

Gayle Marie Hanson, 89, of Veblen, SD, passed away on April 21, 2021 under hospice care at Sandstone Senior Living in Spearfish.

Gayle was born July 18, 1931, to Simeon and Alma (Klefstad) Shulson in Hillhead, SD. She was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Hillhead. After graduating from Veblen High School, she continued her education at Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen while teaching country school for several years.

She married Kermit Hanson and from this union three children were born, Kay, Greg, and Jan. Their almost 30 years together were spent farming northwest of Veblen. After Kermit's death, Gayle completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1984 at Mount Marty College in Yankton, SD. The next decade found her managing a group home in Wahpeton, ND, where her residents became like family. Her retirement years drew her back to Veblen, where she was active in the community. She kept herself busy gardening, playing cards, and creating needlework. Her suitcase was always packed, ready for a new adventure. She especially treasured her road trips with Sanford and Mae and bus tours around the US and Canada. She traveled throughout 48 states, but there was just not enough time to visit Oregon and Hawaii. Gayle's final winter was spent in the Black Hills with family.

Survivors include her brother, Sanford (Mae) Shulson of St. Thomas, ND; daughters, Kay Rear of Lead, SD, and Janet (Terry) Just of Spearfish, SD; grandchildren, Krista Rear, Jeremy (Laura) Rear, and Gabrielle (Jake) Williams; step-grandchildren, TJ Just and Chantil (Jaime) Delgado; great-grandchildren, Jadynn and Isaiah; and step-great-grandchildren, Samantha, Antonio, and Jordan.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Simeon and Alma Shulson; husband, Kermit Hanson; son, Greg Hanson; and son-in-law, Darcy Rear.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Zion Cemetery Fund or to the Palestine Cemetery Fund.

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

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments at the Senior Citizens Center at the Old School Mall in Veblen following the graveside service.

We thank you for your presence and condolences.





In Loving Memory
Gayle Marie Hanson

Born

July 18, 1931
Hillhead, South Dakota

Died

April 21, 2021
Spearfish, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, May 8, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.
Palestine Lutheran Church
Rural Veblen, South Dakota

Officiant

Vicar Karie Geyer

Reader

Stacey Hanson

Musician

Karen Hornseth

Congregational Hymns

“How Great Thou Art”
“On Eagle’s Wings”
“He Leadeth Me”

Pallbearers

Krista Rear	Gabrielle Williams	Jeremy Rear	Jake Williams
Terry Just	Ron Haaland	Terry Hornseth	Gary Anderson

Honorary Pallbearers

Gayle’s cherished Hillhead “family”
those remaining with us, as well as those already departed

Final Resting Place

Palestine Cemetery
Rural Veblen, South Dakota

*This is the beginning of a new day.
You have been given this day to use as you will.
You can waste it or use it for good.
What you do today is important because
you are exchanging a day of your life for it.
When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever;
in its place is something that you have left behind . . .
Let it be something good.*

~ Mac Anderson