

Marietta was born June 19, 1926, in Aurora, NE, to Bernard M. and Marguerite L. (Orendorff) Budler. She met and married "Kelly" Callahan on May 15, 1958. Marietta lived in Rapid City until 1976, when she and Kelly moved to Sturgis.

She always tended and enjoyed a large garden and loved spending time in the Black Hills! She could be found camping, fishing, and even bagging her own elk! Her hands were always busy cooking, sewing, crafting, and caring for family and friends. She retired from Fort Meade in May of 1989, and lived in Spearfish, SD, until July of 2012. In Spearfish, she continued to transport friends and neighbors to appointments.

Marietta was a member of the TOPPS group, American Legion Auxiliary, and served on the election board. During the Sturgis Rally she could be found helping cook breakfast for rallygoers.

Marietta L. Callahan, 93, Rapid City, died Sunday, November 24, 2019, in Rapid City.

Survivors include four sisters, Donnabelle, Melania, Ramona, and Bonnie; daughters, Georgia (Doug) Spelts and Rita (Chuck) Canton; sons, Tom (Kaye) Miller and Charles C. (Penny) Callahan; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Marietta was preceded in death by her husband, Kelly; brother, Jack Budler; and sister, Benilda Hartzell.

A memorial has been established to the Rapid City Regional Hospice House.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the  
Sturgis Veterans Club following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory*

**Marietta L. Callahan**

*June 19, 1926 ~ November 24, 2019*



### *A Word To My Family When I'm Gone,*

Somehow I want to say  
How very much I love them all,  
I have simply moved away.

This old body is only a house,  
Where I have spent many happy years.  
Now I'm simply moving out,  
So please! Dry up your tears!

This body is heavy, old and slow,  
And sometimes racked with pain.  
God promises me a place to go,  
Where I'll be young and free again.

I've had a long and happy life,  
You've helped make it so.  
I firmly believe in God's loving grace,  
When He calls me, I'm ready to go.

So, Aloha! Farewell and God Bless you,  
I haven't (died) as they say.  
Someday I'll see you all again,  
I have simply moved away.

## *In Memory Of* **Marietta L. Callahan**

### ***Date of Birth***

June 19, 1926  
Aurora, Nebraska

### ***Date of Death***

November 24, 2019  
Rapid City, South Dakota

### ***Visitation***

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Monday, December 2, 2019

### ***Funeral Service***

Monday, December 2, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Officiating***

Father Timothy Castor

### ***Songs***

"Danny Boy"  
"How Great Thou Art"

### ***Pallbearers***

Jesse Werner   Charlie Callahan   Brad Spelts  
Teresa Ross   Michael Miller   Kelly Shonely   Suzanne Drake

### ***Honorary Pallbearers***

All Marietta's Great-Grandchildren  
and Great-Great-Grandchildren

### ***Final Resting Place***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota