



Bonnie Arlene Drews

Bonnie A. Drews went home to be with Jesus on April 9, 2016. In the past few years, she became legally blind from macular degeneration but now she is clearly seeing the face of her Savior, Jesus.

On December 28, 1928, Bonnie was born on a farm in southwest Nebraska to Arthur and Elsie Berndt. The family later moved to northwest Kansas to another farm. She attended country school in Cedar Bluffs, KS, through the 8th grade. She went to high school in McCook, NE, and later graduated from North Central Bible Institute in Minneapolis, MN.

Bonnie married Melvin Drews on September 7, 1951, and they had four children.

During her life, she worked in different churches, teaching Sunday School, Missionettes, and Women's Ministries. She also provided daycare for several children. In 1977, she and Melvin moved to South Dakota from California and bought the KOA Campground in Deadwood. They retired to Sturgis from that business in 1995.

The job she loved most was mothering her children and she was an excellent example of a wife and mother. She would wash dishes to soak her arthritic hands and pray for each family member while doing so. She also was the main caregiver for 12 years for her husband, Melvin, after his debilitating stroke.

Her favorite pastime was reading. She continued to read via audio book and would joke about losing her place because she couldn't figure out how to stop and rewind or she would fall asleep and have to start the book over. Her favorite holiday was Christmas and she loved shopping for gifts for each family member.

Bonnie is survived by the children she loved dearly, Collette (Jason) Holmes, Lomita, CA, Cheryl (Mike) Glanzer, Lead, SD, Anita (Don) McKnight, Sturgis, SD, and Alan Drews, Sturgis, SD; grandchildren, Shanna, Phil, Stacey, Susanna, Elise, Dusty, Evan, Aimee, Brad, Aaron, April, Adam, and Aric; three great-grandchildren, Vienna, Joel, and Andrew. Also surviving are two sisters, Lois Nelson and Leona Nelson; one brother, Arthur Berndt; several nieces and nephews; and to many more children and adults, she was Grandma Bonnie.

A memorial has been established.

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



In Loving Memory Of



Bonnie Arlene Drews

1928 ~ 2016



How Great His Love For Me

*Verse 1: When I take my first breath in Heaven,
and these feet of mine finally touch gold.
When my eyes see the face of redemption,
only one dream remains to unfold.*

*Chorus: To stand before the Father's throne
and hear him say child welcome home.
My only thought will surely be
how great how great his love for me.*

*Verse 2: How can I not praise him for Calvary
and the gift of salvation through grace.
It's my hearts great desire to behold him
and to thank him at last in that place.*



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Born

December 28, 1928
McCook, Nebraska

Died

April 9, 2016
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.
Calvary Temple Assembly of God
Spearfish, South Dakota

Officiants

Rev. Bob Maddox
Pastor Mark Chaplin ~ Pastor Dusty Hess

Pianist ~ Cheryl Glanzer

Soloist ~ Elise Hess

Musical Selections

"Oh, I Want To See Him"
"What A Day That Will Be"

Pallbearers

Aaron McKnight ~ Adam McKnight ~ Aric McKnight
Evan Glanzer ~ Dusty Hess ~ Phil Carnehl ~ Brad Bell

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

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