

Arlene LaVonne Kolbu

Arlene was born November 21, 1928, at Sturgis, SD, to Albert J. and Clyde A. (Timmons) Stage. She was raised near Red Owl where she attended Stranger grade school. She graduated from Faith High School in 1948.

Arlene married Orville Kolbu at Sturgis on October 15, 1948. The couple made their home on the Kolbu family ranch until 1993 when they moved to Sturgis.

Arlene's life surrounded the family ranch for many years. She enjoyed raising sheep, ranching, hunting, grandkids, and the Red Owl community. She wrote the "Red Owl News" for the Sturgis Tribune. She enjoyed having her own column "Through the Knothole" which enlightened people to all the joys and sadness of ranch life.



Arlene LaVonne Kolbu, 83, Sturgis and formerly of Red Owl, died Thursday, October 25, 2012, at her home in Sturgis.

Survivors include her daughters, Janet (Dan) Gilger, Belle Fourche, Patricia (Dave) Reinert, Gillette, WY, and Kaye (Dean) Andrews, Red Owl, SD; one sister, Ardis (Bob) Smiley, Sturgis; seven grandchildren, Dawn (Stephen) Toney, DeAnne (Matt) Jensen, Brad (Beca) Andrews, Randi (Shane) Delbridge, Jeff (Elise) Reinert, Lance Reinert, and Dae Lynn (Brian) Gilger; eight great-grandchildren, Susannah Toney, Connor and Dillon Delbridge, Eli and Brynn Jensen, Isabella and Elizabeth Reinert, and Coy Andrews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville; infant son, Orville "Albert"; parents, Albert and Clyde; brother, Bones Ashton; and sister, Alice Jensen.

A memorial has been established to the Red Owl Hall.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch at the church hall following the interment service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

*In Loving
Memory Of*



Arlene Kolbu

1928 ~ 2012





Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder why I so calmly Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came himself to meet me In that way so hard to tread,
And with Jesus' arm to lean on, Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely; For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows, Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you, So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth - You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed, He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come!*

In Loving Memory Of Arlene LaVonne Kolbu

Born

November 21, 1928
Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

October 25, 2012
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Wednesday, October 31, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.
Union Center Community Baptist Church
Union Center, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Wes Labrier

Pianist

Ardis Smiley

Singers

Rick Smiley ~ Diana Lopez

Musical Selections

"Just As I Am"
"When I Get Where I Am Going"
"One Day At A Time" ~ Jan Gilger and The Pickers

Pallbearers

Stephan Toney ~ Matt Jensen ~ Brad Andrews
Shane Delbridge ~ Jeff Reinert ~ Lance Reinert ~ Brian Graham

Honorary Pallbearers

Rob Smiley ~ Rick Smiley ~ Russ Smiley
Diana Lopez ~ Donna Bruce
And All Family and Friends

Interment

Pleasant View Cemetery
Red Owl, South Dakota