

## Carolyn Ann Oedekoven



Carolyn Ann Smith was born August 15, 1928, at Newell, SD, to Clarence and Halya (Ekstrom) Smith. She attended school in Newell, SD.

Carolyn married Standly Oedekoven on October 3, 1948. They lived on the family ranch on Nine Mile Creek near Vale, SD. Three children were born to this union: Rick, Darrell, and Carol. They moved to Sturgis in 1982.

Standly and Carolyn were planning to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> year of marriage when

Standly passed away in 2008. After his death, she moved to Heritage Acres and later to Aspen Grove Assisted Living.

Carolyn was a past member of Vale Lutheran Church, Rachel Circle, and the "Friendly V Club." She served on county and city elections for 45 years. Standly and Carolyn started the Nine Mile Guys & Dolls 4-H Club and were leaders for 17 years. After the children grew, they started square dancing and continued dancing for 20 years. Carolyn also loved to paint pictures and entered several of her paintings in the county fair.

Carolyn Ann Oedekoven, 87, Sturgis, died Sunday, April 10, 2016, at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

Survivors include her sons, Rick (Carla) Oedekoven and Darrell (Penny) Oedekoven, all of Vale, SD; daughter, Carol (Kelvin) Grey of St. Lawrence, SD; eight grandchildren, Lea Ann (Waylon) Strohschein, Nicole (Justin) Mitchell, Clint (Jenny) Oedekoven, Wes (Amanda) Oedekoven, Misty (Will) Reedy, Kelli (Tad) DeVries, Kristina (Scott) Schaefer, and Kathy (Brad) Tofflemire; seventeen great-grandchildren; one sister, Shirley (Andy) Aronson of Spearfish, SD; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Standly; her parents; three brothers, Chester, Stanley, and Carl; and two sisters, Fern Ryther and Elsie Oedekoven.

Memorials have been established to Sturgis FFA and to Meade County 4-H.

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

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

## *In Loving Memory Of*



## *Carolyn Ann Oedekoven*

1928 ~ 2016



### *John 14:1-4 New International Version (NIV)*

*14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God<sup>[a]</sup>; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going."*



***I'm Free***

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found the peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys - -  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -  
God wanted me now: He set me free.*

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***Carolyn Ann Oedekoven***

***Born***

August 15, 1928  
Newell, South Dakota

***Died***

April 10, 2016  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Friday, April 15, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.  
LifeSpring Wesleyan Church

***Officiant***

Pastor Dan Ziebarth

***Accompanist***

Jeanne Hoffman

***Soloist***

Danny Chapman

***Musical Selections***

"This Is My Father's World"  
"Ten Thousand Angels"  
"On Eagle's Wings"  
"I'll Fly Away"

***Pallbearers***

Andrew Aronson ~ Dale Oedekoven ~ Delwin Oedekoven  
Glen Lewis ~ Dale Lewis ~ David Mielke

***Interment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota