

## Virginia Kay Keil



Virginia was born on December 2, 1943, to Ole and Doris (Dow) Bauer in Sturgis, SD. She grew up on the family ranch at Fairpoint, SD with her three brothers and two sisters. She graduated from Newell High School in 1961, and after graduation attended Beauty College in Rapid City, SD.

Gin married her high school sweetheart, Dick Keil on December 15, 1962, and they just celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this past December at home with her family that she loved dearly. After they were married, they settled in Newell where she worked for Mary Ellen Edwards, fixing hair for several years and then opened a beauty shop of her own. She loved fixing hair and always considered it a hobby and never work. In 1990, they sold their place north of

Newell and moved out to the ranch where Dick was raised and ranched with Grandpa Bill Keil, until he passed away and their youngest son, Reggie purchased the ranch and took over the operations. They moved back to Newell and bought a little acreage east of town and she continued to fix hair, and also worked for 15 years as the school lunch lady at the Newell School, she loved children and always had a story to share about them. She continued to fix hair in her home up until September 2012, when she was diagnosed with cancer. She spent many hours opening the chute for her children and grandchildren practicing roping and also ice skating, sledding, and jumping on the trampoline. She enjoyed gardening and loved her flowers especially her wild snapdragons that just popped up out of nowhere although a grasshopper, dandelion, or weed didn't stand a chance in her yard. She also will be known for her very clean windows and walls. We will miss her beautiful grin and giggle but it is forever embedded in our hearts.

On Saturday April 6, 2013 Jesus came and took Mom by the hand and gently led her home. Virginia "Gin" Kay (Bauer) Keil, 69, passed away at the Lippold Hospice Suite at Sturgis Regional Hospital after a six and a half month battle with cancer.

Virginia is survived by her husband of 50 years, Dick Keil, Newell; daughters, Lori (Harold) Miller, Newell, and Jean (Darin) Schuelke, Newell; son Reggie (Sebby) Keil, Prairie City; sisters Joyce (Don) Simmons, Nemo, Margaret (Neil) Mutchler, Spearfish, Marilyn Bauer, Piedmont; and brother, Pete (Jo) Bauer, Fairpoint. Her grandchildren, that were the loves of her life, Garrett Vig, Kamira, Kecia and Kianna Miller, Lacey and Tanner Hewitt, Taygen and Lane Schuelke, and Sadee Rae Keil. Numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews that adored her.

She was preceded in death by her parents and parent in-laws, and brothers Jack and Billy Bauer.

A memorial has been established to the Children's Miracle Network at the Rapid City Regional Hospital and also the Sturgis Hospital Lippold Hospice Suite.

## *In Loving Memory Of*



## *Virginia Kay Keil*

1943 ~ 2013



*God saw she was getting tired  
and a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around her  
and whispered "come to Me."  
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer  
and saw her fade away  
Although we loved her dearly  
We could not make her stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating  
Hardworking hands to rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He takes the very best.*



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***Born***

December 2, 1943  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Died***

April 6, 2013  
Sturgis, South Dakota

***Memorial Service***

Friday, April 12, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.  
First Wesleyan Church, Sturgis, SD

***Officiating*** ~ Pastor Roger Munson

***Special Music*** ~ Arlie Hulm

***Musical Selections***

"Railway to Heaven"      "Your Hands"  
"That's What Momma's Do"

***Honorary Pallbearers***

Garrett Vig ~ Kamira Miller ~ Kecia Miller ~ Kianna Miller  
Lacey Hewitt ~ Tanner Hewitt ~ Taygen Schuelke ~ Lane Schuelke  
Sadee Keil ~ Katie Doll ~ Great-Grandbaby Hewitt

