

## *April Dawn Askew*

April Dawn Askew "Dawn", age 83, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Wednesday, July 23, 2025, surrounded by loving family.

Dawn was born in Powell, Wyoming, at dawn, to Howard and Wanda Wilder, April 9, 1942.

Home was a dairy farm just outside Powell. She was one of 4 children, older sister Doris, and younger brothers Gary and Lee. It was so fun listening to stories of her childhood and the adventures growing up on the farm.

Dawn graduated from Powell High School in 1960. She married Russ Ashmead in 1961. Two children soon followed, Wanda Christine "Chris" in 1962 and Troy Lon in 1963.

She married Bob Riegel in 1966, and was blessed with three stepchildren, Ed, Debbie and Dave. Bob and Dawn moved to Cody, Wyoming. They bought the Texaco Station and Robo Car Wash in Cody. The whole family got a chance to participate in the running of this business! While in Cody, Dawn was a member of the Dance Club the "Buffalo Bill Dollies". During the summer the Club danced on the deck of the Irma Hotel

In 1973 the family moved to Sheridan, Wyoming and in 1975 they relocated again to Lemmon, SD. Here she went to work for the State of South Dakota, as Administrative Assistant to the presiding 8th circuit court judge. They were in Lemmon until 1980 when Dawn's job took them to Sturgis, SD to work for the next presiding judge.

In March of 1987 Dawn married the love of her life, John Askew. She was blessed with two more stepchildren with this union, Tom and Lynda. She then made her home with John in Pierre, SD where John owned a music store. Dawn worked for the State for a few more years before retiring.

When they sold the music store and retired, they relocated to Wichita, KS, "following the music". They loved Wichita and the many opportunities to play music there. One of the greatest joys of Dawn's life was listening to John play.

They lived in Wichita until John's death in 2018. Dawn then moved back to SD, living in a home on the ranch close to her daughter and son-in-law. Her son, Troy, was able to move in with her and help care for her the last four years.

Dawn was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Though dementia took many of her memories in the last few years, she never forgot family. She always greeted us with a smile and hug, leaving no doubt of her love for us. Dawn was a joy, we called her our "happy camper". She was an avid reader and loved her crossword puzzles. You would find her working a puzzle, right up to the end. We were so blessed to have her with us and be able to care for her at home.

Dawn is survived by her children, Chris (Rick) Jordan, Troy Riegel, Ed (Dorine) Riegel, Debbie Riegel (Steve Yates), David (Sandy) Riegel, Lynda (Scott) Pruett and Tom (Connie) Askew; grandchildren, Dustin Jordan, Shannon (Kyle) Brown, Stone Riegel, Nick Askew, Mason Askew, Kevin Riegel Loudheed, Brett Riegel, Blake Riegel, Johnathan (Heather) Ogden, Joshua "Christine" Ogden, Rebekah Melia Schoonover (Chris Day), Mary Riegel and Dena Riegel; great-grandchildren, Isaac Jordan, Christine Jordan, Wyatt Brown, Allie Brown, Joseph Ogden, Zoe Day, Kyle Riegel and Kane Riegel; her sister, Doris Schofield; and brother, Lee (Suzi) Wilder; sister-in-law, Sherrie Wilder, along with many nephews, nieces and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Wanda Wilder; husband, John; brother, Gary Wilder; and brother-in-law, Kenneth Schofield.

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

*Thank you for your presence and condolences.*







*In Loving Memory Of*  
***April Dawn Askew***

*Born*

April 9, 1942  
Powell, Wyoming

*Died*

July 23, 2025  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Memorial Service*

Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m.  
Believers Fellowship  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Officiant*

Pastor John Williamson

*Musical Selections*

"The Only Scars in Heaven"  
"What a Wonderful World"  
(played and sung by Dawn's late husband John)  
"The Old Rugged Cross"

*Final Resting Place*

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Miss Me But Let Me Go*  
*When I come to the end of the road*  
*And the sun has set for me*  
*I want no rites in a gloom filled room*  
*Why cry for a soul set free?*  
*Miss me a little - but not for long*  
*And not with your head bowed low*  
*Remember the love that once we shared*  
*Miss me but let me go.*  
*For this is a journey we all must take*  
*And each must go alone*  
*It's all a part of the master plan*  
*A step on the road to home.*  
*When you are lonely and sick at heart*  
*Go to the friends we know*  
*Laugh at all the things we used to do*  
*Miss me but let me go.*

*The family would like to thank you for coming  
to be with us as we remember Dawn.  
Please join us for a time of fellowship  
at the church directly following the service.*