



## Rosmaye Laverna Steward

Rosmaye was born in Alva, OK, to Charles Fred and Edna Aline Crouch on September 15, 1937. She spent most of her childhood on the family farm until they moved to Alva when she was 14 years old. She was the oldest of 3 and treasured her younger siblings, Charlene and Charlie.

She met her future husband, Wilbur "Bub" Steward when they were both attending Oklahoma Northwestern College in Alva. They married on August 26, 1955. They both graduated with teaching degrees and eventually relocated to South Dakota, first living in Dupree for 3 years before settling in Sturgis in 1963.

She taught in the Meade County School District, eventually becoming the junior high librarian until her retirement in 1989. Rosmaye was always the bookkeeper, organizer, and helpmate for Bub with his many business endeavors. After retiring from teaching, they always enjoyed golfing and snowbirding to Arizona with Bill and Charlene.

Rosmaye was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She was an avid lifelong learner and instilled a love of learning in her entire family. She loved family gatherings with all her grandchildren home from far away. She loved to cook with her granddaughters, play cards, and always had a crossword puzzle in progress someplace. She was the heart the family gathered around.

Rosmaye Laverna Steward, 77, passed away Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at her home in Sturgis.

She is survived by her daughters, Donna Denker, Rapid City, Dena (Darrell Anderson) Steward, Westminster, CO, and Darci (Bruce) Weyrich, Sturgis; five grandchildren, Jennifer Denker, Denver, CO, Jake Denker, Rapid City, Dr. Laura (Dr. Justin) Weyrich-VanderBerg, Adelaide, Australia, Keith Weyrich, Sturgis, and Macki Anderson, Minneapolis; and her beloved sister, Charlene (Bill) Koch, Jay, OK. She is also survived by her dear friend, Ginni Brandt; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bub; her father, Charlie; her mother, Aline; and her brother, Charlie.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or Heifer International.

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



## *In Loving Memory Of*



*Rosmaye Laverna Steward*

1937 ~ 2015



***She is Gone***

*You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived*

*You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday*

*You can remember her and only that she is gone  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on*

*You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what she would want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

*written 1981  
David Harkins 1959 -  
Silloth, Cumbria, UK*

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***Rosmaye Laverna Steward***

***Born***

September 15, 1937  
Alva, Oklahoma

***Died***

March 10, 2015  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Memorial Service***

Monday, March 16, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

***Officiant***

Pastor Jenene Earl

***Musical Selections***

"A Wonderful World"  
"Amazing Grace"

***Honorary Pallbearers***

Jen Denker ~ Jake Denker ~ Dr. Laura Weyrich-VanderBerg  
Dr. Justin VandenBerg ~ Keith Weyrich ~ Macki Anderson

***Inurnment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at  
Bub and Rosmaye's house, 1330 5<sup>th</sup> Street,  
following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*