

## Gaylene Louise Morell

Gaylene was born in Deadwood, SD, on September 24, 1946, to Floyd and Betty (Lyons) Varland. Gaylene received all her schooling in Newell, graduating from Newell High School in 1964. She married David Victor Morell on February 6, 1965, in Newell, SD, and became a ranch wife at Fairpoint, SD. Like many ranch wives, she enjoyed most things on the ranch, but not all. She particularly loved baby calves and halter-breaking colts. David and she raised a son and a daughter on the ranch while working together. Gaylene worked as an aide in the rural Meade County Schools for 20 years. While being an aide, Gaylene helped raise many of "her kids". She enjoyed working men's night at the Newell Golf Course clubhouse for 17 years serving drinks, food, and jokes.

Gaylene never let anyone leave her kitchen table hungry after branding. She will be remembered for her apple pie. She loved music and always greeted everyone with a smile and a hug.

Gaylene Louise Morell died on October 29, 2014, after a brief battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband, David, Fairpoint, SD; son, Keith (Stacie) Morell, Fairpoint, SD; daughter, Vikki Morell (Alan Gifford), Rapid City, SD; grandchildren, Katie Remington and Patrick Hamling, Rapid City, SD, and David Morell, Fairpoint, SD; brother, Ron (Nita) Varland, Lima, OH; sister, Betty Jo (Cliff) Melchert, Gillette, WY; sister-in-law, Colleen (Elwin) Yoder, Warsaw, MO; and numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her parents-in-law; and sister-in-law, Diane Troxell.

A memorial will go to MD Anderson Cancer Research.

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



*In Loving Memory Of  
Gaylene Louise Morell*

*1946 ~ 2014*

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the Son Shine  
Room in the church basement immediately following the funeral service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

## **My Mother**

She carried me  
under her heart;  
Loved me before I was born;  
Took God's hand in hers  
and walked through  
the Valley of Shadows  
that I might live;

Prayed for me  
through all the days,  
when flooded with sunshine  
or saddened by shadows;  
Though we lay down  
our lives for her  
we can never pay the debt  
we owe to a mother.

## *In Loving Memory Of*

# *Gaylene Louise Morell*

### ***Born***

September 24, 1946  
Deadwood, South Dakota

### ***Died***

October 29, 2014  
Houston, Texas

### ***Funeral Service***

Wednesday, November 5, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Officiating***

Pastor Henrique Fleming  
Pastor Tom Martin

### ***Accompanist***

Roxie Chowen

### ***Soloist***

Vonda Mahaffy

### ***Musical Selections***

"Peace In The Valley"  
"Amazing Grace"

### ***Pallbearers***

Brad Bauer ~ Myron Weiss ~ Marlin Brink  
Bob Gerkin ~ Veron McCarthy ~ Rich Price

### ***Interment***

Fairpoint Cemetery