

Esther was born at home on December 10, 1922, to James and Victoria (Johnsen) Andersen in Minnetonka, MN. She was raised on their family dairy farm with 3 brothers, Walter, Arnold, and Earl. She attended Oak Knoll grade school and then graduated from Hopkins High School in 1941.

During the war, she cleaned the inside and outside of airplanes, and she worked at Minneapolis Moline making jeep parts for the war effort. She returned home to the farm after her father suffered a stroke, and ran the dairy with her brother, Earl. Soon after, they sold the dairy and moved to the little town of Oak Knoll, MN.

In 1947, she married Earl Coleman of Birchwood, WI. They made their home in Oak Knoll. Five children were born to them; James, Clifford, Patricia, Diane, and Annette. They moved to Rapid City, SD, in 1962, then to Piedmont, SD, in 1963. In June of 2016, Esther sold her home in Piedmont and moved in with her daughter, Annette, in Sturgis, where she resided until the time of her death.

Esther M. Coleman, 97, of Sturgis, died Wednesday, December 25, 2019.

She is survived by her children, Clifford (Nancy) Coleman of Idaho, Patti (Pat) Handley of Texas, Diane (Roger) Keffeler, of Enning, and Annette Tveidt of Sturgis; grandchildren, Theresa (Ron) Huntley of Texas, Gail Jones of Texas, Jason Coleman of Idaho, James (Karen) Handley of Texas, Scott (Lauren) Handley of Arizona, Wade (Tia) Handley of Arizona, Jessica (Hudson) Hogue of Idaho, Kristal Keffeler of South Dakota, and Michelle (Rich) Boyles of South Dakota; great-grandchildren, Amanda, Ashley, Dylan, Nathan, Lauryn, Madelyn, Kayti, Amelia, Alexander, Joey, Mercedes, Brayden, Payson, and Parker; great-great-grandchildren, Isabella and Devon; a sister-in-law, Mary Andersen of Minnesota; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Esther was preceded in death by her parents, James and Victoria Andersen; her husband, Earl, who passed in 2010; son, James; brothers, Walter, Arnold, and Earl; son-in-law, Roger Tveidt; and grandson-in-law, Mark Jones.

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



*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the
Piedmont American Legion immediately following the memorial service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



In Loving Memory

Esther M. Coleman

December 10, 1922 ~ December 25, 2019



In Memory Of
Esther M. Coleman

Date of Birth

December 10, 1922
Minnetonka, Minnesota

Date of Death

December 25, 2019
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Tuesday, December 31, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor David Baer

Musician

Danny Chapman

Songs

"The Old Rugged Cross"
"Amazing Grace"
"On Eagle's Wings"

Pallbearers

All Esther's Grandchildren:
Theresa Huntley Gail Jones Jason Coleman
James Handley Scott Handley Wade Handley
Jessica Hogue Kristal Keffeler Michelle Boyles

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

To Those I Love

If I should ever leave you, whom I love,
To go the Silent Way, grieve not,
Nor speak of me with tears,
But laugh and talk of me as if I were beside you there.
(I'd come - I'd come could I but find a way!
But would not tears and grief be barriers?)
And when you hear a song or see a bird I loved,
Please do not let the thought of me be sad.
For I am loving you just as I always have . . .
You were so good to me!
There are so many things I wanted still to do -
So many things to say to you . . .
Remember that I did not fear . . .
It was just leaving you that was so hard to face . . .
We cannot see beyond . . . But this I know:
I loved you so - 'twas heaven here with you!

- Isia Paschal Richardson