



Florence Elizabeth Swesey

Florence Elizabeth Swesey was born October 30, 1932, to Fred and Minnie (Wilson) Secrest in Gunnison, CO. She was the oldest of 4 siblings. Joining her was a brother, Gene, and two sisters, Effie and Punky. Florence's father was a logger, so the family moved from Colorado to New Mexico, and then to Idaho, settling in Sturgis, SD, in 1947.

Florence attended school up to the 9th grade. She worked as an usher in the new movie theater on Main Street in Sturgis. She also worked at Chat N Chew Café on Main Street, at Sturgis Community Hospital with Doctor Massa, and then worked in nursing at Fort Meade Hospital.

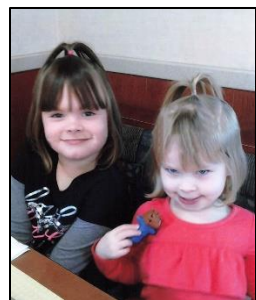
She met the love of her life, Billy Swesey, at the age of 19. They married on October 20, 1952. To this marriage, two sons were born, Everett and Lee.



In her 86 years of life, she was always doing something. She loved to read, and her favorite books were those by Louis L'Amour. She also liked to crochet and knit, making many sweaters. She was very involved in her sons' school activities and sports when they were growing up. Whether it be camping, fishing, traveling, 4-H,



high school rodeos and beyond, she was always there for Everett and Lee. During their wrestling matches, she would be sitting on the bleachers trying to help the boys get the right move on their opponents. Florence was also a proud grandma and great-grandma, and a wonderful step-grandparent. She was always happy to see the children and have them spend the night. She was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary.



Florence, 86, of Sturgis, passed away on Sunday, August 18, 2019, in Rapid City.

She is survived by her son, Lee (Jeanette) Swesey; grandson, Valyen (Tamara) Swesey; step-grandchildren, Jill

(Ryan) Thompson, Amanda (Doug) Fischer, and Lee (Kim) Risser; great-grandchildren, Leilani, Macei, and McKynlei; step-great-grandchildren, Justice, Dena, Logan, and David; brother, Gene (Marilyn) Secrest; sisters, Effie (Mike) Carney and Punky Barden; and sister-in-law, Sharron Swesey.

Florence was preceded in death by her husband, Billy; son, Everett; and her parents.

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



In Loving Memory Of



Florence Elizabeth Swesey

1932 ~ 2019



*God saw she was getting tired
and a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around her
and whispered "come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
and saw her fade away
Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hardworking hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He takes the very best.*



In Loving Memory Of
Florence Elizabeth (Secrest) Swesey

Born
October 30, 1932
Gunnison, Colorado

Died
August 18, 2019
Rapid City, South Dakota

Funeral Service
Saturday, August 24, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant
Pastor Harold Delbridge

Musical Selections
"The Old Rugged Cross"
"Amazing Grace" "We Could"

Pallbearers
Valyen Swesey ~ Lee Swesey ~ Patty Weatherford
Jill Thompson ~ Amanda Fischer ~ Lee Risser

Honorary Pallbearers
Ronnie Swesey
All Family and Friends

Interment
Monday, August 26, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch on Saturday at the Loud American Roadhouse following the service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.