

Ursa "Mavis" Symonds



Mavis was born January 28, 1931 in Sturgis, S.D. to Harvey G. Fitzgerald and Stella W. (Green) Fitzgerald. She grew up and attended school in the Enning-Stoneville area.

Mavis married Robert (Bob) Symonds on April 19, 1946, in Broadus, Montana. To this union, three children were born: Marlene, Marilyn and Robert (Robby).

They ranched in various rural areas in South Dakota until 1955, when they moved to Sturgis. She helped Bob with his construction business for many years. In 1966, they moved to Longmont, Colorado and she worked for IBM. In 1971, they moved back to Sturgis. In 1975, they opened the Sturgis Rent-All. Mavis' favorite job was as a rural mail route carrier for several years in the Sturgis area. In 1981, they retired and enjoyed camping as well as spending time with their grandchildren.

Mavis loved to crochet and make quilts. We will never forget the twinkle in her eyes when a new baby was on the way and she could make another baby quilt. She was also a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Mavis Symonds, 83, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at Rapid City Regional Hospital, surrounded by her family.

Mavis is survived by her daughters, Marlene Albertson, Sturgis, Marilyn (Dick) Sass, Wheatland, WY; one son, Robby (Robin) Symonds, Sturgis; 8 grandchildren, Todd Dow, Travis Sass, Tracy Sass, Kody Spaulding, Kacey Spaulding, BJ Laymon, Rhonda Fairbanks, and Ryan Symonds; one brother, Harvey Fitzgerald, Sturgis; one sister, Audrae (Don) Howard, Sturgis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bob; infant brother, Ralph Thomas Fitzgerald; sisters, Shirley Demerly and Wyona Sundstrom.

We the family, feel honored to have shared her life. We are blessed with many fond memories and she will be missed tremendously by all.

We will always miss you!

Memorials have been established to the American Diabetes Foundation and Wounded Warriors Fund.

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



In Loving Memory Of



Ursa "Mavis" Symonds

1931 ~ 2014

*The family invites you for fellowship and lunch at the
Vet's Club following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



A Mother's Farewell To Her Children

*When I must leave you, for a little while,
Please do not grieve, and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

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Born

January 28, 1931
Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

October 18, 2014
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Harold Delbridge

Special Musical Selections

"Farewell Party"
"Amazing Grace"

Pallbearers

B.J. Laymon ~ Ryan Symonds ~ Todd Dow
Kacee Spaulding ~ Kody Spaulding ~ Spencer Spaulding

Honorary Pallbearers

All Other Friends, Family and Neighbors

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota