When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey and I travel my last weary mile, just forget, if you can, that I ever frowned and remember only the smile. Forget unkind words I have spoken; remember some good I have done. Forget that I've stumbled and blundered and sometimes fell by the way. Remember I have fought some hard battles and won, ere the close of the day. Then forget to grieve for my going; I would not have you sad for a day, but in summer just gather some flowers and remember the place where I lay, and come in the shade of the evening when the sun paints the sky in the west. Stand for a few moments beside me and remember only my best.



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Verlyn Ann Drayer, 91, a lifelong resident of Doland, passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at Jenkins Living Center in Watertown. Verlyn moved to Jenkins in 2014, to receive care and assistance for spinal problems and her difficulty with walking. Recently, she suffered from a lingering infection, and was further compromised by COVID-19.

Verlyn was born to Alice and Raymond Shult on November 26, 1928.

After graduating from Doland High School with the Class of 1946, the Doland Times Record newspaper employed Verlyn for her secretarial and administrative skills. She worked for the next four years for the South Dakota Benevolent Society as a secretary. She and Bud were married October 8, 1950. This year, 2020, Verlyn & Bud would have celebrated 70 years of marriage. Verlyn and Bud raised four children on the family farm southeast of Doland, while Verlyn kept her secretarial skills sharp as the School Census Chair, Township Clerk, and volunteering in various community efforts.

One of her greatest joys and talents was quilting. Verlyn and her neighbor spent many winters designing and sewing beautiful quilts for her children and grandchildren. Those quilts are among the treasures that will keep Verlyn's love of family alive for generations. As a farmer's spouse, she was often called on to help with harvest or other responsibilities. Verlyn never lost her love of reading. For the past four years, she was the resident assistant librarian at Jenkins Living Center, keeping books organized, updated, and reading most of them herself!

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Larry Shult and Eldon Shult, and her sister Marilyn Larsen.

Verlyn is survived by her loving husband, Bud, and their four children: Stephanie Courington (Tim) of Castle Rock, CO: Nancy Ufken (Randy) of Prior Lake, MN: Debra Waldner (Ernie) of Raymond, SD: and Greg Drayer (Tammy) of Doland, SD. Her legacy lies with her 14 Grandchildren and 16 Greatgrandchildren. Survivors also include her sister Ardyce LaBrie of Spokane, WA, and sisters-in-law Lenora Shult of Redfield, SD, and Edna Shult of Billings, MO, plus many nieces and nephews.



Celebrating the Life of Verlyn Drayer



Doland United Methodist Church Doland, South Dakota Wednesday, September 16, 2020 11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend Mark Tracy

Music

Organist—Deb Schroeder
"How Great Thou Art"
"Blessed Assurance"

Honorary Bearers

All of Verlyn's grand- and great-grandchildren

Casketbearers

Alan & John Waldner Christopher & Matthew Drayer Erik & Andrew Ufken Max & Chase Courington

Interment

Doland Cemetery Doland, South Dakota



Following burial, please join the family for a lite lunch & a time of fellowship at Bottoms Up!

The family of Verlyn Drayer thanks you for your presence here today, for your thoughts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to them.