

## Sharon Lee (Griffith) Keffeler

On April 23, 1940, Loyd and Violet (Olsen) Griffith brought a beautiful curly haired girl into the world. The story was told many times how Loyd worked at the Kansas City Hospital to pay off the bill. Loyd continued to take loving care of Sharon all his life. While Loyd was away fighting in WWII, Violet, Sharon, and Jerry stayed at Marcus with their grandparents. They continued to maintain strong family ties to South Dakota family after returning to KC where she graduated from high school and college.

In 1960, Sharon moved to South Dakota and taught at the Barada school east of Marcus. Sharon met Duane Keffeler at a country dance and they wed on June 25, 1961. They had two children, Jay De and Joy, to complete their family. The couple ranched at Red Owl from then on. Settling into the ranch lifestyle, Sharon cooked many a meal and no one stopped at her house without eating. Her fried chicken and her chocolate chip cookies will long be fondly remembered!

Sharon was a very giving person with a strong faith who made time to help people. She enjoyed substituting and helping with the kid's youth program. Sharon loved her family and especially the grandkids-who did no wrong! She enjoyed a special connection with her brother, Jerry, and they took several trips together. Always a story when those two got together!

Sharon Lee (Griffith) Keffeler, 80, of Red Owl, SD, passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family.

We are profoundly grateful for her love and joy in our lives-she will leave a big hole in her absence. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Duane Keffeler; son, Jay De (Dana) Keffeler; daughter, Joy Keffler; grandchildren, Jade (Kaitlyn), Jocelynn, Justine Keffeler, and Caden (Jori) Smiley; great-granddaughters, Allie, and Charlie; and numerous loved ones and relatives.

Preceded in death by her parents, Loyd and Violet Griffith; brother, Jerry; and many loved ones.

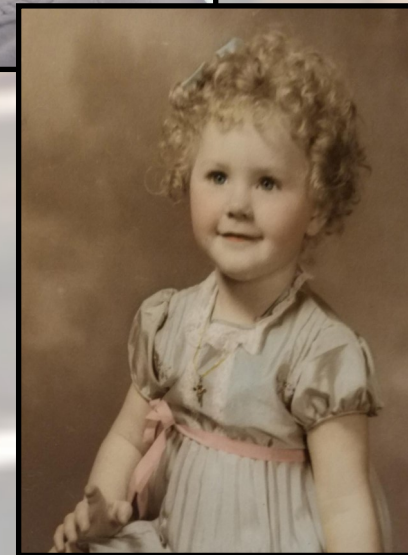
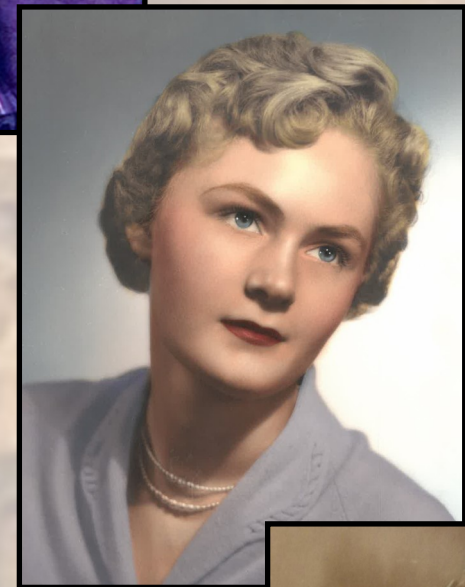
A memorial has been established to the Union Center Community Baptist Church.

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

*The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch at Central Meade County Community Center following the funeral service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*In Loving Memory*



***Sharon Lee Keffeler***  
*April 23, 1940 ~ April 13 2021*



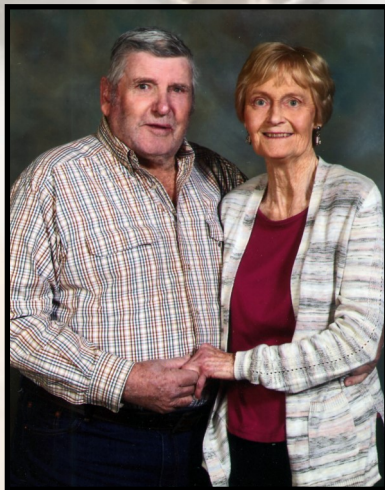
***Miss Me – But Let Me Go***

*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 we once 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's plan  
And a step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing  
good deeds  
Miss Me – But Let Me Go*



***In Loving Memory  
Sharon Lee “Griffith” Keffeler***

***Born***

April 23, 1940  
Kansas City

***Died***

April 13, 2021  
Red Owl, South Dakota

***Officiant***

Pastor Bill Mierose

***Funeral Service***

Sunday, April 18, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.  
Central Meade County Community Center  
Union Center, South Dakota

***Musicians***

Butch Samuelson Terry Kissack Deb Stewart

***Musical Selections***

“When We All Get To Heaven”  
“We’ll Never Say Goodbye”  
“When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

***Pallbearers***

John Rhoden Larry Rhoden Gary Cammack  
Cliff Matt Chuck Spring Bob Barry

***Final Resting Place***

White Owl Cemetery  
White Owl, South Dakota