

Roberta June Wilburn

Roberta June (Dodd) Wilburn was born on April 10, 1932, in Struggleville, OK. At a young age, her biological mother passed away and she and one other sibling were put up for adoption. Roberta was adopted by Homer and Willie Virginia Dodd and grew up in Paoli, OK. After Roberta finished her education, she went to work for Phillips Petroleum in Bartlesville, OK, where she met Lavern Wilburn, and they were married on February 6, 1954. The couple lived in Rapid City before moving to Piedmont in 1967, where they raised their two daughters.

Roberta enjoyed being involved with her daughter's school activities and often was the driver / chaperone for out-of-town sporting events. She loved high school basketball and has been known to disagree with the referees enough to get a technical called on the team. She was a 4-H leader for many years and guided her daughters and others to excel in the program. During the summers, Roberta attended numerous horse shows, rodeos, and queen contests, and was the best motivational cheerleader anyone could have.

While raising her family, Roberta started exploring different career choices. She became a talented photographer and focused her skills on senior and family portraits. She was also a reporter for the Meade County Times in Sturgis and kept her Piedmont community in the news. After the girls were raised, Roberta started getting involved with owning and managing several businesses. The list includes the Sluice Restaurant in Spearfish, General Store and Laundromat in Piedmont, and J9 Café and Chute Roosters in Hill City.

Roberta loved her two grandsons. She was always available to sit and have a cup of coffee, enjoy Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, and have a conversation about whatever needed to be discussed. She was a master storyteller.

Roberta June Wilburn, 88, died Saturday, July 11, 2020, at Avantara Arrowhead Care Center in Rapid City, SD.

Survivors include her daughters, Dana Wilburn, location unknown, and Deb Wilburn, Piedmont, SD; two grandsons, Brock (Danielle) Williams, Faith, SD, and Blake Williams, Piedmont, SD; three beautiful great-granddaughters, Kaydence, Kylie, and Kamryn Williams; one brother, Joe Dodd; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other kids that she took in as her own.

Roberta was preceded in death by her husband, Lavern; her adopted parents, Homer and Willie Virginia Dodd; three adopted siblings; her biological parents; and five biological siblings.

Condolences can be sent to www.kinkadefunerals.com.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Roberta June Wilburn

April 10, 1932 ~ July 11, 2020



A Wife, a Mother, A Grandma too

*A wife, a mother, a grandma too,
This is the legacy we have from you.*

*You taught us love and how to fight,
You gave us strength, you gave us might.*

*A stronger person would be hard to find,
And in your heart, you were always kind.*

*You fought for us all in one way or another,
Not just a wife, not just a mother.*

*For all of us you gave your best,
Now the time has come for you to rest.*

*So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep.*



In Memory Of
Roberta June Wilburn

Date of Birth
April 10, 1932
Struggleville, Oklahoma

Date of Death
July 11, 2020
Rapid City, South Dakota

Service
Friday, July 17, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy
Pastor John Brit

Musician
Sequoia Crosswhite

Songs
"Amazing Grace" "The Old Rugged Cross"
"Go Rest High on That Mountain"

Pallbearers
Brock Williams ~ Blake Williams ~ Tom Conroy
Kevin Schmidt ~ Lyle Steiman ~ Bryan Carter

Honorary Pallbearers
Barney Grubl

Final Resting Place
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota