

Gladys Elaine Edwards

Gladys Elaine Simons was born December 20, 1938, in Sturgis, SD, to Sam E. and Ada B. (Burditt) Simons. She was raised on the family farm/ranch between Marcus and Plainview. Gladys went to the Barada School, grades 1-8, where she was a good student, advancing two grades in one year. While at Sturgis High School, she lived with her beloved grandmother, Clara Ensor. She was active in band, choral music, and athletics. She graduated with honors in 1956. After high school, she worked for Black Hills Power in Rapid City.

Gladys married her high school dance partner, Guy Edwards, Jr., in September 1957. They were joined at the hip for 61 years. Her husband and three children were a blessing to her. When her children started school, Gladys worked in the family business, Edwards Total Service. She worked at, and later retired from, the Sturgis office of Montana Dakota Utilities. For several years she prepared taxes for her special cousin/"adopted daughter," Karen Simmons-Parks. She then became a licensed realtor in the family business, Century 21 Real Estate. While at the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce, she was recognized for her wide-ranging knowledge of the town and the residents. Gladys completed her work career at age 78 as office manager of Century 21.

Gladys Elaine Edwards, 79, of Sturgis, went to her eternal home November 4, 2018, after a valiant battle with cancer.

Gladys is survived by her husband, Guy Edwards, Jr.; daughter, Patricia (Craig) Henderson, and their three children, Jacob (Summer Hulse) Henderson, Emily (Brian) Webb; great-grandsons, Weston and Bennet Webb, and Marcus Henderson; daughter, Guyla (Mit) Ness, and their daughter, Katie Ness; son, Richard Edwards and his children, Guyla Edwards (Darren LaParr), great-grandson, Tyr LaParr, and Kim Edwards, Jewel Rodriguez and Dean (Theresa) Plaggemeyer and their families. She is also survived by her siblings, Freda Wilson, Clara Beth Peterson, Kay Ingalls, and Walter Simons (Barb); as well as sisters-in-law, Rosalie Simons, Joyce Simons, Flora Grimsbo, and Helen (Jim) Felker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, William, Vern, and Wayne.

A memorial has been established to the Sturgis Senior Citizen Center.

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

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments in the Erskine Club Room following the memorial service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of

Gladys Elaine Edwards

1938 ~ 2018



Go, bury thy sorrow, the world hath its share: Go, bury it deeply, Go hide it with care. Go, bury thy sorrow, Let others be blest; Go, give them the sunshine, and tell God the rest.

Anonymous

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Born

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Died

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Memorial Services

Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Rev. Denzel Nonhof

Accompanist

Brenda Schaffer

Musical Selections

“Over The Sunset Mountains”
“No Disappointment In Heaven”
“When We All Get To Heaven”

Honorary Urn Bearers

All Her Friends

Inurnment

At A Later Date

“HOW TO APPROACH DEATH”

SOME PEOPLE DENY DEATH, HOPING AGAINST HOPE THAT IT WILL NOT HAPPEN. SOME PEOPLE IGNORE DEATH PRETENDING THAT IT IS NOT HAPPENING. SOLOMAN SAYS THAT THE RIGHT APPROACH IS TO RECOGNIZE THAT DEATH IS COMING AND TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE OF IT. WE SHOULD EMBRACE EVERY DAY THAT GOD GIVES US AND LIVE IT TO THE FULLEST; EAT EVERY MEAL AS IF IT WERE A BANQUET, CELEBRATE EVERY DAY AS IF IT WERE A PARTY, LIVE EACH DAY OF MARRIAGE AS IF IT WERE ON OUR HONEYMOON, WORK EVERY DAY AS THOUGH IT WERE OUR FINAL ACHIEVEMENT. LIFE DOES NOT ALWAYS TURN OUT AS WE WOULD LIKE, AS SOLOMAN SAYS, THE RACE IS NOT ALWAYS FOR THE SWIFT, BUT IF WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR EACH DAY WE ARE GIVEN, WE WILL LIVE WELL AND END OUR DAYS SATISFIED!