

Arlene Merle Cox

Arlene Merle Cox, was born 1934 in Murdo, SD, to Amy and Harold Iwan, one of 11 children. She was raised in the early years on a ranch south of Belvidere. Dad bought an old hotel in White River, S.D. in 1944. Some of the older children stayed there, and they boarded 3 children and one teacher, the roads were like gumbo and 19 people and 3 meals a day. She went to school in White River, 6th through 9th grade and the family moved to Roubaix in 1948. She went to high school in Lead one year and graduated from Deadwood high school in 1951.

Arlene married Jerry Carter in 1951, in which 3 children were born. They built Fish and Fry on Hwy 385 in 1959. She worked at Deadwood Hospital for 15-20 years. She was given on-the-job training in the X-ray department and worked in that department for 8 years.

Arlene married Gene Cox in 1968. We sold our land in town to Pizza Hut when gambling passed and moved our home to the country where we lived until Gene passed in 1995. I then moved back to town in Deadwood in 1996.

Gene and I bought Shamrock Drive-In and Restaurant in 1972. We sold it in 1977, when he partnered with friends and managed a motel in Cheyenne, Wyoming. We got the Shamrock back in 1980, and ran in for another 3 years before selling it again. She worked as cashier at Best Western Hickory House several years.

Arlene hobbies were sewing quilts. Her favorite was providing quilts for Casa Kids and nursing homes. She also made Christmas socks and filled them with donations to give to nursing home residents at Christmas time. She made bonnets for the historic society of Butte County for an historic school in Belle Fourche where they used them for Children's Programs. She also counted money and made deposits for the Northern Hills Baptist Church and quilted table toppers for the social room.

Arlene volunteered 20 years on the Supervisory Board at the Dakota Territory Credit Union, delivered Meals on Wheels and Bag Ladies and served on VFW Auxiliary Trust.

Arlene Merle Cox, 89, of Deadwood, SD, died May 6, 2023, in the Hospice House in Waterloo, Iowa.

Arlene is survived by 3 children: Jon (Lori), Susan (Craig) Kneppe, and Sheri; 5 brothers: Rodney, Darrell, Floyd, Joe, and Roger; 8 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; and 31 nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by husband, Gene in 1995, sisters, Beryl Jean, Phyllis, Joyce, brother, Paul, Don, and parents, Amy and Harold Iwan.

A memorial has been established to Northern Hills CASA.

Condolences may be sent to the family and services will be livestreamed at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family would like you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the VFW Post #5969 Club in Deadwood at 10 Pine Street following the service.

Thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



Arlene Merle Cox

January 6, 1934 ~ May 6, 2023

A Quilter

*A quilter brings us comfort
On the chilliest of nights,
With unseen hands she tucks us in
And softly dims the lights.*

*What many others throw away,
She knows that she can use.
She brings together every square,
Arranging varied hues.*

*With simple needle and mere thread,
And batts without a form,
She sews each piece with tender love
To keep us snug and warm.*

*The Lord has helped her understand
The value of things old.
She swaddles us in memories,
Each precious to behold.*

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Born

**January 6, 1934
Murdo, South Dakota**

Died

**May 6, 2023
Waterloo, Iowa**

Memorial Service

**Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.
First Baptist Church
Deadwood, South Dakota**

Officiant

Pastor Pat McBride

Musical Selections

**“The Old Rugged Cross”
“How Great Thou Art”**

Final Resting Place

**Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota**