve Brengle and Den Brengle. Her eldest child, Judy Vigoren Bean married William Bean and had three children and one grandchild: Erin Nicole Bean Kingry (married to Sean Kingry and their daughter, Katrina Lei), Heather Corynn, and Christopher Bean. Next, their first son, Michael Vigoren has 3 children and one grandchild: Tressa Faye Vigoren with son, Jace Kincaid, Kaycee Lynn & Zane Kincaid. Kathy Vigoren Durch married to the late Rick Durch has two children, Amanda “Mandi” Mae and Hayden George. The youngest son, Robert Allen Vigoren is married to Mary Vigoren and has two children: Daniel Lucas and step-daughter, Katie Forstner.

She loved having her grandchildren around her. They helped her pick berries and tend her vegetable garden. She enjoyed cheering on her grandchildren as they competed in basketball, track, football, baseball, volleyball, and gymnastics.

Memorials will be preferred and distributed in Bonnie’s honor by the family.

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

In Loving Memory Of



Bonnie Vigoren

1932 ~ 2012

"When Tomorrow Starts Without Me..."



*When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today;
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me
As much as I love you;
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.
But when tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand,*

That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand.

*She said my place was ready in heaven far above;
And that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye;
For all my life, I'd always thought I didn't want to die.*

*I had so much to live for, so much yet to do;
It seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad;
I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.*

*If I could relive yesterday just even for awhile,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized that this could never be;
For emptiness and memories would take the place of me.*

*And when I thought of worldly things I might miss come tomorrow;
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through heaven's gates I felt so much at home;
When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden throne.*

*He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you;
Today your life on earth is past, but here it all starts anew."
"I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last;
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the past."
"But you have been so faithful, so trusting and so true;
Though at times you did do things, you knew you shouldn't do."
"But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free;
So won't you take my hand and share my life with me?"*

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.*

attributed to David M. Romano - 1993

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Born

April 8, 1932
Buffalo, South Dakota

Died

November 30, 2012
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Wednesday, December 5, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.
Buffalo Rec Center
Buffalo, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Tom Martin

Musicians

Holsti Sisters
Anne and Lane Dingfelder

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Pallbearers

Steve Brengle ~ Rick Brengle ~ Denny Brengle
Christopher Bean ~ Hayden Durch ~ Daniel Vigoren ~ Zane Vigoren

Honorary Pallbearers

The Class of 1950
And All Family and Friends

Interment

Buffalo Cemetery

The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch at the Rec Center following the funeral service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.