

Erma Lavonne Draine

Erma Lavonne Draine was born June 1, 1934, in Chance, SD, to Clifford and Estella (Knittel) Reese. She was the youngest of three children. Erma grew up on a homestead in the Maurine area.

Erma graduated from Faith HS, and shortly thereafter married Robert Emo Draine on January 24, 1953. To this union, three children were born; Gerald in 1954, Debbie in 1955, and Doug in 1961. They lived in Mud Butte where they ranched and raised their family until her husband, Robert, passed in 1986. When her brother, Harold, passed in 1997, she moved back to the homestead to be with her mother. In 2006, Estella and Erma moved to Sturgis, where she resided until her passing.

Erma, 85, Sturgis, died Thursday, August 22, 2019, at Garden Hills Assisted Living in Spearfish.

Erma is survived by her sister, Ellen Price; her children, Gerald Draine, his wife, Beverly, and their children, Heather, Nicholas, and Jillian Kennedy (Kyle); Doug Draine, his daughter, Megan Watson (Evan), and their children, Finley and Estella Raye; and Debbie Richards, her husband, Rick, their children, LaRae Hanson (Chad), and their children, Aspen Swan (Tyler), and Hunter, and Lonnie and his children, Justin, Daycie, and Brodie; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert, and his parents; her brother, Harold Reese; brothers-in-law, Harley Price and Bobby Andersen; and sister-in-law, Gertrude "Sis" Andersen.

A memorial has been established in her name to Hospice of the Northern Black Hills.



Condolences can be sent to www.kinkadefunerals.com

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Vet's Club in Sturgis following the service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Erma Lavonne Draine

June 1, 1934 ~ August 22, 2019



In Memory Of
Erma Lavonne Draine

Date of Birth

June 1, 1934
 Chance, South Dakota

Date of Death

August 22, 2019
 Spearfish, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.
 First Presbyterian Church
 Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiants

Rev. Paul Henschen Pastor Harold Delbridge

Musicians

Butch Samuelson Danny Chapman

Musical Selections

"Come To Jesus" "Go Rest High on That Mountain" "I'll Fly Away"

Pallbearers

Evan Watson ~ Nick Draine ~ Lonnie Richards ~ Chad Hanson
 Kyle Kennedy ~ Brodie Richards ~ Hunter Hanson

Final Resting Place

Pine Slope Cemetery
 Belle Fourche, South Dakota

The Bend in the Road

*When we feel we have nothing left to give
 And we are sure that the "Song has ended" - -
 When our day seems over and the shadows fall
 And the darkness of night has descended,*

*Where can we go to find the strength
 To valiantly keep on trying,
 Where can we find the hand that will dry
 The tears that the heart is crying- -*

*There's but one place to go and that is to God
 And, dropping all pretense and pride,
 We can pour our problems without restraint
 And gain strength with Him at our side—*

*And together we stand at life's crossroads
 And view what we think is the end,
 But God has a much bigger vision
 And He tells us it's only a bend - -*

*For the road goes on and is smoother,
 And the "pause in the song" is a "rest,"
 And the part that's unsung and unfinished
 Is the sweetest and richest and best - -*

*So rest and relax and grow stronger,
 Let go and let God share your load,
 You work is not finished or ended,
 You've just come to "a bend in the road."*

