

Jessie Irene Strong

Jessie Irene Cress was born on October 7, 1920, in Dalzell, SD, to William and Etta Cress. Her family moved to Dalzell and began farming. Jessie went to school in Dalzell, Wasta, and New Underwood High School. Jessie was united in marriage to Robert Strong on November 13, 1937, in Buffalo, SD.

They lived near Union Center until 1955. The two then moved into Sturgis, SD, where they began a road construction company. They donated the time and equipment to help build the baseball field in Sturgis to

bring in the semi pro team, the Sturgis Titans in 1961. The field remains named "Strong Field" and is home to the local high school and post teams. The two of them ran the construction company until Bob's untimely death in 1966. Jessie and Bob had 2 children, Dean Strong and Karen (Strong) Froelich.

After selling the construction company, Jessie spent the bulk of her time doting on and helping to care for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a loving, giving, and inspiring woman who was always there for her family. Jessie's loving and caring manner, with a side of discipline, made her a strong influence in her grandkids and great-grandkid's lives. She tried her best to teach manners, etiquette, and proper attire to all of them. Our families are better for her.

She was a 60 year member of the Eastern Star.

Jessie, 96, died peacefully in the early morning on Saturday, November 19, 2016, at the Crook County nursing home.

She is survived by her son, Dean (Eileen) Strong, Spearfish, SD; her daughter, Karen (Don) Froelich, Laguna Hills, CA; brother, William (Mary) Cress, Rapid City, SD; granddaughters, Kim Page, Los Alamos, NM, and Nicole (Matt) Barlow, Sammamish, WA; grandsons, Bob (Sandy) Strong, Sioux Falls, SD, Ken (Michelle) Froelich, South Pasadena, CA, Darin (Karmon) Brickman, Kansas City, MO, and Lonnie (Linda) Strong, Rapid City, SD; 5 great-granddaughters, Jessica Engle, Mandy Plunkett, Megan Strong, Alyse Barlow, Kaleigh Strong, and Sophie Brickman; 12 great-grandsons, Jeremy, Ryan, and Justin Plunkett, Tyler and Travis Strong, Bryce and Chase Barlow, Austin and Alex Froelich, Keegan Engle, Jake and Joe Stevens, Nic Brickman, Christopher Hejde, and Brandon Page; and 6 great-great-grandkids.

Jessie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert Strong; sisters, Maudeen Trask, Gertrude (Gertie) Chachula, and Opal (Babe) Lorenzo; brothers, Bud and Donald Cress; and granddaughters, Gina Engle and Glenda Plunkett.

A memorial has been established to Strong Field.

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



In Loving Memory Of

Jessie Irene Strong

1920 ~ 2016



Along the Road

*How often you fear the road up ahead,
How often you dread the unknown,
How often, too, do you tend to forget
That you never walk alone.*

*For there's One who well knows where you're going,
He's sure every step of the way,
For long, long ago He walked the same path
That you and I travel today.*

*And He understands every misgiving,
For fear is a part of us all,
But in faith make each step firm and steady,
And the Father will not let you fall.*

*Just remember He's walking beside you
With love that will never fail,
His arm around your shoulders,
His eye upon the trail.*

Lee Simmons



The Golden Years

*Now is the time to close the books
Lay down your pen, push back your chair,
Put down the load, stretch out your feet,
And smell the flowers everywhere.
The Golden Years have now arrived,
Which seemed but just a dream before,
The rainbow's end lies just beyond
The purple hills of home, and more.*

*Now is the time to watch the dawn,
Seep slowly up through coral haze,
And blend your own voice with the birds,
Whose simple song is one of praise.*

*Now is the time to slow your steps,
And with your fingers gently trace
The dainty pattern of a leaf,
Or view a fragile snowflake's lace.*

*Put the work and worry down,
Now is your time beneath the sun,
The richest years within your life,
So long awaited, have begun.
The wisdom you had not in youth,
The patience that you had to earn,
The set of values you possess,
Sustain you now at every turn.*

*"Grow old along with me" is not
Some thoughtless phrase by witless pen,
"The very best is yet to be"
Is not just whistling in the wind.
God puts a light in every heart,
Wherein life's sweetest song is played,
And He would have us all enjoy
"The last, for which the first was made."*

Grace E. Easley

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Born

October 7, 1920
New Underwood, South Dakota

Died

November 19, 2016
Sundance, Wyoming

Funeral Service

Saturday, November 26, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiants

Rev. Denzel Nonhof
Pastor Harold Delbridge

Accompanist

Butch Samuelson

Soloist

Danny Chapman

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace"
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Pallbearers

Ryan Plunkett ~ Jeremy Plunkett ~ Justin Plunkett
Tyler Strong ~ Travis Strong ~ Joe Stevens

Honorary Pallbearers

And All Other Great-Grandsons and Great-Granddaughters

Interment

Mountain View Cemetery
Rapid City, South Dakota