

Hattie Josephine Grubbs

Hattie Cline was born June 19, 1929. Her parents, Leslie and Irene Cline, named her after each of her grandmothers; Hattie and Josephine. But eventually her name evolved into Jo, Jody or Aunt Jo; however, some called her Hattie or Hattie Jo. Hattie grew up in a bustling home with nine siblings. Her father played the family organ often in the evenings, which Hattie especially enjoyed. Her mother, Irene, had a beautiful voice and loved to sing as well.

Jo loved the beauty of nature. A mountain scene was as captivating to her as power or privilege might be to others. She enjoyed her gardens of flowers and vegetables. She liked things simple, clean, and welcoming to others. She was shy and soft spoken and taught her children more by example. She felt disappointment and hurts deeply, but she seldom shared them with others, but held her peace.

As a single mother of five children, Hattie Jo worked full time and then went the extra mile to make her house a home for her children. She made sure that her children shared in family devotions every day. She was an excellent cook who knew how to stretch her pennies. At mealtimes there was always a hearty meal for her children, even on the most frugal days there were still plenty of pancakes to go around for supper. She could stretch a pound of hamburger to make enough goulash to feed an army.

Years later, when her children had left the nest, Hattie Jo often traveled with her second husband, Afton, in their little pickup pulling a tiny camper. They put many miles on that little pickup, visiting many states in the U.S. She liked to travel, and she especially loved to visit family wherever they lived.

Hattie did not desire to travel the world or climb Mount Everest. In hind sight, one might think that she had small dreams or unfulfilled dreams. But, I think, her greatest dream was to see her children succeed. Jo loved being a mother. She was a woman who had a fearless love for her children. She prayed for her children, and she never gave up on them. She was a pillar, a monument who raised a family in fragile circumstances. And, later, she continued alone when her second husband, Afton, passed. Still, she would tell you today, if she could, that she had many joys that far outweighed the hard times, because Jesus was always there with her.

Later, when dementia took hold of her life, she remained loving but became more outgoing. The staff at Good Samaritan, all agreed when anyone was having a bad day, Hattie could always lift their spirits with her funny antics and smiles. She loved to dance and sing, so where ever there was special music, that is where you would find Hattie.

Hattie Josephine Cline Walker Grubbs, 89, Spearfish, passed away peacefully on February 13, 2019 at Good Samaritan in New Underwood, SD.

She is survived by her brothers, Chris Cline (Linda) of San Ramon, CA, and David Cline (Sherry) of Bill, WY; sisters-in-law, Pat Cline of Powel WY, and Karen Cline of Scottsbluff, NE; daughter-in-law, Zelly Walker-Rees of Newton, KS; children, Darell and Connie Walker of Minden, NE, Duane and Ada Walker of Piedmont, SD, Janet and Rene Diaz of Piedmont, SD, and Clinton E. Walker of Piedmont, SD; and her grandchildren, Angela (Doug) Althouse of Minden, NE, Shawn Walker of Omaha, NE, Ladd (Donna) Walker of Omaha, NE, Chad (Ana Sophia) Walker of Meldon, MA, Andy (Emily) Walker of Kansas City, MO, Jennifer Hummelle of Midland, MI, Jennifer Gruel of Fayetteville, NC, Natalie (Jon) Murphy of Piedmont, SD, Cara Diaz of Minneapolis, MN, Sophia (Richard) Meyer of Piedmont, SD, Kyleena Diaz of Piedmont, SD, Trinidad (Brianna) Diaz of Ft. Bragg, NC, Paula Diaz of Camp Pendelton, CA, and Kezia Diaz of Ft. LeJieune, NC; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Clinton C. Walker and Afton Grubbs; son, Dennis Lee Walker; infants, David and Cindy Walker; brothers, Leslie Cline, Eldie Cline (Sharon), and Charles Cline; and her sisters, Wilma (Archie) Moore, Wanda Smelcer, and Jean Ann (Stan) Smith.

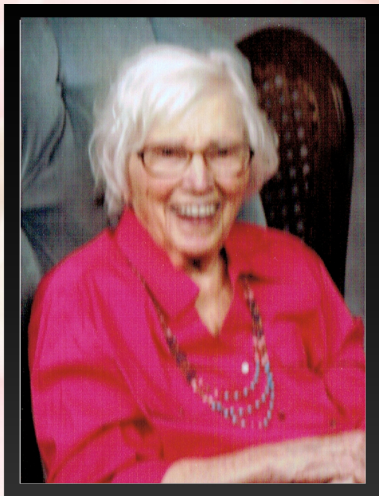
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at Pizza Ranch in Sturgis following the service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Hattie Josephine Grubbs



I Hope You Dance

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder
 You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger
 May you never take one single breath for granted
 God forbid love ever leave you empty handed
 I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean
 Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens
 Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance
 And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance
 I hope you dance
 I hope you dance
 I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance
 Never settle for the path of least resistance
 Livin' might mean takin' chances, but they're worth takin'
 Lovin' might be a mistake, but it's worth makin'
 Don't let some Hellbent heart leave you bitter
 When you come close to sellin' out, reconsider
 Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance
 And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance
 I hope you dance (Time is a wheel in constant motion always rolling us along)
 I hope you dance
 I hope you dance (Tell me who wants to look back on their years and wonder)
 I hope you dance (Where those years have gone?)
 I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean
 Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens
 Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance
 And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance
 Dance
 I hope you dance
 I hope you dance (Time is a wheel in constant motion always rolling us along)
 I hope you dance (Tell me who wants to look back on their years and wonder?)



In Memory Of **Hattie Josephine Grubbs**

Date of Birth

June 19, 1929

Bayard, Nebraska

Date of Death

February 13, 2019

New Underwood, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, February 16, 2019, at 1:00 pm

Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Jake Julson

Music

"If You Only Knew"

"Psalm 62"

"Amazing Grace"

Place of Interment

Bayard Cemetery

Bayard, Nebraska