

Betty Lea Tesch, 85, passed away May 17, 2025 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Betty was born in the old Deadwood hospital at 7:20 am on November 4, 1939. She was the third child born to Glenn A. Dodson Sr. and Erma B. (Shuck) Dodson. Betty attended school in Sturgis, graduating with the class of 1958. She went on to attend Black Hills State for a short time after the family moved to Spearfish.

Betty married William A. Tesch at the Methodist Church in Spearfish on December 11, 1960. They lived in Lead until life turned them into rolling stones and they moved to Salem, Oregon for a short time and then back to Belle Fourche, then to Casper, Wyoming, then back to Rapid City where she resided until her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Erma Dodson; daughter, Debra Jean Tesch; brother, Arthur Dodson; and sisters, Candice Dodson and Glenda Moreland.

Betty is survived by her son, Terry Tesch and his children, Miranda, Jakob, and Kaylea; son, Allan (Karen) Tesch; brother, Virgil (Vina) Dodson; sister, Verla Winslow; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 AM, Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis. Burial will follow at Bear Butte Cemetery.

In Loving Memory



Betty Lea Tesch

November 04, 1939 ~ May 17, 2025



My Empty Chair

When I'm no longer sitting here and all you see is my empty chair,
Remember all the fun we had, remember how much I cared.

Someday Jesus will call to me and reach out for my hand,
And then I'll slip "the surly bonds" of earth and gently take his hand.

To all of you I leave behind remember how much I cared for you,
All the good times we shared and think of me with happy memories, and
please don't be so sad.

Please reach out to each other and spend some time together.

Remember, I'll be watching you, sitting on a cloud as the wind blows by,
For heaven surely must be there in the middle of the pale blue sky.

Love you all!



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Officiant
Reverend Jenene Earl

Musical Selections
"In the Garden"
"Amazing Grace"

Pallbearers
Allan Tesch
Terry Tesch
Jakob Tesch
Adrian Martinez
Dean Westre

Final Resting Place
Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota