

## Gladys Marie Teupel

Gladys was born in Lead, SD, on January 8, 1929, to Herman and Marion Gladys (Thomas) Borg. She was a member of the Girl Scouts and the First Presbyterian Church. As a teenager, she cleaned homes, babysat, and waitressed at Kelly's Hamburger Shop in Lead. She graduated from Lead High School in the class of 1947.

Gladys began her career as a secretary and a bookkeeper working for The Hendrie and Bolthoff Company in Deadwood. On December 11, 1949, she married Fritz Teupel. Gladys also worked for Black Hills Mercantile in Deadwood and Seaton Publishing in Lead before leaving the workforce to raise their two children, Cindy and John. In 1965, the couple purchased the Spindler Ranch in Slaughterhouse Gulch north of Deadwood, where the family made their home. After her children were both in grade school, Gladys re-entered the workforce as a secretary for the Deadwood School System. Shortly after returning to work, her husband, Fritz, became permanently disabled with Multiple Sclerosis and Gladys became the primary care giver to her husband, in addition to being the principle breadwinner for her family. In addition, Gladys carried the brunt of the workload of living on a mountain ranch until her son, John, was old enough to assume the responsibility. In spite of her difficult trial, Gladys always loyally and faithfully cared for the needs of her husband and family, often at the expense of her own needs.

From 1976 to 1997, Gladys worked as the Payroll Manager for the Lead-Deadwood School System. She also worked as a bookkeeper for Otis Candy Sales and for Walter and Frances Green. Gladys was instrumental in helping establish the Walter and Frances Green Charitable Trust. In 1986, Fritz needed full-time nursing care and became a resident at Fort Meade VA Medical Center until his death in 2000. Gladys remained faithful to her husband to their death and faithfully brought Fritz home weekly for family time which included washing his clothes and preparing a home cooked dinner. In 1994, the couple sold the ranch as part of the proposed Dunbar project and Gladys moved to Spearfish. In 1997, Gladys retired from the workforce and once again assumed the role of caregiver, helping her son, John, raise their cousin, Brian Ewoldt.

Gladys was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, SD Retired Teachers Association, and Lawrence County Republican Women. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, Mt. View Baptist Church, and since 2011, regularly attended Faith Bible Church of Spearfish.

Gladys loved to garden and raise house plants and completed the Cooperative Extension Service Master Gardener program. She took great joy in cooking wonderful meals, keeping her home, growing flowers, and serving her church and community.

Gladys had a keen mind, a loyal loving heart, and a courageous spirit. During her twilight years, Gladys suffered from renal failure and fought a courageous battle to live life to the very end. She was one tough lady. She was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend and was a blessing to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Gladys Marie Teupel, 84, Spearfish, died Monday, March 4, 2013, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Survivors include her son, John Teupel, Spearfish; daughter, Dr. Cynthia (Jim) Larive, Riverside, CA; two granddaughters, Erin (Cameron) Kaplan, Pittsburgh, PA, and Megan Larive of Rancho Cucamonga, CA; and a special cousin, Brian Ewoldt, Sioux Falls, SD.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Fritz; and two brothers, William and Herman "Bud" Borg.

A memorial has been established.

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



*In Loving Memory Of  
Gladys Teupel  
1929 ~ 2013*



***Psalm 23 (ESV)***

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.*

***In Loving Memory Of***

***Gladys Marie Teupel***

***Born***

January 8, 1929  
Lead, South Dakota

***Died***

March 4, 2013  
Rapid City, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Saturday, March 9, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.  
Mt. View Baptist Church  
Spearfish, South Dakota

***Officiating***

Pastor Don Urey  
Pastor Gregg Dennison

***Worship Leader***

Jim Harris

***Accompanists***

Lauren Harris ~ piano  
Mitch Hopewell ~ guitar

***Soloist***

Georgi Streetman

***Pallbearers***

Brian Ewoldt ~ Ron Borg ~ Wayne Mossefin  
Merle "Buddy" Teupel ~ Steve Renner ~ Chuck Tesch

***Memorial Service***

Monday, March 11, 2013, at 1:00 p.m.  
Edgewood Vista Assisted Living  
Spearfish, South Dakota  
Pastor Scott McCurdy officiating

***Inurnment***

Private Family Service  
Black Hills National Cemetery