

Loretta L. Olson

Loretta L. Olson was born November 24, 1936, in Hot Springs, SD, to Winston and Shirley Viola (Freeland) Olson. She attended school at Newell High School and graduated in 1954. After graduation, Loretta married James Gifford in Rapid City on September 10, 1954. She went on to work several places including the Newell Corner Café in 1964, at Neil Tire in Rapid City, and as a secretary and bookkeeper. She then got her real estate license and began to work with Conrad and Ham, and eventually with Coldwell Banker.

Loretta was an active member of the Piedmont Senior Citizen Center, Grace United Methodist Church, and the Happy Ten Sewing Club.

Loretta Gifford, 74, of Piedmont, passed away October 29, 2011, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include her sons, Alan Gifford and Bill (Judy) Gifford, all of Piedmont; a granddaughter, Lynda (Corey) Frasier of Belle Fourche; grandsons, Lynn Uhrig, Brandon Gifford, Carl Gifford, and Casey Gifford; great-grandchildren, Kiana Frasier, Marni Uhrig, and Bodhi Uhrig; one sister, Dorreen (Ed) Lassiter of N.C.; a brother, Wayne (Sandy) Olson of Grandview, WA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James; a brother, Roy; a grandson, Carson; and two great-grandsons, Tyler and Johnny Frasier.

Memorials have been established to the Leukemia Research Foundation at 3520 Lake Avenue, Suite #202 in Wilmette, IL 60091 and the Happy Ten Sewing Club in Piedmont.

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

In Loving Memory Of



Loretta Gifford

1936 ~ 2011

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch
in the church hall following the interment service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



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

November 24, 1936
Hot Springs, South Dakota

Died

October 29, 2011
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.
Grace United Methodist Church
Piedmont, South Dakota

Officiating

Rev. Howard Baird

Pianist

Beverly Groth

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace"
"Sissy's Song"

Pallbearers

Corey Frasier ~ Lynn Uhrig ~ Brandon Gifford
Carl Gifford ~ Casey Gifford ~ Reed Van der Voort

Honorary Pallbearers

All Family and Friends

Interment

Piedmont Cemetery