

Caroline Clara Kennebeck

Caroline Clara Kennebeck, 91 of Sturgis died November 23, 2020, at Sturgis Monument Senior Care Center.

Caroline was born in Lane, SD, on April 15, 1929, to William and Ella Pawlowski. The family moved to Tilford, SD, when she was 5 years old and that is where she grew up along with her eight siblings. She had many fond memories of growing up in the small Tilford community. The love of family, sitting on the porch playing the guitar and singing with her Dad and sister, Virginia. The closeness of friends and neighbors in good times and bad, and ice skating at the Blair Ice Skating Rink.

She graduated from Sturgis High School in 1947. After high school she worked for Kate Soldat doing secretarial work for the newspaper. Caroline married Robert Kennebeck on May 24, 1950, and they had 62 wonderful loving years together. They had four children: Nancy, Ron, Ellen and Rhonda. Caroline and Bob lived and worked on ranches in the area before settling in Sturgis where they lived out their years together. She stayed home and raised her family until Rhonda, the last child, was in school. She then worked for the school food service for 17 years before retiring. In 2014, Caroline moved to Aspen Grove Assisted Living and then resided at Sturgis Monument Senior Care until her passing.

Caroline was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church where she served in many capacities. She loved music, especially the old gospel songs, and enjoyed playing the piano, guitar, and singing. Crafts were a passion of hers, she sewed, knitted, crocheted, and made many plastic canvas projects. She treated everybody with respect and was willing to help when anyone needed something. She was happiest when surrounded by her family. She will be remembered for always having a smile and her pleasant personality.

Caroline is survived by her children: Nancy (Darrel) Cox, Vale; Ron (Ellen) Kennebeck, Austin, TX; Ellen (Roger) O'Grady, Sturgis; Rhonda (Roy) Waterland, Vale; twelve grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren; her brother, Bill Pawlowski, Deadwood; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; parents; two infant sons, Rick Lowel, and Virgil Leroy; her siblings, Gwendolyn, Harold, Melvin, Jimmy, Bobby, Leroy and Virginia.

A memorial has been established to Trinity Lutheran Church in lieu of flowers. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

A Mother holds her children's hands for a while. . . .

Their hearts forever.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Caroline Clara Kennebeck

April 15, 1929 ~ November 23, 2020



God's Garden

*God looked around his garden
and found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
and the hills were hard to climb.
He closed your weary eyelids
and whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone.
Part of us went with you
the day God called you home.
All of you who have loved ones,
cherish them with tender care.
You will never know the heartaches
until they are no longer there.*



In Memory Of

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Date of Birth

April 15, 1929
Lane, South Dakota

Date of Death

November 23, 2020
Sturgis, South Dakota

Service

Private Family
Friday, November 27, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy

Reverend Kenneth Reschke

Musician

Rachelle Schultz

Songs

"I'm But A Stranger Here" "Rock Of Ages"
"Amazing Grace" "On Eagle's Wings"

Pallbearers

All Family

Final Resting Place

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota