

## Patricia S. Ketelsen



Patricia Leona Speakman was born to Luella and Roy Speakman January 17, 1927, in Sturgis, SD. She worked for her room and board to attend high school and graduated from Sturgis High School in 1945.

She worked in Washington DC in 1945 at the Pentagon as a clerk in the war crimes department but came back to help her family who were having some tough times. She worked as a telephone operator to help support her parents.

She married Ray Ketelsen February 2, 1947, and had 5 children who kept her busy with their sports and 4-H activities. Her hot chocolate was the best at the many ice skating parties on the ranch that the neighborhood enjoyed.

She enjoyed her 7 grandchildren and their activities. She was on the election board, past president of the Cowbells, a member of the Idle Hour Club, and took various classes such as upholstery, quilting, and tailoring. She was an advocate for nursing home reform.

Pati was a Deacon for the First Presbyterian Church in Rapid City and was a volunteer in the Visitation Ministry, visiting and giving communion at nursing homes.

Patricia S. Ketelsen, 85, Rapid City, died Monday, December 10, 2012, after a brief stay at Prairie Hills Golden Living Center in Rapid City.

Survivors include her brother, Gordon Speakman, Milton-Freewater, OR; her sister, Joan Hobernicht, Lake Havasu City, AZ; her children, Jonilee Ketelsen, Jersey City, NJ, Karyl Meyer, Gillette, WY, Patricia Otte, Aspen, CO, and Kurt Ketelsen, Box Elder, SD; and grandchildren, Michael Otte, William Otte, Krystina Meyer, Robert Meyer, Bailey Ketelsen, Kayla Ketelsen, and Raymond Ketelsen.

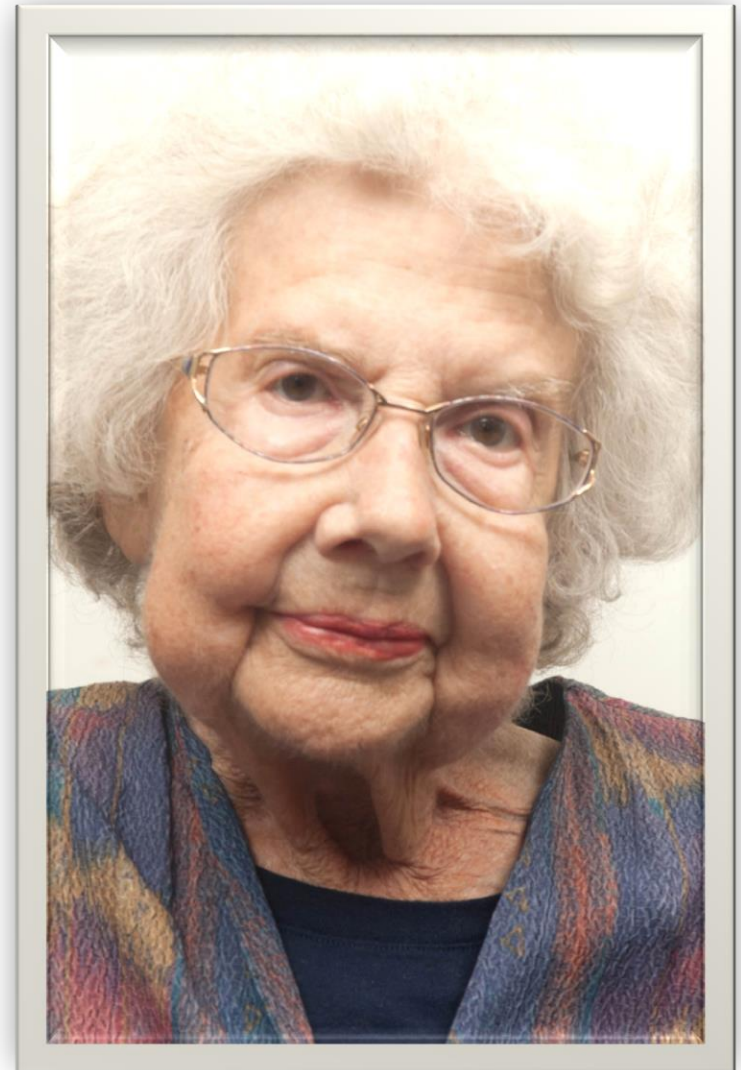
She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray; her son, Royce; her granddaughter, Cassie Ketelsen; and her sister, Jacqueline Ruhnnow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the scholarship fund for the First Presbyterian Church in RC or the St. Jude Children Research Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

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

## *In Loving Memory Of*



## *Patricia S. Ketelsen*

*1927 ~ 2012*



*A Mother holds  
her children's  
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*In Loving Memory Of*

*Patricia S. Ketelsen*

***Born***

January 17, 1927  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Died***

December 10, 2012  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Monday, December 17, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Officiating***

Pastor Jeff Kintner

***Accompanist***

Dr. Tom Vozzella

***Soloist***

Cathy Vozzella

***Musical Selections***

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
"How Great Thou Art"  
"The Old Rugged Cross"  
"Amazing Grace"

***Pallbearers***

Michael Otte ~ William Otte ~ Robert Meyer ~ Kayla Ketelsen  
Raymond Ketelsen ~ Krystina Meyer ~ Bailey Ketelsen

***Interment***

Black Hills National Cemetery