

Joan Darlene Ross

Joan was born November 21, 1931, at Dupree, SD, to James and Berneita (Pooley) Miller. She attended rural grade school and Dupree High School.

On May 21, 1949, she married Harold Owen Ross at Rapid City Methodist Parsonage in Rapid City, SD. They began their life together on a farm near Red Elm, SD, and farmed until their retirement in 2003 when they moved to Sturgis, SD.

Joan worked at the ASCS Office in Dupree, the Dupree School System, Damburgers Store, and was always willing to babysit and help neighboring children with projects and lend a helping hand. She loved gardening, crafting, hosting family functions, and making sure her family was very loved. It was very important to her that her family was well fed and had clothes that were always freshly washed and ironed. Her company was welcomed with open arms and they left with full stomachs.

She was a very talented, self-taught seamstress and made all of her daughter's wedding gowns and bridesmaid dresses and even some for her nieces. She also liked to crochet, try any new craft, and paint. Some of her painting technique was applied to used light bulbs, making them into ornaments, some of which were chosen to be displayed at the Capital Building in Pierre, SD. She was very involved as a 4-H leader for many years with the Plaid and Calico 4-H Club. She also belonged to Royal Neighbors and the Clover Leaf Extension Club.

Failing health moved the couple to Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Sturgis in 2015. Their next move was to Gregory in 2016. Joan moved to Rosebud Avera Nursing Center and Harold to Silver Threads Assisted Living.

Joan Darlene Ross, 87, Gregory, SD, died Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at Rosebud Avera Nursing Center in Gregory, SD.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Ross; children, Karen (Bart) Birkeland, Diane (Kerry) Burgee, Evon (Bob) Fields, and Larry (Pam) Ross; 10 grandchildren, Jeffrey (LeAnn) Birkeland, Jason (Michelle) Birkeland, Justin (Cindy Pateneau) Burgee, Marty Burgee, Joshua (Jamie Booker) Fields, Amanda (Blake) Fields Ladage, Marci (John) Fields Ridle, Mindy (Chip) Ross Heidler, Micheal (Ashley) Ross, and Melissa (Grant) Ross Bassamore; 17 great-grandchildren, Jacob Birkeland, Matthew Birkeland, Jaelyn Birkeland, Taylor Burgee, Ty Burgee, Marcus Workman, McKenzie Ladage, Harper Ladage, Mia Moriconi, Jameson Fields, Harlie Jo Heidler, Braylie Heidler, Ryder Ross, Briar Ross, Cauldler Ross, Montgomery Bassamore, and Everette Bassamore.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Jane Jung and Doris Dunbar; brothers, James Miller and Jesse Miller.

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

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at Faith Community Cener following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Joan Darlene Ross

November 21, 1931 ~ May 7, 2019



In Memory Of

Joan Darlene Ross

Date of Birth

November 21, 1931
Dupree, South Dakota

Date of Death

May 7, 2019
Gregory, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Monday, May 13, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.
Faith Community Center
Faith, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Tim Voigt

Soloist

Michelle Birkeland

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace , My Chains Are Gone"
"The Old Rugged Cross"

Pallbearers

Jeff Birkeland ~ Jason Birkeland ~ Justin Burgee
Marty Burgee ~ Joshua Fields ~ Micheal Ross
Mindy Heidler ~ Marci Ridle
Amanda Ladage ~ Melissa Bassamore

Final Resting Place

Faith Cemetery
Faith, South Dakota

The Broken Chain

*Little did we know that morning,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly.
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone,
for part of us went with you
the day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one,
the Chain will link again.*