Betty Jane Parsons



Betty was born May 9, 1929, on the family ranch northwest of Belle Fourche, SD, to Carl and Alice (Schafer) Klein. As a child, she enjoyed working on the ranch, herding sheep, and riding horses with her sister. She graduated from Belle Fourche high school in 1945. In 1946, Betty married Verne Parsons from Brattleboro, Vermont; they met as pen pals during the war. They moved

to Vermont soon after they were married, where their first daughter was born. They moved back to South Dakota and lived in Belle Fourche and St. Onge. They went on to have four more children. Betty was very active in church and did babysitting for many of the grandchildren and the neighborhood children. The past seven years of her life, she was a resident of the Golden Living Center, where she touched many of the staff members. She enjoyed going out on outings and having ice cream on Thursdays.

Betty Jane Parsons, 88, Rapid City and formerly of St. Onge, died Friday November 7, 2014.

Grateful for sharing her life are her children, Joyce (Doug) Schumacher, Rapid City, Harley (Winifred) Parsons, Newcastle, WY, Robert (Judy) Parsons, Casper, WY, Janet (Brad) Bachman, Rapid City, and Larry (Laura) Parsons, Whitewood; 12 grandchildren; 22 greatgrandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild due in January.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Verne; her parents; one brother; and two sisters.

"While I sit close beside you, content at last to see you, that you can rest, dear mother and I can cherish thee...." Louisa May Alcott

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkade funerals.com.



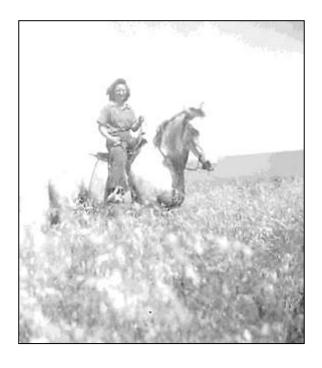
The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church hall following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory Of



1926 ~ 2014



After Glow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an after glow
of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When life is done.



In Loving Memory Of

Betty Jane Parsons

Born

Died

May 19, 1926 Belle Fourche, SD November 7, 2014 Rapid City, SD

Funeral Service

Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. United Church of Christ St. Onge, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Del Neumeister

Accompanist

Nadine Fidler

Congregational Hymns

"The Old Rugged Cross"
"Amazing Grace"

Pallbearers

Randy Schumacher ~ Mike Schumacher ~ Todd Schumacher Jeff O'Grady ~ Josh Parsons ~ Seth Parsons ~ Matthew Parsons

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery

