

Fern Emma Bennett, 95, went to be with her Lord on May 1, 2023, at the Bay View Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Red Wing, Minnesota. We want to thank Mayo Clinic Hospice for their care and many services.

Fern was born March 11, 1928, to Ray and Emma (Murray) Fife on the farm owned by relatives Edwin and Ada Fawcett south of Ree Heights, SD. She attended school in Highmore, South Dakota. On July 30, 1944, she married Albert P. Bennett in Huron, S.D. Three weeks later Albert began his Marine Corps service.

Fern and Al worked on a SD farm until they moved to Lead, SD for employment in the Homestake Mine. Fern worked at a local grocery store and was a homemaker. She worked as a tailor at Finola's men's store. She and Al moved to Sturgis in 1983.

Oh, how Fern loved her full circle skirts, especially when she and Al danced swing, waltz, or square dance. Fern was always dressed classy from the lobes of her ears to the tips of her toes, even at a Bennett Family reunion where she always brought her famous potato salad.

Fern was an award-winning Avon representative for 23 years.

She was active with Girl Scouts, Job's Daughters, and Eastern Star. Fern instilled high standards for anyone she was around.

Fern moved to Pine Island, MN in 2016. She found many new friends at the United Methodist Church, Pine Island Senior Center (including **MORNING** exercise, yoga, and playing cards). She was an active member of the Pine Island Lions Club including going to conventions, meetings, and service projects.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emma and Ray Fife; husband, Albert; brothers, Frank and Robert Fife; sister, Anna; brother-in-law, Jack Henninger; sisters-in-law, Peggy Fife, Arlet Fife, Connie Fife; and sons-in law, Bobby Christofferson and Allen Love.

Survivors include daughters, Colleen Love (Arvada, CO), Nadeen Lunde (Mike, Pine Island, MN) and Aleen Ford (Kyle, Deadwood, SD); grandchildren, Kris Love (CO), John Love (CO), Eric Lunde (OR), Marc Lunde (AZ), and Katie Nelson (MD); great-grandchildren in (CO) are Kirstin Luna Love, Nashalla Nash Love, Hope Love, and Angel Grey Muncy, Sam Adorno (OR), Alucard, and Rhys Nelson (MD); sisters, Ada Henninger (Lead, SD) and Flora Tevis (John, Olympia, WA).

A Celebration of Life will be held in Pine Island later. Fern, "our tough old bird" now flies with her beloved Butterflies.

In lieu of flowers memorials selected by Fern are the United Methodist Church of Sturgis, SD, United Methodist Church of Pine Island, MN, and the Pine Island Lions Club, PO Box 458, Pine Island, MN 55963. Cards can be sent to Aleen Ford @35 Sampson St, Deadwood, SD or Nadeen Lunde PO Box 373, Pine Island, MN 55963

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

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
at the church following the service.*

Thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



***Fern Emma
Bennett***

***March 11, 1928
May 1, 2023***



*A butterfly lights beside us,
like a sunbeam...
and for a brief moment
it's glory
and beauty belong
to our world...
but then it flies on again,
and although
we wish it could have stayed,
we are so thankful
to have seen it at all.*



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Born

March 11, 1928
Ree Heights, South Dakota

Died

May 1, 2023
Red Wing, Minnesota

Memorial Service

Friday, May 19, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
First United Methodist Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Jenene Earl

Musicians

Soloist-Linda Chaplin Guitar-Philippe Meunier

Musical Selections

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” “I Hope You Dance”
“Amazing Grace” “How Great Thou Art”

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota