



## Elizabeth Anne "Betty" Smeenck

Elizabeth Anne "Betty" Smeenck was born January 6, 1928, to Ted and Mary (Graf) Renelt. She grew up on the family ranch near Twilight, SD. Betty attended the Heston grade school with her sister Ida Mae. The girls rode their ponies one mile to school. She grew up a ranch girl...riding horses and tending the sheep and cattle and she loved it! Betty graduated high school in 1947 from St. Martins Academy in Sturgis. She attended Black Hills Teachers College in Spearfish, for one year where she took business classes.

Mom met Dad at a dance at Deermont. On June first, 1949 Betty married Jack Smeenck. They made their home on the Smeenck ranch south west of Deers Ears for 69 years. They raised three children; Elaine, Jim, and Jody. They also raised cattle, sheep and registered Quarter horses.

The rodeo bug for Betty began in 1955 with a bet at the Nisland fair with Cecil Morell and his little classy sorrel stud that Jack broke for him, named "Banjo". Betty won the bet! They bought Banjo and Betty would practice early in the morning with Jack's help while Jim and Elaine were asleep. They went to saddle club play days around the hills. After they bought Chieflika from Zoder Gollhofer, they went to Quarter Horse shows and eventually Jack joined the South Dakota Rodeo Cowboys Association while Betty and Elaine joined the South Dakota Girls Rodeo Association. Betty became the president of the South Dakota Girls Rodeo Association until she resigned in 1969. Betty and Jack became members of the South Dakota Rodeo Association and the Northwest Ranch Cowboy's Association. She was barrel racing director in both associations. They raised and trained many top notch performance horses and helped many young people with their own rodeo dreams. Betty loved helping people! Betty won three saddles in the SDRA and one saddle in the NRCA in barrels and many other trophies and belt buckles through the years.

Betty was a lifelong member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Mud Butte and was an active member of St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Newell. Betty served as an EMT for 20 years on the Newell Ambulance. In the early 1990's Jack and Betty worked in Illinois on a tree farm where Betty worked in the green houses starting trees. She had quite a green thumb with plants and flowers. She enjoyed the Red Hatters luncheons and outings with her sister, Ida Mae.

Betty, 90, died at her home on August 9th, 2018, due to congestive heart failure and surrounded by her loving family.

Survivors include her children; Elaine (Doug) Francis, Lusk, WY, Jim (Jean) Smeenck, Newell, Jody (Quint) Moreland, Red Owl; grandchildren, Joe Smeenck, Sunny Smeenck Hinzman, Sara Smeenck Hauser, Seth and Sarah Moreland, Sage and Tom Hunt, Jake and Chelsea Moreland, Shanna Moreland and Kyle Kallhoff, Bailey Moreland and Kyanne Moreland; 10 great grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two infant sisters, sister, Ida Mae, four brother-in-laws, three sister-in-laws, an infant son, and husband Jack of 61 years, and their faithful companion, Scooby.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Catholic churches in Mud Butte or Newell and the Newell, Castle rock and Mud Butte Volunteer Fire Departments.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch following the service in the church hall. We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

*In Loving Memory Of*



*Betty Anne Smeenck*

*1928 ~ 2018*



*God, grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change;  
The courage to change the things I can  
And the wisdom to know the difference.*



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## ***Betty Anne Smeenck***

***Born***

January 6, 1928  
Sturgis, SD

***Died***

August 9, 2018  
Newell, SD

***Vigil***

Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church  
Newell, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Thursday, August 16, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church  
Newell, South Dakota

***Celebrant***

Father Timothy Castor

***Con Celebrant***

Father Janusz Korban

***Accompanist***

Dr. Barry Furze

***Cantors***

Arlie Hulm    Sarah Moreland

***Musical Selections***

"On Eagle's Wings" "Amazing Grace" "How Great Thou Art"  
"Just A Closer Walk With Thee" "Here I Am Lord"

***Pallbearers***

Joe Smeenck ~ Seth Moreland ~ Jake Moreland  
Bailey Moreland ~ Taylor Waugh ~ Kyle Kallhoff  
Tom Hunt ~ Will Orwick ~ Sam Orwick

***Interment***

Smeenck Ranch Cemetery  
Newell, South Dakota