

Luvern Kari



Luvern (Tillie) Kari was born September 8, 1930, in Sturgis, SD, to Jess and Viva (McGraw) Rogers. She was raised at the home place in Fairpoint, SD, along with her sisters, Ruby, Opal, Inez, and Carolyn, and one brother, Lloyd. She graduated from the Fairpoint country school.

Luvern was united in marriage to Walter J. Kari on November 14, 1948, at Strool, SD. Their son, Randy, was added to this union on December 6, 1949. They ranched northwest of Faith, SD, for 16 years, then moved into Faith in 1964 so Randy could attend high school. They

owned and operated the Star-Lite motel there for the next 23 years. In 1988, Walter and Luvern retired to Sturgis, SD, where they resided until 2008, then moved to Spearfish, SD, for health reasons.

Luvern loved to dance, particularly to waltzes. She attended many Saturday night dances with her husband and son at Maurine, SD, dancing to Buddy Meredith and his band. She and her family enjoyed hunting and trapping along the Morreau River. Luvern shot her share of deer, bobcat, and raccoons. Her beautiful flower gardens also reflected her green thumb and her love of roses.

Luvern loved to travel with family and friends. They went to many places, the Rockies, Little Big Horn, and Teton mountains. She could boast she had stepped foot in every state of the union, including Alaska and Hawaii. She was always first in line for a good fishing or camping trip, too.

Luvern, 86, Spearfish, died Friday, November 4, 2016, at Belle Fourche Healthcare.

Luvern is survived by her husband, Walter; her son, Randy, and his wife, Kay, and their extended family on the Rosebud Reservation where they have lived the past 45 years.

A memorial has been established to the Shriner's Hospital.

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



In Loving Memory Of



Luvern (Tillie) Kari

September 8, 1930 ~ November 4, 2016



*Do not stand by my grave and weep:
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn's rain.*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush of
quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.*



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Luvern (Tillie) Kari

Born

September 8, 1930
Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

November 4, 2016
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Thursday, November 10, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Randy Bradley

Musical Selections

"Wayfaring Stranger"
"Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain"

Honorary Pallbearers

All Close Friends and Relatives

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.