

Delores Julia Lewis

Delores Julia Lewis, 93, of Sturgis died January 2, 2021, at Monument Health Sturgis. She was born February 22, 1927, to Gustave "Gus" and Julia Stelzer at Parkston, SD. She had three older brothers: Roland, Lawrence, and Robert, all deceased.

She graduated from Parkston High School and Mitchell Business school and worked as a secretary, bookkeeper, and legal secretary throughout her life.

She married E.C. "Buck" Lewis, Jr., and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1996. They lived in Yankton, Sioux Falls, Mitchell, Wessington Springs, and Miller during Buck's tenure with Bell Telephone Company. During those years they spent a lot of time camping and fishing on the Missouri River, with Dee catching the majority of the walleye and Buck tying lures for her.

After retirement, they wintered in Key Largo, FL, and then in Mesa, AZ. They enjoyed their retirement years greatly and loved their travels and the friends they made along the way and those at home in Miller. Dee continued to winter in AZ for 10 years after Buck's death in 1999. She lived in Miller until she moved to Sturgis in 2019, and lived independently in Sturgis until moving to Mountain View Assisted Living in March. She missed her Miller bridge groups and her church-First Presbyterian Church of Miller-greatly.

She is survived by her two sons and their families: Tom (Bonnie) of Granbury, TX and Nancy (Daryl) White and daughters Cassidy, Sarina, and Gabrielle and Paul and daughter Emma; Chuck (Judy) of Sturgis and Amy (Trevor Lane and daughters Charlie and Robbie), Sarah (Jesse Rhoden and children Ladd, Sully and Gus Buck) and Ben (Katie) and son Graham.

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

A Mother holds her children's hands for a while. . . .

Their hearts forever.



In Loving Memory Of

Delores Julia Lewis

February 22, 1927 - January 2, 2021

A background image of several large, pink lily flowers with dark spots on their petals, set against green foliage.

I'm Free

***Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.***

***I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.***

***If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys --
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.***

***Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.***

***My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.***

***Perhaps my time seemed all too brief --
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee --
God wanted me now: He set me free.***

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Born

***February 22, 1927
Parkston, South Dakota***

Died

***January 2, 2021
Sturgis, South Dakota***

Graveside Service

***Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota***