

Evangeline "Vangie" Albrecht was born in Herreid, SD, on July 12, 1930, to Albert and Mary (Aipperspach) Jahraus. On Monday March 15, 2021, Evangeline, Vangie or Blondie (however you knew her) went to be with the Lord and the love of her love life -- Lefty.

She grew up near the Burlington Northern rail yard in Aberdeen, SD. She started working at a young age, at many jobs to help support her family. She often made comments that she and her brothers and sisters would go along the tracks to pick up coal that had fallen from the train to heat the house. Often the boiler men would give them a shovel full or two to make their quest to heat the family home a little easier.

At the end of WWII, she met a dark-haired hunk of a man and he soon became the love of her life (Lefty) as he was returning home from WWII. They met, courted and were married March 13, 1949, in Aberdeen, SD. In 1956, the two packed up two kids and all of their belongings and moved to the Black Hills where Lefty worked at the Homestake Mine. They became lovers of the Black Hills and often said it was the most beautiful place.

Vangie took on jobs that she could do in the house (she was the original work from home mom) as she washed and ironed clothes for many of the executives at the Homestake mine and others. In 1970 she re-entered the workforce as a baker at the Lead City Bakery. In the late 70's she worked at the Motherlode restaurant for a few years doing baking and preparing hand crafted salads. She had a love for baking and she eventually went to work for Nash Finch as a baker where she eventually retired from SunMart grocery.

After a few years in retirement, she was asked if she could bake cookies and make the customers feel welcome at the Deadwood Gulch Resort. She loved this work and they loved her as much. She would often say this was the best job she ever had and wished she could work forever. Vangie and Lefty could often be found spending time at the local dance halls dancing, and on occasion spinning the wheels in a casino in Deadwood, or going for long walks around the neighborhood! On any given day, they could be found listening to many different polkas and waltzes on the jukebox!

Vangie will be remembered for her kindness, positivity, acceptance, caring, compassion and unconditional love. She made our life so much easier, happier and full of love and joy every day we spent together and even the days we didn't.

If you knew her, she was likely your sweet, caring, kind friend and if you didn't, she would never have hesitated to hold her hand out and invite you into her life with Lefty by her side and their family making space around her table because there was ALWAYS room for extras.

She was so simplistic in a posh perfect, ahead of her times kind of way. She baked fancy pastries, cupcakes, cookies, donuts and dessert with so much finesse & love before it was the "trendy thing" to do. Her every meal was the envy of foodies near & far loaded up with tender loving care, laughter and good conversation for whoever dropped in for a visit. She will be greatly missed.

Vangie was active in the VFW Auxiliary; she was a lifetime member. She was a very proud American and even more proud of her children.

Evangeline, "Vangie" "Blondie" Albrecht passed away comfortably in March. 15, 2021, at Judy's Assisted Living where she had resided for four years and was compassionately cared for by Judy and her team.

She is survived by two daughters, Debbie (Ray) Stoor, and Tami (Ralph) Long; three sons, Steve (Debbie), Mark (Sherilyn), and Brent (Julie); grandchildren, Dawn, Dusk, Adam, Wyatt, Cody, Meggan, Balie, and Matt; 14 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Gary; her parent's; three brothers, Leroy, Wally, Robert; and two sisters, Della Blando, and Anne Schaffer.

Vangie will be missed by her family and those that knew her.

A memorial will be established.

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

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the VFW in Deadwood following the memorial service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Evangeline "Vangie" Laverne Albrecht

July 12, 1930 ~ March 15, 2021



In Memory Of
Evangeline "Vangie" Laverne Albrecht

Date of Birth
July 12, 1930
Herreid, South Dakota

Date of Death
March 15, 2021
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Service
Saturday, March 20, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Clergy
Pastor Kenney Ripley

Songs
"Crystal Chandeliers"
"Happy Journey"
"How Great Thou Art"

Final Resting Place
Private Family
Monday, March 20, 2021
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

The LORD
is my shepherd:
I shall not want.

HE maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
HE leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:
HE leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for HIS NAME's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for THOU art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff
they comfort me.

THOU preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
THOU anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

