

Ann Jane Ehlers



Ann was born January 22, 1935, to Clifford and Dorothy (Olson) Crowser in Custer, SD. Annie spent her childhood growing up in the Custer, Keystone, and Tilford areas. She was the oldest of twelve children.

Annie graduated from Sturgis High School in 1953. She worked as a nurse's aide for several

years and during this time she gave birth to a son, Doug. Shortly after, she met and married Merlin Ehlers and to this union they had two children, Randall and Kimberly. With Annie's loving and caring nature, she opened her home as a care provider for many families. She was a dental assistant for Dr. Cooper and Dr. Christianson for numerous years. Before retiring, she worked for John and Bonnie Ismay at the Sturgis Veterinary Hospital where they treated her as their own. Annie was always willing to go above and beyond to pull off a good prank. She will be forever loved and missed, as she was a phenomenal mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

Ann Jane Ehlers, 81, Sturgis, died Monday, February 8, 2016, at Sturgis Regional Hospital surrounded by loving family and God.



Grateful for sharing her life are two sons, Doug (Gilda) Harvey and Randall (Joyce) Ehlers; daughter, Kimberly (Harold) Matz; three grandsons, Dylan Ehlers, Derrik (Emily) Ehlers, and Jace Matz; two granddaughters, Desirae (Travis) Daddato and Randee Kay Matz; five sisters, Betty Jo Beckwith, Dixie (Mike) Larsen, Peggy (Bob) Hauk, Penny Crowser, and Tami (Darrel) Hatzenbuhler; two brothers, Lyle (Holly) Crowser and Linn Crowser; sisters-in-law, Marlyn Crowser and Carla Stark; special friend and sister-in-law, Maxine Ehlers; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding her in death are her parents; two sisters, Darlene Kinyon and Bonnie Lehmann; two brothers, Jack and Jim Crowser; one nephew, Scott Larsen; and three brothers-in-law, Kenneth Ehlers, Dan Kinyon, and Kay Beckwith.



A memorial has been established to the Sturgis Veterinary Hospital Animal Fund in Memory of Ann Ehlers.

Condolences can be sent to www.kinkadefunerals.com.



In Loving Memory Of
Ann Jane Ehlers

1935 ~ 2016

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments in the Erskine Room in the church basement following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



My Mother

*She carried me under her heart;
Loved me before I was born;
Took God's hand in hers and walked through
the Valley of Shadows that I might live;*

*Bathed me when I was helpless;
Clothed me when I was naked;
Fed me when I was hungry;
Rocked me to sleep when I was weary,
and sang to me in the voice of an angel;
Held my hand when I learned to walk;
Suffered with my sorrow;
Laughed with my joy;
Glowed with my triumph,
and while I knelt at her side,
she taught my lips to pray.*

*Through all the days of my youth
she gave me strength for my weakness,
courage for my despair, and hope to fill
my hopeless heart;
Was loyal when others failed;
Was true when tried by fire;
Was my friend when other friends were gone;*

*Prayed for me through all the days,
when flooded with sunshine
or saddened by shadows;
Though we lay down our lives for her
we can never pay the debt
we owe to our mother.*

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Born

January 22, 1935
Custer, South Dakota

Died

February 8, 2016
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, February 12, 2016, at 2:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant ~ Pastor Denzel Nonhof

Musical Selections

"The Great Speckled Bird" "Angels Among Us"
"The Old Rugged Cross" "How Great Thou Art"
"Wabash Cannonball"

Pallbearers

Judd Crowser ~ Coy Crowser ~ Steve Dunn
Rick Ehlers ~ William Kaufman ~ Max Lehmann

Honorary Pallbearers

All Friends and Neighbors

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

