

## Marie Alma Stuen

Marie was born April 4, 1928, in Red Elm, SD, to Amy (Ross) and Arne Stensaas. Her family moved to eastern SD when she was four years old. She attended school near Vermillion and Volin, SD. She graduated from Volin High School and attended Dakota State Teacher College in Madison, SD.

Marie married Chester Stuen February 9, 1947. They farmed near Volin, SD, until moving to Sturgis, SD, in 1953. To this precious union three children were born; Ila Jean, Ronald, and Carolyn.

Marie helped with several organizations while the children were growing. She taught kindergarten at Grace Lutheran during "Missile Time." She worked at Sturgis High School until retiring in 1990. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Rachel Circle, L.C.E. Extension Club, DAV Auxiliary, Support Group, and the "Coffee Group."

Marie had many interests but especially enjoyed time with the grandchildren, camping, school events, rodeos, playing cards, and eating at Pizza Ranch with her friends and family. She loved baking goodies and passing out snacks at her card table. She enjoyed making care packages for the grandchildren and friends. She knew how to love people, serve them, and make them feel special. Marie will be missed by so many who loved her and although her passing leaves a void, we will hold dear to our precious memories. We are thankful for a wonderful example of what a true servant was.

Marie Alma (Stensaas) Stuen, 87, Sturgis, passed away on November 26, 2015, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. She had been surrounded by her loved ones and those that cherished her dearly.

Survivors include her daughters, Ila Kenoyer of Rapid City and Carolyn Park of Sioux Falls; daughter-in-law, Pat Stuen of Rapid City; eleven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson; and one brother, Harlan Stensaas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Stuen; son, Ron Stuen; brothers, Albert, Gerald, Wesley, and Howard; and sisters, Amy, Elsie, and Helen. Her in-laws held a very special place in her heart. Her mother-in-law, Anna Stuen, was always a very special person to her.

A memorial has been established.

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

## *In Loving Memory Of*



## *Marie Alma Stuen*

*1928 ~ 2015*

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the  
Son Shine Room in church basement following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*A Mother's Farewell To Her Children*

*When I must leave you, for a little while,  
Please do not grieve, and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand in comfort and cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

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***Born***

April 4, 1928  
Red Elm, South Dakota

***Died***

November 26, 2015  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church

***Officiants***

Pastor Henrique Fleming  
Pastor Tim Stuen ~ Pastor Jason Stuen

***Special Music***

Marlene Kotab

***Musical Selections***

"Amazing Grace"  
"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"  
"How Great Thou Art"

***Pallbearers***

Jared Kenoyer ~ Dexter Park ~ Jacob Park  
Jason Stuen ~ Tim Stuen ~ Dave Stuen

***Honorary Pallbearer***

Mary Biesman

***Interment***

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota