

Mary Ellen “Pat” as she was affectionately known, was described as sweet and gentle by all that have reached out since her passing. She didn’t realize how many people were affected by her kind nature, quiet ways, and devotion to God, family, and friends.

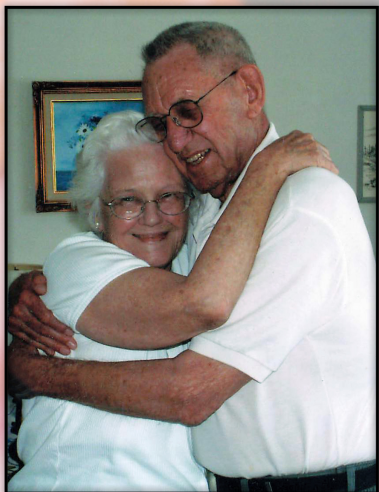
She was born in Mitchell, SD on September 1, 1925 to Lewis J. and Florence Ellen (Langen) Justman. She was raised in Plankinton, SD on a farm. She graduated Valedictorian of her class in 1943. She attended one year of college in Yankton, SD, and taught in a country school. Pat had wonderful memories of those years. She had an adventurous streak, leaving South Dakota to live with her sister in Laramie, WY. She met her husband, James, there. They were married February 21, 1946.

She and James lived in Laramie, Pinedale, and Sundance, WY. They moved to Rapid City, SD in 1969. They raised their 5 children, enjoying skiing, fishing, hunting, camping, gardening, canning, and a little square dancing. She could be caught doing the Irish jig in the kitchen. Pat loved sewing, crafts, and especially enjoyed clipping articles out of the newspaper. She was known for her “Wimpie” Burgers at the Crook County Fair. She was active in the church, taught Catechism, became a Boy/Cub Scout leader, constantly baked for local events, and helped with the community any way she could.

Mary Ellen “Pat” Larsen, 95, died Monday, September 14, 2020, at her home in Sturgis.

She is survived by her children, John (Terri-deceased) Larsen, Patti (Charlie) Kocher, Jim (Linda) Larsen, Jerry (Colleen) Larsen, and Jeanne (Clint) Blalock. Her life was blessed with 14 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

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



In Loving Memory

Mary Ellen "Pat" Larsen

September 1, 1925 ~ September 14, 2020



In Memory Of
Mary Ellen "Pat" Larsen

Date of Birth

September 1, 1925
 Mitchell, South Dakota

Date of Death

September 14, 2020
 Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, September 18, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
 Kinkade Funeral Chapel
 Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Father Timothy Castor

Songs

"Danny Boy" "On Eagle's Wings"
 "Amazing Grace" "Here I Am, Lord"

Pallbearers

Ryan Larsen Nicholas Larsen
 Aaron Larsen Clint Blalock

Honorary Pallbearers

Christopher Kocher Matthew Kocher
 Erik Larsen James Larsen, III Bingham Blalock

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
 Sturgis, South Dakota

Little Raindrops up so high

Falling from the darkened sky

Don't you fear your long trip down

Falling on the busy town

Please don't land where fast airs pass

Try to find a blade of grass

And there just stay to shine and wait

Until time to evaporate

~ By Mary Ellen Larsen