



Vera Marie (Collins) Dutton

Vera was born on the Collins Homestead near Plainview, SD, on January 3, 1927, to William and Ida Collins. She graduated Valedictorian from Faith High School in 1945, then went on to receive her teaching certificate from Black Hills Normal School later that same year. Vera taught in a one room school house for the next three years, riding horseback 18 miles to school every week.

In 1943, she started "going steady" with her classmate, Harold Dutton, and in the summer of 1945 they were engaged, and were married on June 25, 1947. After their wedding, the couple made their home on the Dutton Ranch, where they lived until moving to Spearfish in 2007.

Vera was proud of their time on the ranch and took an active part in the day-to-day operations. Their stewardship was recognized in 1989 when they were selected as the State Range Managers of the year. In 2015, Vera traveled to the State Fair in Huron to receive recognition as a Centennial Ranch. She loved animals and horses, even reminiscing of how she rode a bronc for the full 8 seconds at the Faith Stock Show when she was just 18. Vera liked to garden and loved to cook, especially seeing others enjoy her food. Vera was a tender loving person, always thinking of others before herself. She was extremely sharp minded and could recall facts and details because she truly cared about others. Vera was an accomplished musician, playing the piano, accordion, harmonica, violin, and guitar, all by ear. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Zeona, and taught Sunday School and Bible School and was active in the Ladies Aide group. She served her church eagerly with honor and praise, and later served on the Resident Council at Edgewood Vista and faithfully played the piano for Edgewood chapel services up until three weeks before her death. She said playing the piano was good for her spirit and kept her fingers nimble. She also provided her musical talents as an RSVP volunteer.



Family was important to her. She rarely missed any family event or activity. Her last request was to insure her kids were OK and to tell us to hug and kiss our kids every day.

Vera Marie (Collins) Dutton, 90, Spearfish, died Saturday, February 4, 2017, at the David M. Dorsett Healthcare Center in Spearfish.

Vera is survived by her sons, Melvin (Marcia) Dutton, Faith, David (Bonnie) Dutton, Spearfish, and Daryle (Stacey) Dutton, Tempe, AZ; daughter, Linda (Dennis) Anders-Hathaway, Mud Butte; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.



She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ida; her husband, Harold; one daughter, Sheree' Dutton; six brothers, Leo, Lloyd, John, Tom, Ralph, and Elmer; one sister, Alyce Johnson; and one great-grandson, Gabriel Dutton.

A memorial has been established in her name to the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Zeona, SD.

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

The family would like you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the service in the fellowship hall. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



Vera Marie Dutton

1927 ~ 2017



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -
God wanted me now: He set me free.



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Born

January 3, 1927
Plainview, South Dakota

Died

February 4, 2017
Spearfish, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, February 11, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Spearfish, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Marcia Brennan

Musicians

Doug Jerde ~ Angie Dutton ~ Amanda Dutton ~ Ashley Dutton

Musical Selections

"How Great Thou Art" "Mansion On The Hilltop"
"Beyond The Sunset" "Amazing Grace" "Love Lifted Me"

Pallbearers

Bill Anders ~ Jeremy Dutton ~ Kristi Anders-Wheat
Joby Dutton ~ Laura Fisher ~ Jay Anders ~ Angie Dutton
Amanda Dutton ~ Tyler Dutton ~ Ashley Dutton
Drew Dutton ~ Noah Dutton ~ Dash Dutton

Honorary Pallbearers

Great-Grandchildren

Interment

At A Later Date

Dutton Family Ranch Cemetery
Rural Faith, South Dakota