

Gladys Maryann Cox was born November 14, 1928, in Rural Sturgis, SD to Jakob and Margaret (Lorang) Weyrich. She was the 5th youngest of twelve children. She graduated from Sturgis Brown High School and went to Black Hills State University.

Gladys married Isom Gayle Cox of Rural Vale on November 15, 1947. They purchased the farm east of Vale in 1946. They raised their two sons, Darrel and Douglas and daughter Donna on the farm. Gladys started a dairy farm with her husband in the 60's on which she worked hard alongside Gayle. She loved to travel and shop around the world on cruises, trains, planes, bus or car.

Gladys was busy in the local activities in her community. She loved and was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Nisland's American Legion, and the Vale Dance Hall and Community Club. She loved to sew clothes for her daughter, quilt, and embroidery. She enjoyed gardening, growing flowers and playing golf. Gladys loved to play cards with relatives and neighbors. Gladys was married to Gayle for 33 years.

Gladys, 96 died August 29, 2025, at Heartland Healthcare in Spearfish, SD.

She is survived by her sons, Darrel and his wife Nancy of Vale, SD and their children, Jessica, Justin (wife Jerri and their children Kara, Brooke, Ella and Peyton), Jamie (husband Domico Rodriguez and their sons DJ and Devon), Douglas and his wife Reva of Vale, SD and their children Kyle (wife Desiree, and their children Kaylie (husband Adam Haughey and son Kaiden), Braydon, and Ryleigh), Gayle (wife Sarah and their children Everhett and Charlotte), Tyler, Camylea (daughter, Evelyn). Daughter Donna and her husband Lloyd Trautman of Pottsboro, TX and children Jeff (wife Kendra and children Scott (wife Morgan), Adam, and Natalie), Christy (husband Jason Taroni and children Ashley and Nolan) and sister-in-law Karen Weyrich.

She is preceded in death by her husbands, Gayle, Harold Puckett, and Vernon Brown, her parents, her brothers Victor, Leo, Frank and Paul, her sisters Louise, Gertrude, Alice, Clara, Helen, Dorothy and Mary.

Flowers are not requested, and a memorial has been established.

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

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and a meal
at the church, immediately following the service.
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

In Loving Memory



Gladys Maryann Cox

November 14, 1928 ~ August 29, 2025

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Rural Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

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Mass of Christian Burial

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church
Newell, South Dakota

Celebrant

Father Timothy Castor

Musician

Patrick Flannigan

Musical Selections

“On Eagle’s Wings” “The Old Rugged Cross”
“Gift of Finest Wheat” “Ave Maria”
“I Have Loved You”

Pallbearers

All of Her Grandchildren

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,*

*But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,*

*But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near*

*And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

- Helen Steiner Rice