

Rosa Lee was born February 21, 1926, to John and Vella (Carmack) Johnston at the family ranch in Ridgeway, MT. She graduated from Belle Fourche High School and went on to attend Central Bible College in Springfield, MO, for two years. She married the love of her life, Willard T. Riley, June 5, 1946. Willard and Rosa Lee lived in and around the Belle Fourche area all their lives. They owned and operated a dairy farm in Nisland for a number of years and were involved in other ranching pursuits. Along with running the dairy and ranch, Rosa Lee also did office work at a number of businesses in Belle Fourche, and managed to raise 5 children as well.

She was an active member of Black Hills Gospel Assembly most of her adult life. She loved gardening, raising chickens, canning, wood working, sewing, cooking, and crocheting.

Rosa Lee Riley passed away quietly Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at her son's home in Manteno, IL, surrounded by family.

She is survived by children, Gale (Brenda) Riley of Porter, TX; Allen (Delene) Riley of Manteno, IL; Kenny (Tess) Riley of Belle Fourche, SD; Mark (Sherrie) Riley of Humble, TX; and Bob (Glenyss) Ellis of Humble, TX. She also leaves 25 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers; husband; and her daughter, Goldie Ann.

A memorial has been established for missions of the church.

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



The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church dining hall following the funeral service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Rosa Lee Riley

February 21, 1926 ~ September 18, 2019

*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God;
in Him will I trust.*

Psalm 91:1-2

**Same rocking chair her
Dad retired in 60 years ago!**



Rosa Lee (Johnston) Riley began life at her parent's home on the banks of Box Elder Creek, near Ridgeway in Carter County, MT. Winter weather prevented the doctor in Ekalaka from arriving in time to assist, so her mother, dad, and Grandma Carrie Carmack welcomed her to a life surrounded by sagebrush, wood cook stoves, horses, and harnesses. Four brothers, Gerald, Ronald, Thomas, and Lawrence, were waiting for this sister; and a few years later, another brother, Johnnie, Jr., joined the family of John H. and Vella (Carmack) Johnston.

Her long, fulfilling life was concluded September 18, 2019, while visiting family in Manteno, IL. The previous 93 years and 9 months were but "fleeting moments" experiencing life. From the simplicity of time spent in her dad's sheep wagon on the prairie, to attending Bible school in Missouri, and raising a girl (Goldie), and four boys (Gale, Allen, Kenny, Mark) with her husband, Willard, she always made room in life for countless friends and beloved relatives.

She excelled as a homemaker, as a cook in her church, and as friend to all who passed by. She loved to travel and, as an elderly widow, had opportunity to parasail in the Caribbean, visit Paris and the Philippines, and cruise Alaska. However, her greatest joys in life were spending time with grandchildren and attending church when possible. She enjoyed a good portion of her life laughing!

Her favorite foods were pickled okra and "anything chocolate."

Her last request was "Would you read to me from the Bible?"

She was looking forward to a future life without hearing aids, false teeth, eye glasses, eye drops, magnifying lens, and her walker.

In Memory Of **Rosa Lee Riley**

Date of Birth

February 21, 1926
Ridgeway, Montana

Date of Death

September 18, 2019
Manteno, Illinois

Funeral Service

Monday, September 23, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.
Black Hills Gospel Assembly
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Officiating

Mr. Mark Riley and Mr. Kenny Riley

Musicians

Bob Ellis and Tess Riley
Shellie Tilley and Sumhr Parker

Songs

"Peace in the Valley"
"Lead Me Home"

Pallbearers

Gale Riley Allen Riley Kenny Riley
Mark Riley Bob Ellis

Final Resting Place

Private Family Interment
Pine Slope Cemetery
Belle Fourche, South Dakota