

## 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 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-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.kinkadee.funerals.com](http://www.kinkadee.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*

**Betty Jane  
Parsons**

**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***

May 19, 1926  
Belle Fourche, SD

#### ***Died***

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

