

In Memory Of

Beverly Ruth Hogarth

Date of Birth

February 14, 1931
Campcrook, South Dakota

Date of Death

August 22, 2020
Spearfish, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Saturday, August 29, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
Spearfish United Methodist Church
Spearfish, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Scott McKirdy

Final Rest Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota



In Loving Memory

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Beverly (Scott) Hogarth was born February 14, 1931, in Camp Crook, SD. Her family moved to Spearfish when she was 4 years old. They operated a truck farm in Spearfish Valley for many years, until her father died in 1954. She graduated from Spearfish High School in 1948.

Bev was always independent, living life on her own terms. She met the love of her life, Bob Hogarth, after he returned from serving in the Philippines during WWII. Never an avid student, she often told of the days she skipped school to hitchhike to Deadwood to see Bob. On March 14, 1948, Bob informed Bev that his war buddy and fiancé were getting married the following Friday and asked if she would like to get married with them. She said, “Yes.” Her mother said she would only sign for her, since she was not yet of age, if Bev would agree to finish high school. Bev agreed and was married 5 days later.

After graduation, she moved to Deadwood with Bob because he worked for Homestake. Their first pet was a skunk that had been de-scented. They rigged a harness so they could take him for walks downtown, mostly to watch the reactions.

Their first child, Kay, was born in 1954. Eighteen months later, they had a son, Randy. In 1957, they purchased their first house on Williams Street. Bob and Bev lived there for 18 years, where they raised their family. When both children were in school full time, Bev went to work at Montgomery Ward in the catalogue department. She soon was promoted to department manager. She worked there until the store closed in 1972. A year later, Bev and Bob opened the Montgomery Ward Catalogue Agency in Sturgis. In 1975, they moved to Sturgis, where she lived for 46 years. About 1987, Montgomery Ward closed their Catalogue division, and they were forced to close the store. Not wanting to stay home, she took a part-time job at the Sturgis newspaper.

Bev had a lifelong love of adventure. She loved to camp at Pactola and became a proficient water skier. She could stand calf deep in the water with a slalom ski, take off from there, ski around the lake, and land without ever getting wet above her knee. She and Bob joined Hart Ranch just after it opened and spent many wonderful summer days relaxing with their camper.

Bev liked to garden, both flower and vegetables, enjoying the produce until the deer ate it. She loved crafting. She started crocheting, moved to macramé, and then hardanger and cross-stitch. Bev made many gifts, and her walls were filled with wonderful decorations.

Bev was involved in the community. She was a member of Zonta and Beta Sigma Phi. Every fall, Bob would get mildly annoyed because a team of pumpkin painters would fill the basement of their home, designing and painting pumpkins to be displayed in the windows of local businesses for Halloween.

Bev was an active member of Sturgis United Methodist Church. She sang in the choir. She was a member of the United Methodist Women and was an integral part of the Mother/Daughter Banquet and the Bazaar for many years. For some time, she was the “funeral lunch lady,” organizing meals at the church.

She loved to bowl and was in a league for many years. Bev was a gamer – not video, but mostly Rummikub. She also liked to play cards with anyone who would play. And she was competitive!

After Bob died in 2002, she organized the “Church Ladies,” to go out together after worship, because Sunday afternoon was the loneliest time of the week. They would eat a meal and play games all afternoon. None of them had much interest in football.

In 2019, she suffered a stroke, and after recovering, decided to move to assisted living at Edgewood Vista in Spearfish. At Edgewood, she quickly became the “party girl” organizing games with anyone interested in playing. Though the games weren’t always competitive to her standards, she changed her goals to helping others make their days a little brighter. She also rekindled her love of bowling with a Wii bowling group.

Beverly Ruth Hogarth, 89, of Spearfish, died on August 22, 2020. She had often mentioned that when the time came, she hoped she would simply go to sleep one night and not wake up. That is how she died, proving she was still in control. She will be remembered by many dear friends.

She leaves to mourn her, her children, Kay Meyers, and Randy (Terri) Hogarth; grandchildren, Andy (Amanda) Meyers of Mesa, AZ, Lindsey (Sean) Burke of Wheatland, WY, Ashley (Kevin) McKinstry of Chicago, IL, Taryn (Mason Calhoun) Hogarth of Sioux Falls, SD, and Ben Hogarth of Burbank, CA.; and great-grandchildren, Estella, Peyton, Laiyanna, and Cash.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bob; a son-in-law, David; and a great-granddaughter, McKenna.

Memorials will be divided between the Spearfish and Sturgis United Methodist Churches.

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

A Mother holds her children's hands for a while. . . .

Their hearts forever.