

LaVonne Ardelle Holland



LaVonne was born Feb, 27, 1924, on a farm near Lake Preston to Arthur and Agnes (Petersen) Casper.

She attended and graduated from Oldham High School in 1941.

LaVonne later moved to Sioux Falls where she worked in an office job at Lakeside Dairy for \$64 a month. It was there that she met her future husband, Robert "Bob" Holland, on a blind date. They were married on June 2, 1946, and moved to Sturgis in October 1946. She

had lived in Sturgis since.

LaVonne began working at Montana Dakota Utilities in Sturgis in 1947 and worked there until just before the birth of the couple's daughter, Catherine, in 1950. They welcomed a son, James, in 1956. She remained home serving as wife and mother until 1968, when she returned to work at MDU.

She and Bob decided to build a new home at 1639 Fulton and moved there in 1966. "I have thoroughly enjoyed this house, and I think everybody else has too. It isn't a fancy house, but it is a comfortable house," she said in an interview.

LaVonne loved to cook and bake. Her family waited all year to enjoy her lefse during the holidays. Making lefse was truly a labor of love because it was a days-long delicate process. Several years ago, she spent a day sharing her lefse making skills with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed embroidery and crocheting, sharing afghans with family and friends.

LaVonne cherished her children and grandchildren. "If I were to offer all of life's wisdom to my grandchildren, I would say, 'be yourself,'" she said. "Don't try to be somebody you're not. And don't get so tied up in activities that you become a robot to the world. Take time to enjoy the beauty that you see around you. Enjoy life whenever you can."

LaVonne lived that philosophy to the end. She, her daughter, Cathy, and son-in-law, Mike, had gone on a picnic in the Black Hills on Sunday.

She was a longtime member of Grace Lutheran Church of Sturgis and active in the Martha Circle.

LaVonne Ardelle (Casper) Holland, 91, died peacefully at home Monday, Nov. 2, 2015.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Mike Hafner of Sturgis; her son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Deb Holland of Sturgis; grandchildren, Chris and Leigh Hafner, Sophia and Jackson, Seattle, WA, Amy Hafner, Atlanta, GA, Aaron and Elizabeth Holland, Aurora, CO, and Matthew Holland, Brookings; a brother, Warren and Carolyn Casper, Lake Preston; a sister-in-law, Ruth Casper, Madison; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bob; a brother, Wallace; a sister, Lila; and four sons in infancy.

A memorial has been established to LaVonne Holland Memorial.

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



In Loving Memory Of



LaVonne Ardelle Holland

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*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments
in the Son Shine Room in the church basement following committal.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



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.

David Harkins

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Born

February 27, 1924
Lake Preston, South Dakota

Died

November 2, 2015
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, November 6, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Henrique Flemming
Chaplain Randy Bradley

Organist

Myrna Brennick

Soloist

Ken Lueck

Musical Selections

“How Great Thou Art” ~ “Amazing Grace”

Pallbearers

Aaron Holland ~ Matthew Holland ~ Christopher Hafner
Paul Casper ~ Todd Casper ~ Tim Casper
Jerry Casper ~ Amy Hafner

Honorary Pallbearers

All Family and Friends

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota