

Dorothy O. Kessler

Dorothy was born Thursday, April 20, 1922, in Rapid City, SD, to Nestor and Bertha (Cosgrove) Erickson. She attended grade school in Rapid City and graduated high school in Deadwood, SD, with the class of 1941. Dorothy joined the United States Cadet Nurse Corp program in 1944 and received nurses training at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls.

She married Lowell Kessler in 1946 in Billings, MT. Dorothy and Lowell raised three sons.

She worked as a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Deadwood, Sturgis Community Hospital and for 25 years at Fort Meade V.A. Medical Center, retiring in 1985.

Dorothy was a member of several associations including Christian Women Club, Society of Black Hills Pioneers, VFW Auxiliary, National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Acteens, Red Hat Society and Golden Girls. She was the first Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in Meade County. Dorothy enjoyed chauffeuring family and friends.

Dorothy O. Kessler, 89, of Rapid City, SD, died Saturday, February 11, 2012, at Rapid City

She is survived by her husband of sixty-five years, Lowell; three sons, David Kessler of Piedmont, SD, Dan (Carol) Kessler of Piedmont, SD, and Randy (Janet) Kessler of Bremerton, WA; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; a sister Verla Cisneros of Deadwood; and sister-in-law Betty Erickson of Redding, CA.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother N.A. Erickson, Jr., and brother-in-law, Luis Cisneros.

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



In Loving Memory of



Dorothy O. Kessler
1922 – 2012

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch
at Black Hills Fellowship (3394 Marvel Mountain Road Black Hawk)
following the funeral service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



*She always leaned to watch for us,
Anxious if we were late,
In winter by the window,
In summer by the gate.*

*And though we mocked her tenderly,
Who had such foolish care,
The long way home would seem more safe
Because she waited there.*

*Her thoughts were all so full of us,
She never could forget!
And so I think that where she is
She must be watching yet.*

*Waiting till we come home to her,
Anxious if we are late,
Watching from Heaven's window,
Leaning on Heaven's gate.*

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Born
April 20, 1922
Rapid City, South Dakota

Died
February 11, 2012
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Funeral Service
Friday, February 17, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiating
Pastor Nathan Ennis

Musician
Roxie Chowen

Musical Selections
"My God & I"
"What A Day That Will Be"
"How Beautiful Heaven Must Be"

Honorary Pallbearers
Children, Grandchildren,
Great-grandchildren and Great-great-grandchildren

Interment
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota