

Althea Loree Matz



Althea was born February 19, 1919, at Newell, SD, to Harvey and Frances (Webb) Beckham. She was raised in Newell and graduated from Sturgis High School. Following graduation, she married Bartley Murray in 1938. They moved to Sturgis.

Bartley died in 1947 and Althea began working at Urton Drug. She met Harry Lloyd Matz and the couple was married. They lived in Sturgis until 1964 when they moved to the ranch East of Sturgis. After Harry died in 1991, Althea moved to Sturgis where she lived until her death.

Althea was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Sturgis where she had served as a deacon. She was also a member of the Rebbekahs and the Busy Bee's Extension Club. She liked to shop and go out to eat. She also enjoyed long drives and travel. She liked her flowers and she loved her family.

Althea Loree Matz, 93, of Sturgis, died, Monday, September 24, 2012, at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

Survivors include her sons, Harvey (Connie) Matz and Harold (Kim) Matz, all of Sturgis; daughter, Kay (John) Mentele, Rapid City; grandchildren, Darci, Stacey, Denise, Steve, Brian, Randee Kay, and Jace; great-grandchildren, Ashley, Andrew, Nicole, Damien, Cassie, and Owen; one great-great-granddaughter, Kalina; and one sister-in-law, June Beckham, Spearfish.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; four brothers; three sisters; one grandson, Scott; and one great-granddaughter, Brittney.

Memorials have been established to the First Presbyterian Church and Hospice of the Northern Hills.

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



In Loving Memory Of



Althea Matz

1919 ~ 2012



A Mother's Farewell To Her Children

*When I must leave you, for a little while,
Please do not grieve, and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*



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Born

February 19, 1919
Newell, South Dakota

Died

September 24, 2012
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Wednesday, September 26, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiant

Rev. Denzel Nonhof

Musical Selections

"Angels Among Us"
"I Can Only Imagine"

Pallbearers

Tom Carlsen ~ Palmer Dahl ~ Randy Ehlers
Henry Karrels ~ Dennis Beckham ~ Clint Duprel

Honorary Pallbearers

All Family and Friends

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch in the
Erskine Room in the church basement following the interment service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*